

# Community report

## Banyule (C)

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

AREA

**Banyule (C)**

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 Banyule (C), accounting for 43% (54,315 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 12,100 people and 8.4 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

Banyule (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	567	0.4%	0.4%	665	0.5%	0.5%	-98	-0.1
Buddhism	2,400	1.9%	3.9%	2,120	1.7%	3.8%	+280	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	2,706	2.1%	2.7%	2,476	2.0%	2.6%	+230	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	8,359	6.6%	5.5%	10,808	8.9%	7.6%	-2,449	-2.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	1,286	1.0%	1.3%	1,427	1.2%	1.3%	-141	-0.2
Brethren	93	0.1%	0.0%	110	0.1%	0.0%	-17	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	30,977	24.5%	20.5%	32,913	27.0%	23.2%	-1,936	-2.5
Maronite Catholic	184	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	0.1%	+51	0.0
Melkite Catholic	27	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	42	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	87	0.1%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	96	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	130	0.1%	0.2%	157	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	98	0.1%	0.2%	127	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	387	0.3%	0.2%	516	0.4%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	29	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	161	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	96	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	14	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	37	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	89	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	4,385	3.5%	3.3%	4,095	3.4%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	689	0.5%	0.4%	680	0.6%	–
Romanian Orthodox	18	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	143	0.1%	0.1%	135	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	257	0.2%	0.3%	246	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,587	1.3%	1.1%	2,011	1.7%	–
Reformed	15	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	161	0.1%	0.1%	244	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	59	0.0%	0.2%	78	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	2,814	2.2%	1.7%	3,448	2.8%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	675	0.5%	0.8%	809	0.7%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	15	0.0%	0.0%	43	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%	23	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	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	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	159	0.1%	0.2%	140	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	22	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	27	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	114	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Hinduism	2,317	1.8%	4.1%	1,655	1.4%	–
Islam	3,045	2.4%	5.3%	2,717	2.2%	–
Judaism	185	0.1%	0.9%	141	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Baha'i	133	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Taoism	40	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Shinto	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Paganism	58	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	28	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Sikhism	311	0.2%	1.7%	312	0.3%	–
Spiritualism	41	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	34	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Theosophy	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jainism	40	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	54,315	43.0%	36.9%	42,215	34.6%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Agnosticism	211	0.2%	0.1%	176	0.1%	
Atheism	226	0.2%	0.1%	169	0.1%	
Humanism	18	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Rationalism	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	32	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	136	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	
Theism	30	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	37	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Not stated	5,647	4.5%	5.8%	9,352	7.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,218</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>121,838</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.