

Table 3 Victoria: Religions, 2016, 2011 Census

Rank 2016	Religion ^(a)	2016		2011	Change 2011-2016	
		Persons	As % of tot pop	Persons	Persons	% Change
1	Western Catholic	1,366,058	23.0	1,421,742	-55,684	-3.9
2	Anglican Church of Australia	530,676	9.0	656,532	-125,856	-19.2
3	Uniting Church ^(b)	204,105	3.4	250,939	-46,834	-18.7
4	Islam	197,030	3.3	152,779	44,251	29.0
5	Buddhism	181,938	3.1	168,637	13,301	7.9
6	Greek Orthodox	162,943	2.7	167,757	-4,814	-2.9
7	Christian, nfd ^(c)	146,441	2.5	99,518	46,923	47.2
8	Hinduism	134,939	2.3	83,137	51,802	62.3
9	Presbyterian	114,441	1.9	139,283	-24,842	-17.8
10	Baptist	77,469	1.3	77,854	-385	-0.5
11	Sikhism	52,762	0.9	29,443	23,319	79.2
12	Pentecostal, nfd	48,584	0.8	38,545	10,039	26.0
13	Judaism	42,257	0.7	45,149	-2,892	-6.4
14	Lutheran	27,902	0.5	41,498	-13,596	-32.8
15	Macedonian Orthodox	19,609	0.3	21,839	-2,230	-10.2
16	Jehovah's Witnesses	14,630	0.2	15,179	-549	-3.6
17	Serbian Orthodox	11,796	0.2	12,249	-453	-3.7
18	Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints	11,499	0.2	10,882	617	5.7
19	Seventh-day Adventist	10,605	0.2	10,371	234	2.3
20	Salvation Army	10,284	0.2	12,969	-2,685	-20.7
21	Churches of Christ (Conference)	9,563	0.2	11,969	-2,406	-20.1
22	Coptic Orthodox Church	8,199	0.1	6,967	1,232	17.7
23	Other Protestant, nfd	7,944	0.1	6,292	1,652	26.3
24	Atheism	7,766	0.1	15,582	-7,816	-50.2
25	Other Spiritual Beliefs ^(d)	7,495	0.1	8,049	-554	-6.9
26	Agnosticism	6,874	0.1	9,350	-2,476	-26.5
27	Russian Orthodox	5,810	0.1	5,940	-130	-2.2
28	Brethren ^(e)	5,190	0.1	4,575	615	13.4
29	Chaldean Catholic	3,743	0.1	1,737	2,006	115.5
30	Paganism	3,323	0.1	3,711	-388	-10.5
31	Syrian Orthodox Church	3,215	0.1	2,061	1,154	56.0
32	Alian Christian Chs (Assemblies of God) ^(f)	2,911	0.1	5,267	-2,356	-44.7
33	Baha'i	2,831	0.0	2,546	285	11.2
34	Born Again Christian	2,691	0.0	3,114	-423	-13.6
35	Reformed	2,580	0.0	2,931	-351	-12.0
36	Syro Malabar Catholic ^(g)	2,520	0.0			
37	Maronite Catholic	2,392	0.0	3,100	-708	-22.8
38	Ethiopian Orthodox Church	2,371	0.0	1,340	1,031	76.9
39	Spiritualism	2,228	0.0	2,670	-442	-16.6
40	Antiochian Orthodox	2,213	0.0	1,912	301	15.7
41	Assyrian Church of the East	2,163	0.0	1,373	790	57.5
42	Armenian Apostolic	1,916	0.0	1,816	100	5.5
43	Taoism	1,593	0.0	1,053	540	51.3
44	Wiccan (Witchcraft)	1,593	0.0	2,067	-474	-22.9
45	Humanism	1,535	0.0	2,095	-560	-26.7
46	Ukrainian Catholic	1,305	0.0	1,379	-74	-5.4
47	Jainism	1,285	0.0	871	414	47.5
48	Churches of Christ, nfd	1,283	0.0	1,959	-676	-34.5
49	Other Christian, nec	1,252	0.0	1,506	-254	-16.9
50	Theism ^(h)	1,191	0.0	1,304	-113	-8.7
51	Christadelphians	1,173	0.0	1,341	-168	-12.5
52	Ethnic Evangelical Churches	1,133	0.0	640	493	77.0
53	Druse	1,032	0.0	993	39	3.9
54	Religious Groups, nec	850	0.0	885	-35	-4.0
55	Wesleyan Methodist Church	817	0.0	781	36	4.6
56	Ukrainian Orthodox	797	0.0	886	-89	-10.0
57	Romanian Orthodox	757	0.0	704	53	7.5

