

Community report

Whyalla (C)

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

AREA

Whyalla (C)

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 Whyalla (C), accounting for 53% (11,261 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (47.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,810 people and 14.3 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

Whyalla (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	68	0.3%	0.3%	110	0.5%	0.4%	-42	-0.2
Buddhism	117	0.6%	0.6%	131	0.6%	0.6%	-14	0.0
Christianity, nfd	446	2.1%	2.5%	552	2.5%	2.7%	-106	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	1,439	6.8%	7.8%	2,289	10.5%	10.7%	-850	-3.7
Baptist	254	1.2%	1.1%	278	1.3%	1.2%	-24	-0.1
Brethren	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.1%	-4	0.0
Western Catholic	3,182	15.0%	11.7%	4,251	19.5%	14.5%	-1,069	-4.5
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%	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Churches of Christ (Conference)	36	0.2%	0.3%	41	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	85	0.4%	0.4%	79	0.4%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	42	0.2%	0.1%	71	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	310	1.5%	5.3%	460	2.1%	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Syrian Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Greek Orthodox	180	0.8%	0.6%	192	0.9%	
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Serbian Orthodox	11	0.1%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	259	1.2%	1.1%	485	2.2%	
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Salvation Army	66	0.3%	0.2%	123	0.6%	
Seventh-day Adventist	22	0.1%	0.2%	22	0.1%	
Uniting Church	844	4.0%	7.7%	1,393	6.4%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Pentecostal, nfd	203	1.0%	1.0%	280	1.3%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	27	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
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%	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	–	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	34	0.2%	0.0%	21	0.1%	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	27	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	25	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	11	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	31	0.1%	0.2%	45	0.2%	
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
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%	8	0.0%	
Hinduism	149	0.7%	0.3%	136	0.6%	
Islam	105	0.5%	0.4%	63	0.3%	
Judaism	12	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Baha'i	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Taoism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paganism	27	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	

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Wiccan (Witchcraft)	11	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	66	0.3%	0.3%	17	0.1%	
Spiritualism	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	–	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	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	11,261	53.0%	47.5%	8,451	38.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	20	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Atheism	27	0.1%	0.2%	76	0.3%	
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	25	0.1%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Theism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Not stated	1,739	8.2%	8.9%	2,030	9.3%	
Total	21,228	100.0%	100.0%	21,810	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.