

Community report

Murray (S)

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

AREA

Murray (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

1 April 2026

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

Murray (S) | Regional WA comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Murray (S), accounting for 48.5% (8,768 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (45.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 3,181 people and 15 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

Murray (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	57	0.3%	0.4%	85	0.5%	0.5%	-28	-0.2
Buddhism	125	0.7%	0.9%	123	0.7%	1.0%	+2	0.0
Christianity, nfd	410	2.3%	3.2%	445	2.7%	3.3%	-35	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	2,827	15.6%	11.3%	3,771	22.6%	16.4%	-944	-7.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	318	1.8%	1.6%	306	1.8%	1.8%	+12	0.0
Brethren	6	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%	-6	-0.1
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	2,520	13.9%	15.7%	3,016	18.1%	19.3%	-496	-4.2
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	27	0.1%	0.3%	22	0.1%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	186	1.0%	0.5%	193	1.2%	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	36	0.2%	0.2%	44	0.3%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lutheran	52	0.3%	0.3%	55	0.3%	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	23	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Serbian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Presbyterian	225	1.2%	0.9%	302	1.8%	0.9%
Reformed	18	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	0.1%
Free Reformed	14	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	–
Salvation Army	23	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.2%	0.1%
Seventh-day Adventist	25	0.1%	0.4%	37	0.2%	0.4%
Uniting Church	412	2.3%	2.1%	515	3.1%	2.1%
Pentecostal, nfd	120	0.7%	0.5%	63	0.4%	0.5%
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Revival Fellowship	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Protestant, nfd	13	0.1%	0.2%	35	0.2%	0.2%
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%
Born Again Christian	10	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Christian and Missionary Alliance	20	0.1%	0.0%	37	0.2%	0.0%
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	43	0.2%	0.2%	45	0.3%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Hinduism	22	0.1%	0.4%	21	0.1%	–
Islam	35	0.2%	0.7%	28	0.2%	–
Judaism	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.2%	4	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Bahai	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	17	0.1%	0.1%	9	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Spiritualism	16	0.1%	0.0%	14	0.1%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Groups, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	8,768	48.5%	45.6%	5,587	33.5%	33.5%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	9	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	24	0.1%	0.1%	27	0.2%	0.2%
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	28	0.2%	0.1%	32	0.2%	0.2%
Theism	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	0.1%
Not stated	1,568	8.7%	12.1%	1,697	10.2%	10.2%
Total	18,065	100.0%	100.0%	16,681	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.