

Community report

South Gippsland (S)

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AREA

South Gippsland (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 South Gippsland (S), accounting for 50.9% (15,552 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,610 people and 12.8 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

South Gippsland (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	144	0.5%	0.4%	172	0.6%	0.5%	-28	-0.1
Buddhism	166	0.5%	0.9%	161	0.6%	0.8%	+5	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	598	2.0%	2.1%	580	2.0%	2.1%	+18	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	3,533	11.6%	9.8%	4,609	16.1%	13.3%	-1,076	-4.5
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	287	0.9%	1.2%	222	0.8%	1.3%	+65	+0.1
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	4,503	14.7%	19.7%	4,994	17.4%	22.7%	-491	-2.7
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Chaldean Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Catholic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Churches of Christ, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	18	0.1%	0.2%	20	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Jehovah's Witnesses	99	0.3%	0.3%	105	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	46	0.2%	0.1%	42	0.1%	
Community of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Lutheran	89	0.3%	0.7%	86	0.3%	
Armenian Apostolic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Coptic Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	
Assyrian Church of the East	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Antiochian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	72	0.2%	0.5%	52	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	—	—	0.1%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	588	1.9%	2.2%	849	3.0%	
Reformed	47	0.2%	0.0%	75	0.3%	
Salvation Army	48	0.2%	0.2%	103	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	57	0.2%	0.2%	61	0.2%	
Uniting Church	1,536	5.0%	4.7%	2,066	7.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	170	0.6%	0.7%	172	0.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	8	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	21	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	16	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	26	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	57	0.2%	0.7%	46	0.2%	
Islam	7	0.0%	0.9%	19	0.1%	
Judaism	28	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	26	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	21	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sikhism	22	0.1%	0.4%	13	0.0%	
Spiritualism	18	0.1%	0.0%	26	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	4	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%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	15,552	50.9%	44.9%	10,942	38.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	35	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Atheism	55	0.2%	0.2%	41	0.1%	
Humanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Age	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	43	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Theism	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	2,492	8.2%	7.7%	2,975	10.4%	
Total	30,574	100.0%	100.0%	28,698	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.