

**Table 3 Victoria: Religions, ranked, 2016, 2011 Census**

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

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

Unclassified

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		Persons	As % of tot pop	Persons	Persons
116	Liberal Catholic Church	30	0.0	50	-20
117	Albanian Orthodox	26	0.0	30	-4
118	Oriental Orthodox, nfd	25	0.0	9	16
119	C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	24	0.0	92	-68
120	Victory Worship Centre <sup>(k)</sup>	22	0.0		
121	Japanese Religions, nec	22	0.0	3	19
122	Foursquare Gospel Church	21	0.0	10	11
123	Anglican Catholic Church	20	0.0	174	-154
124	Rhema Family Church	19	0.0	9	10
125	Acts 2 Alliance <sup>(q)</sup>	19	0.0	8	11
126	Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	17	0.0	38	-21
127	Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	16	0.0	0	16
128	Apostolic Church of Queensland	15	0.0	10	5
129	Tenrikyo	15	0.0	21	-6
130	Chinese Religions, nec	13	0.0	5	8
131	Yezidi <sup>(m)</sup>	11	0.0		
132	Other Anglican <sup>(r)</sup>	9	0.0		
133	International Church of Christ	9	0.0	18	-9
134	Christian Church in Australia <sup>(k)</sup>	5	0.0		
135	Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	3	0.0	3	0
136	Assyrian Apostolic, nec	0	0.0	0	0
137	Free Reformed	0	0.0	0	0
138	Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Church)	0	0.0	3	-3
139	Victory Life Centre <sup>(k)</sup>	0	0.0		
140	Chinese Religions, nfd	0	0.0	3	-3
141	Japanese Religions, nfd	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total persons with a religion</b>		<b>3,493,950</b>		<b>3,614,939</b>	<b>-120,989</b>
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
<b>Total Victoria</b>		<b>5,926,645</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>572,606</b>

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<sup>(a)</sup> Religion categories for 2016 were coded according to the 2016 Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (Third Edition). The 2011 category "Unity Church" was split into the categories "Unity 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.

<sup>(c)</sup> 2011 data for this category includes "Apostolic Church, so described" and "Church of God, so described".

<sup>(d)</sup> The 2011 category "Religious Belief not further defined" was split into the categories "Other Spiritual Beliefs, not further defined", "Multi 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.

<sup>(e)</sup> 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.

<sup>(f)</sup> 2011 data for this category includes "Australian Christian Churches, so described".

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

<sup>(h)</sup> 2016 data for this category includes "Panthéism".

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

<sup>(j)</sup> 2011 data for this category includes "Faith Churches".

<sup>(k)</sup> This category was formerly included in "Pentecostal, nec". No comparable data for 2011.

<sup>(m)</sup> This category was formerly included in "Religious Groups, nec". No comparable data for 2011.

<sup>(n)</sup> No comparable data for 2011.

<sup>(p)</sup> This category was formerly included in "Pentecostal, nec" and "Faith Churches". No comparable data for 2011.

<sup>(q)</sup> This category was formerly included in "Pentecostal, nec" and "Christian Life Churches International". Data for 2011 is for "Christian Life

<sup>(r)</sup> This category was formerly included in "Other Christian, nec". No comparable data for 2011.

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

**11-2016**

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-3.9  
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-14.6

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2011-2016

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