

Community report

Swan Hill (RC)

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

AREA

Swan Hill (RC)

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 Swan Hill (RC), accounting for 35.9% (7,668 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,198 people and 9.3 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

Swan Hill (RC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	58	0.3%	0.4%	50	0.2%	0.5%	+8	+0.1
Buddhism	738	3.5%	0.9%	417	2.0%	0.8%	+321	+1.5
Christianity, nfd	584	2.7%	2.1%	389	1.9%	2.1%	+195	+0.8
Anglican Church of Australia	1,849	8.6%	9.8%	2,368	11.5%	13.3%	-519	-2.9
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	133	0.6%	1.2%	105	0.5%	1.3%	+28	+0.1
Brethren	185	0.9%	0.1%	147	0.7%	0.1%	+38	+0.2
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	4,672	21.9%	19.7%	4,991	24.3%	22.7%	-319	-2.4
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.1%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	151	0.7%	0.2%	187	0.9%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	30	0.1%	0.3%	22	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	44	0.2%	0.1%	64	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lutheran	65	0.3%	0.7%	86	0.4%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	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	80	0.4%	0.5%	103	0.5%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	436	2.0%	2.2%	604	2.9%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Salvation Army	21	0.1%	0.2%	34	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	62	0.3%	0.2%	35	0.2%	
Uniting Church	1,298	6.1%	4.7%	1,749	8.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	110	0.5%	0.7%	116	0.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	12	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
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Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	31	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	10	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.2%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	32	0.1%	0.0%	54	0.3%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Methodist, so described	38	0.2%	0.1%	26	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	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	142	0.7%	0.7%	104	0.5%	
Islam	635	3.0%	0.9%	328	1.6%	
Judaism	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	21	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Nature Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Sikhism	192	0.9%	0.4%	170	0.8%	
Spiritualism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandaeen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caodaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Church of Scientology	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Satanism	3	0.0%	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	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	7,668	35.9%	44.9%	5,470	26.6%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Agnosticism	6	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Atheism	8	0.0%	0.2%	20	0.1%	
Humanism	—	—	0.0%	8	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	11	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Theism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Not stated	2,010	9.4%	7.7%	2,728	13.3%	
Total	21,381	100.0%	100.0%	20,550	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.