

Community report

Adelaide Hills (DC)

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

AREA

Adelaide Hills (DC)

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 Hills (DC), accounting for 53.7% (21,961 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (44.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 5,527 people and 11.4 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 Hills (DC) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	181	0.4%	0.4%	221	0.6%	0.5%	-40	-0.2
Buddhism	325	0.8%	2.3%	434	1.1%	2.2%	-109	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	1,200	2.9%	2.7%	1,282	3.3%	2.8%	-82	-0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	3,451	8.4%	7.0%	4,443	11.4%	9.8%	-992	-3.0
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,022	2.5%	1.6%	846	2.2%	1.7%	+176	+0.3
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	4,342	10.6%	16.4%	4,744	12.2%	18.9%	-402	-1.6
Maronite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+5	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	18	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.1%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	64	0.2%	0.2%	77	0.2%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	144	0.4%	0.3%	148	0.4%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	61	0.1%	0.2%	60	0.2%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lutheran	1,501	3.7%	1.6%	1,850	4.8%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	205	0.5%	2.4%	183	0.5%	–

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Macedonian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	51	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	27	0.1%	0.3%	26	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	214	0.5%	0.6%	305	0.8%	–
Reformed	13	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.1%	–
Salvation Army	47	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	77	0.2%	0.2%	74	0.2%	–
Uniting Church	2,221	5.4%	3.9%	3,102	8.0%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	243	0.6%	1.1%	255	0.7%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	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%	3	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	43	0.1%	0.1%	28	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	29	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	178	0.4%	0.2%	162	0.4%	–
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Hinduism	87	0.2%	2.7%	39	0.1%	–
Islam	76	0.2%	2.8%	36	0.1%	–
Judaism	50	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Baha'i	31	0.1%	0.1%	38	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	4	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Druidism	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Paganism	55	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Sikhism	24	0.1%	1.2%	3	0.0%	
Spiritualism	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Satanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	21,961	53.7%	44.6%	16,434	42.3%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	61	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Atheism	97	0.2%	0.2%	81	0.2%	
Humanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.1%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Secular Beliefs, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Multi Faith	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Own Spiritual Beliefs	77	0.2%	0.1%	49	0.1%	—
Theism	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Unitarian Universalism	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Not stated	2,446	6.0%	5.2%	3,308	8.5%	—
Total	40,864	100.0%	100.0%	38,842	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.