

# Community report

## Yarra Ranges (S)

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

AREA

**Yarra Ranges (S)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Yarra Ranges (S), accounting for 53.2% (83,104 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 19,750 people and 10.8 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

Yarra Ranges (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	860	0.6%	0.4%	1,016	0.7%	0.5%	-156	-0.1
Buddhism	1,564	1.0%	3.9%	1,493	1.0%	3.8%	+71	0.0
Christianity, nfd	5,779	3.7%	2.7%	5,775	3.9%	2.6%	+4	-0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	12,120	7.8%	5.5%	16,247	10.9%	7.6%	-4,127	-3.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	3,835	2.5%	1.3%	3,412	2.3%	1.3%	+423	+0.2
Brethren	238	0.2%	0.0%	250	0.2%	0.0%	-12	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	23,717	15.2%	20.5%	27,016	18.1%	23.2%	-3,299	-2.9
Maronite Catholic	7	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	0.1%	+3	0.0
Melkite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	13	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	41	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	265	0.2%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	533	0.3%	0.1%	443	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	465	0.3%	0.2%	500	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	259	0.2%	0.2%	341	0.2%	
Community of Christ	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lutheran	641	0.4%	0.2%	878	0.6%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	17	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	57	0.0%	0.2%	21	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	29	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	923	0.6%	3.3%	820	0.5%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	51	0.0%	0.4%	47	0.0%	–
Romanian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	108	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	65	0.0%	0.3%	60	0.0%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	2,054	1.3%	1.1%	3,097	2.1%	–
Reformed	304	0.2%	0.0%	344	0.2%	–
Salvation Army	258	0.2%	0.1%	348	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	939	0.6%	0.2%	906	0.6%	–
Uniting Church	3,868	2.5%	1.7%	5,157	3.4%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	1,412	0.9%	0.8%	1,539	1.0%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	30	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	19	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Revival Fellowship	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	259	0.2%	0.2%	192	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	42	0.0%	0.1%	49	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	109	0.1%	0.0%	89	0.1%	–
Methodist, so described	147	0.1%	0.1%	170	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	204	0.1%	0.0%	198	0.1%	
Christian Science	11	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	28	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Temple Society	12	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	34	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Hinduism	789	0.5%	4.1%	508	0.3%	
Islam	418	0.3%	5.3%	302	0.2%	
Judaism	209	0.1%	0.9%	166	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Baha'i	54	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	26	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	21	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Animism	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Druidism	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Paganism	183	0.1%	0.1%	190	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	75	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	35	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Sikhism	274	0.2%	1.7%	175	0.1%	–
Spiritualism	121	0.1%	0.0%	161	0.1%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	32	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Eckankar	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rastafari	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Satanism	35	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Theosophy	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Jainism	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	83,104	53.2%	36.9%	63,354	42.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	274	0.2%	0.1%	254	0.2%	
Atheism	258	0.2%	0.1%	303	0.2%	
Humanism	16	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Rationalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Multi Faith	21	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	252	0.2%	0.1%	219	0.1%	
Theism	45	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	60	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Not stated	8,111	5.2%	5.8%	12,258	8.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,088</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>149,532</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.