

Community report

Mornington Peninsula (S)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

Mornington Peninsula (S)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Religion

Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Religion

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Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Mornington Peninsula (S), accounting for 48.5% (81,947 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 21,777 people and 9.7 percentage points.

About this topic

Religion records a person's stated religious affiliation, including no religion and not stated responses. It is a measure of cultural identity and belief rather than practice or participation.

This topic helps show the religious diversity of an area and can support planning for community facilities, faith-based services, and inclusive engagement. It is best interpreted with ancestry, birthplace, and language, which together provide a broader picture of cultural composition.

Interpretation notes

- This records stated religious affiliation, not attendance or level of religious practice.
- No religion and not stated are part of the overall picture, so interpretation should consider both affiliation and non-response.

Religion - Ranked by size

Mornington Peninsula (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	694	0.4%	0.4%	771	0.5%	0.5%	-77	-0.1
Buddhism	1,108	0.7%	3.9%	1,210	0.8%	3.8%	-102	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	2,766	1.6%	2.7%	3,025	2.0%	2.6%	-259	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	21,319	12.6%	5.5%	25,365	16.4%	7.6%	-4,046	-3.8
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	2,031	1.2%	1.3%	1,996	1.3%	1.3%	+35	-0.1
Brethren	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	+3	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	31,022	18.4%	20.5%	31,778	20.5%	23.2%	-756	-2.1
Maronite Catholic	15	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.1%	+6	0.0
Melkite Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	4	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	73	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	211	0.1%	0.1%	252	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	569	0.3%	0.2%	584	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	304	0.2%	0.2%	370	0.2%	
Community of Christ	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lutheran	458	0.3%	0.2%	536	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	39	0.0%	0.2%	29	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	7	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	8	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	2,276	1.3%	3.3%	1,733	1.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	83	0.0%	0.4%	36	0.0%	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	90	0.1%	0.1%	67	0.0%	–
Serbian Orthodox	109	0.1%	0.3%	95	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	3,189	1.9%	1.1%	4,286	2.8%	–
Reformed	34	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	205	0.1%	0.1%	278	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	82	0.0%	0.2%	69	0.0%	–
Uniting Church	5,018	3.0%	1.7%	5,955	3.8%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	691	0.4%	0.8%	588	0.4%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	30	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	157	0.1%	0.2%	114	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	59	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	187	0.1%	0.1%	201	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	26	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Christian Science	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Temple Society	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Hinduism	368	0.2%	4.1%	289	0.2%	
Islam	304	0.2%	5.3%	200	0.1%	
Judaism	359	0.2%	0.9%	194	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Baha'i	18	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Shinto	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Animism	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Druidism	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Paganism	88	0.1%	0.1%	113	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	64	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Sikhism	99	0.1%	1.7%	76	0.0%	–
Spiritualism	65	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.1%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Satanism	29	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	81,947	48.5%	36.9%	60,170	38.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	189	0.1%	0.1%	165	0.1%	
Atheism	277	0.2%	0.1%	198	0.1%	
Humanism	17	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
New Age	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	277	0.2%	0.1%	186	0.1%	
Theism	40	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	68	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Not stated	11,482	6.8%	5.8%	13,118	8.5%	
Total	168,963	100.0%	100.0%	154,997	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.