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58	Nature Religions, nec	709	0.0	830	-121	-14.6
59	Zoroastrianism	673	0.0	601	72	12.0
60	Satanism	639	0.0	680	-41	-6.0
61	Ratana (Maori)	633	0.0	658	-25	-3.8
62	Melkite Catholic	568	0.0	621	-53	-8.5
63	Church of Scientology	519	0.0	618	-99	-16.0
64	Catholic, nec ^(g)	512	0.0	177	335	189.3
65	New Apostolic Church	504	0.0	528	-24	-4.5
66	Eastern Orthodox, nfd	421	0.0	19,488	-19,067	-97.8
67	Congregational	410	0.0	434	-24	-5.5
68	Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	406	0.0	444	-38	-8.6
69	International Network of Churches	396	0.0	76	320	421.1
70	New Age	352	0.0	606	-254	-41.9
71	Ancient Church of the East	344	0.0	390	-46	-11.8
72	Temple Society	332	0.0	537	-205	-38.2
73	Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	326	0.0	439	-113	-25.7
74	Revival Centres	322	0.0	466	-144	-30.9
75	Secular Beliefs, nec ⁽ⁱ⁾	322	0.0			
76	Shinto	300	0.0	246	54	22.0
77	Christian and Missionary Alliance	288	0.0	250	38	15.2
78	Theosophy	256	0.0	402	-146	-36.3
79	Pentecostal, nec ^(j)	253	0.0	1,145	-892	-77.9
80	Christian Science	248	0.0	400	-152	-38.0
81	Animism	230	0.0	191	39	20.4
82	Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	229	0.0	0	229	-
83	Druidism	225	0.0	272	-47	-17.3
84	Rastafari	216	0.0	337	-121	-35.9
85	Unitarian Universalism	208	0.0	229	-21	-9.2
86	Eastern Orthodox, nec	207	0.0	326	-119	-36.5
87	United Pentecostal	193	0.0	101	92	91.1
88	Other Protestant, nec	191	0.0	1,703	-1,512	-88.8
89	Caodaism	180	0.0	206	-26	-12.6
90	Rationalism	175	0.0	704	-529	-75.1
91	Gnostic Christians	174	0.0	206	-32	-15.5
92	Church of the Nazarene	172	0.0	253	-81	-32.0
93	Community of Christ	171	0.0	202	-31	-15.3
94	Ancestor Veneration	153	0.0	165	-12	-7.3
95	Worship Centre Network ^(k)	150	0.0			
96	CRC International	131	0.0	1,273	-1,142	-89.7
97	Eckankar	131	0.0	147	-16	-10.9
98	Independent Evangelical Churches	124	0.0	50	74	148.0
99	Nature Religions, nfd	122	0.0	27	95	351.9
100	Confucianism	108	0.0	127	-19	-15.0
101	Oriental Orthodox, nec	106	0.0	49	57	116.3
102	Full Gospel Church of Australia	100	0.0	169	-69	-40.8
103	Secular Beliefs, nfd ⁽ⁱ⁾	81	0.0			
104	Secular&Other Spiritual Bel, No Relig Aff, nfd ⁽ⁱ⁾	72	0.0			
105	Apostolic Church (Australia)	71	0.0	63	8	12.7
106	Mandaean ^(l)	66	0.0			
107	Sukyo Mahikari	62	0.0	56	6	10.7
108	Other Christian, nfd	48	0.0	361	-313	-86.7
109	Grace Communion International	47	0.0	34	13	38.2
110	Religious Science	43	0.0	53	-10	-18.9
111	Latter-day Saints, nfd	42	0.0	0	42	-
112	New Churches (Swedenborgian)	42	0.0	45	-3	-6.7
113	Revival Fellowship ^(k)	37	0.0			
114	Catholic, nfd ^(m)	36	0.0			
115	Pentecostal City Life Church ⁽ⁿ⁾	31	0.0			

