

Community report

Adelaide (C)

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

AREA

Adelaide (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

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 Adelaide (C), accounting for 50.8% (12,706 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (44.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 2,927 people and 6.5 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

Adelaide (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	119	0.5%	0.4%	116	0.5%	0.5%	+3	0.0
Buddhism	1,034	4.1%	2.3%	911	4.1%	2.2%	+123	0.0
Christianity, nfd	487	1.9%	2.7%	386	1.8%	2.8%	+101	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	1,401	5.6%	7.0%	1,561	7.1%	9.8%	-160	-1.5
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	187	0.7%	1.6%	204	0.9%	1.7%	-17	-0.2
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	2,993	12.0%	16.4%	2,786	12.6%	18.9%	+207	-0.6
Maronite Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	3	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	36	0.1%	0.3%	31	0.1%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	12	0.0%	0.2%	7	0.0%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lutheran	260	1.0%	1.6%	334	1.5%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	419	1.7%	2.4%	364	1.7%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Macedonian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Russian Orthodox	35	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	29	0.1%	0.3%	17	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	161	0.6%	0.6%	194	0.9%	–
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	8	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	21	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	565	2.3%	3.9%	619	2.8%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	107	0.4%	1.1%	101	0.5%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	45	0.2%	0.1%	36	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	34	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	13	0.1%	0.2%	7	0.0%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Hinduism	708	2.8%	2.7%	453	2.1%	–
Islam	642	2.6%	2.8%	600	2.7%	–
Judaism	40	0.2%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Baha'i	17	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	26	0.1%	0.0%	16	0.1%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	10	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Shinto	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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Druidism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Paganism	17	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	64	0.3%	1.2%	42	0.2%	–
Spiritualism	16	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	16	0.1%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Religious Groups, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	12,706	50.8%	44.6%	9,779	44.3%	44.3%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	58	0.2%	0.1%	37	0.2%	–
Atheism	63	0.3%	0.2%	37	0.2%	–
Humanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.1%	–

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Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	31	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	–
Theism	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	18	0.1%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Not stated	2,474	9.9%	5.2%	3,105	14.1%	–
Total	25,024	100.0%	100.0%	22,051	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.