

Community report

Warrnambool (C)

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

AREA

Warrnambool (C)

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 Warrnambool (C), accounting for 43.2% (15,303 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (44.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,507 people and 11.1 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

Warrnambool (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	135	0.4%	0.4%	154	0.5%	0.5%	-19	-0.1
Buddhism	322	0.9%	0.9%	253	0.8%	0.8%	+69	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	798	2.3%	2.1%	711	2.1%	2.1%	+87	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	2,344	6.6%	9.8%	2,770	8.2%	13.3%	-426	-1.6
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	444	1.3%	1.2%	480	1.4%	1.3%	-36	-0.1
Brethren	64	0.2%	0.1%	57	0.2%	0.1%	+7	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	9,445	26.7%	19.7%	10,146	30.2%	22.7%	-701	-3.5
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	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	104	0.3%	0.2%	112	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	56	0.2%	0.3%	78	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	22	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	263	0.7%	0.7%	323	1.0%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	7	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	69	0.2%	0.5%	74	0.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.1%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	21	0.1%	0.0%	21	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,460	4.1%	2.2%	1,977	5.9%	
Reformed	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	93	0.3%	0.2%	129	0.4%	
Seventh-day Adventist	49	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.2%	
Uniting Church	1,210	3.4%	4.7%	1,456	4.3%	
Pentecostal, nfd	210	0.6%	0.7%	174	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Centres	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	13	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	–	–	–	
Born Again Christian	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	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%	7	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	–	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	7	0.0%	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%	5	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	163	0.5%	0.7%	110	0.3%	
Islam	118	0.3%	0.9%	86	0.3%	
Judaism	30	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Baha'i	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	18	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	

Category	2021			2016		
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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sikhism	50	0.1%	0.4%	19	0.1%	
Spiritualism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	15,303	43.2%	44.9%	10,796	32.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	38	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	
Atheism	44	0.1%	0.2%	54	0.2%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Rationalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Multi Faith	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	24	0.1%	0.1%	25	0.1%	
Theism	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	2,355	6.7%	7.7%	3,300	9.8%	
Total	35,409	100.0%	100.0%	33,644	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.