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116	Liberal Catholic Church	30	0.0	50	-20	-40.0
117	Albanian Orthodox	26	0.0	30	-4	-13.3
118	Oriental Orthodox, nfd	25	0.0	9	16	177.8
119	C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	24	0.0	92	-68	-73.9
120	Victory Worship Centre ^(k)	22	0.0			
121	Japanese Religions, nec	22	0.0	3	19	633.3
122	Foursquare Gospel Church	21	0.0	10	11	110.0
123	Anglican Catholic Church	20	0.0	174	-154	-88.5
124	Rhema Family Church	19	0.0	9	10	111.1
125	Acts 2 Alliance ^(o)	19	0.0	8	11	137.5
126	Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	17	0.0	38	-21	-55.3
127	Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	16	0.0	0	16	-
128	Apostolic Church of Queensland	15	0.0	10	5	50.0
129	Tenrikyo	15	0.0	21	-6	-28.6
130	Chinese Religions, nec	13	0.0	5	8	160.0
131	Yezidi ^(l)	11	0.0			
132	Other Anglican ^(p)	9	0.0			
133	International Church of Christ	9	0.0	18	-9	-50.0
134	Christian Church in Australia ^(k)	5	0.0			
135	Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	3	0.0	3	0	0.0
136	Assyrian Apostolic, nec	0	0.0	0	0	-
137	Free Reformed	0	0.0	0	0	-
138	Bethesda Ministries International	0	0.0	3	-3	-100.0
139	Victory Life Centre ^(k)	0	0.0			
140	Chinese Religions, nfd	0	0.0	3	-3	-100.0
141	Japanese Religions, nfd	0	0.0	0	0	-
Total persons with a religion		3,493,950		3,614,939	-120,989	-3.3
With religion as a percentage of tot Vic pop			59.0			
No religion, so described		1,876,738	31.7	1,256,143	620,595	
Inadequately described/Not Defined		29,197	0.5	36,588	-7,391	
Not stated		526,760	8.9	446,369	80,391	
Total Victoria		5,926,645	100.0	5,354,039	572,606	10.7

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^(a) Religion categories for 2016 were coded according to the 2016 Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (Third Edition).

^(b) The 2011 category "Uniting Church" was split into the categories "Uniting Church", "Methodist, so described" and "United Methodist Church" for 2016. The 2016 figure is a combination of these three categories to enable comparability with 2011 data.

^(c) 2011 data for this category includes "Apostolic Church, so described" and "Church of God, so described".

^(d) The 2011 category "Religious Belief not further defined" was split into the categories "Other Spiritual Beliefs, not further defined", "Multi Faith", "Own Spiritual Beliefs" and "Other Spiritual beliefs, not elsewhere classified" for 2016. The 2016 figure is a combination of these four categories to enable comparability with 2011 data.

^(e) The 2011 category "Brethren" was split into the categories "Brethren" and "Christian Community Churches of Australia" for 2016. The 2016 figure is a combination of these two categories to enable comparability with 2011 data.

^(f) 2011 data for this category includes "Australian Christian Churches, so described".

^(g) "Syro Malabar Catholic" was formerly included in "Catholic, nec" in 2011 and is a separate religion in 2016. Take care when comparing Catholic, nec between 2016 and 2011.

^(h) 2016 data for this category includes "Pantheism".

⁽ⁱ⁾ This category was formerly included in "No religion, nfd". No comparable data for 2011.

^(j) 2011 data for this category includes "Faith Churches".

^(k) This category was formerly included in "Pentecostal, nec". No comparable data for 2011.

^(l) This category was formerly included in "Religious Groups, nec". No comparable data for 2011.

^(m) No comparable data for 2011.

⁽ⁿ⁾ This category was formerly included in "Pentecostal, nec" and "Faith Churches". No comparable data for 2011.

^(o) This category was formerly included in "Pentecostal, nec" and "Christian Life Churches International". Data for 2011 is for

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Christian Life Churches international.

^(p) This category was formerly included in "Other Christian, nec". No comparable data for 2011.

Note: 'nec' stands for 'not elsewhere classified'; 'nfd' stands for 'not further defined'.