

Community report

Southern Mallee (DC)

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

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Southern Mallee (DC)

COMPARISON

Regional SA

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 Mallee (DC), accounting for 40.4% (792 people). This share was lower than Regional SA (47.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 204 people and 11.3 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 Mallee (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	—	—	0.3%	20	1.0%	0.4%	—	—
Buddhism	7	0.4%	0.6%	14	0.7%	0.6%	-7	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	67	3.4%	2.5%	52	2.6%	2.7%	+15	+0.8
Anglican Church of Australia	125	6.4%	7.8%	149	7.4%	10.7%	-24	-1.0
Baptist	9	0.5%	1.1%	22	1.1%	1.2%	-13	-0.6
Brethren	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.1%	—	—
Western Catholic	148	7.6%	11.7%	205	10.1%	14.5%	-57	-2.5
Maronite Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Ukrainian Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nec	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Churches of Christ (Conference)	–	–	0.3%	–	–	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	3	0.2%	0.4%	8	0.4%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	–	–	0.1%	5	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	208	10.6%	5.3%	237	11.7%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	10	0.5%	0.6%	7	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	11	0.6%	1.1%	17	0.8%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	–	–	0.2%	5	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Uniting Church	281	14.3%	7.7%	425	21.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Pentecostal, nfd	50	2.6%	1.0%	23	1.1%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	4	0.2%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	4	0.2%	0.0%	3	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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	–	–	0.2%	3	0.1%	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	9	0.5%	0.1%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	3	0.2%	0.3%	–	–	
Islam	20	1.0%	0.4%	11	0.5%	
Judaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	4	0.2%	0.3%	4	0.2%	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	–	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
No Religion, so described	792	40.4%	47.5%	588	29.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	–	–	0.1%	4	0.2%	
Atheism	3	0.2%	0.2%	5	0.2%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Theism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	205	10.5%	8.9%	212	10.5%	
Total	1,959	100.0%	100.0%	2,023	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.