

# Community report

## Wangaratta (RC)

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

AREA

**Wangaratta (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 Wangaratta (RC), accounting for 41.7% (12,429 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,001 people and 11.9 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

Wangaratta (RC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	124	0.4%	0.4%	100	0.4%	0.5%	+24	0.0
Buddhism	247	0.8%	0.9%	177	0.6%	0.8%	+70	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	608	2.0%	2.1%	522	1.8%	2.1%	+86	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	3,578	12.0%	9.8%	4,384	15.5%	13.3%	-806	-3.5
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	243	0.8%	1.2%	238	0.8%	1.3%	+5	0.0
Brethren	91	0.3%	0.1%	86	0.3%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	7,049	23.7%	19.7%	7,640	27.0%	22.7%	-591	-3.3
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%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	36	0.1%	0.2%	24	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	118	0.4%	0.3%	124	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	25	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	130	0.4%	0.7%	173	0.6%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	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	79	0.3%	0.5%	82	0.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Presbyterian	697	2.3%	2.2%	968	3.4%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	57	0.2%	0.2%	69	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	54	0.2%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,260	4.2%	4.7%	1,604	5.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	182	0.6%	0.7%	164	0.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
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)	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
Revival Centres	–	–	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	16	0.1%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	92	0.3%	0.0%	156	0.6%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	39	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	187	0.6%	0.7%	89	0.3%	
Islam	72	0.2%	0.9%	60	0.2%	
Judaism	13	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	28	0.1%	0.1%	20	0.1%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	15	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	57	0.2%	0.4%	20	0.1%	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	12,429	41.7%	44.9%	8,428	29.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	30	0.1%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Atheism	28	0.1%	0.2%	37	0.1%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Age	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	16	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Theism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	2,089	7.0%	7.7%	2,858	10.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,787</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>28,305</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.