

Community report

Southern Grampians (S)

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

AREA

Southern Grampians (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 Southern Grampians (S), accounting for 39.9% (6,606 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,095 people and 11.5 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

Southern Grampians (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	67	0.4%	0.4%	49	0.3%	0.5%	+18	+0.1
Buddhism	71	0.4%	0.9%	74	0.5%	0.8%	-3	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	323	1.9%	2.1%	280	1.8%	2.1%	+43	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	1,603	9.7%	9.8%	1,944	12.2%	13.3%	-341	-2.5
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	140	0.8%	1.2%	174	1.1%	1.3%	-34	-0.3
Brethren	105	0.6%	0.1%	96	0.6%	0.1%	+9	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	2,699	16.3%	19.7%	3,004	18.9%	22.7%	-305	-2.6
Maronite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	6	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)	13	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	60	0.4%	0.3%	60	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	3	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	964	5.8%	0.7%	1,129	7.1%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	22	0.1%	0.5%	18	0.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	690	4.2%	2.2%	933	5.9%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Salvation Army	20	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	22	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,536	9.3%	4.7%	1,932	12.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	116	0.7%	0.7%	93	0.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	19	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	7	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ratana (Maori)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	18	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Hinduism	56	0.3%	0.7%	35	0.2%	
Islam	31	0.2%	0.9%	14	0.1%	
Judaism	6	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	6	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	11	0.1%	0.4%	17	0.1%	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	6,606	39.9%	44.9%	4,511	28.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	11	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Atheism	19	0.1%	0.2%	18	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
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Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	12	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Theism	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Not stated	1,271	7.7%	7.7%	1,333	8.4%	
Total	16,575	100.0%	100.0%	15,908	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.