

# Community report

## Bayside (NSW)

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

AREA

**Bayside (NSW)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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

Bayside (NSW) | Greater Sydney comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Bayside (NSW), accounting for 26% (45,506 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (30.3%).

## 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

Bayside (NSW) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                     | 2021   |       |                  | 2016  |   |                  | Change |    |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|------------------|-------|---|------------------|--------|----|
|                              | Count  | %     | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sydney % | Count  | pp |
| Inadequately described       | 483    | 0.3%  | 0.3%             | –     | – | 0.4%             | –      | –  |
| Buddhism                     | 7,766  | 4.4%  | 3.8%             | –     | – | 3.9%             | –      | –  |
| Christianity, nfd            | 5,262  | 3.0%  | 2.5%             | –     | – | 2.2%             | –      | –  |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 8,329  | 4.8%  | 9.2%             | –     | – | 12.0%            | –      | –  |
| Anglican Catholic Church     | –      | –     | 0.0%             | –     | – | 0.0%             | –      | –  |
| Anglican, nec                | –      | –     | 0.0%             | –     | – | 0.0%             | –      | –  |
| Baptist                      | 1,205  | 0.7%  | 1.2%             | –     | – | 1.2%             | –      | –  |
| Brethren                     | 11     | 0.0%  | 0.1%             | –     | – | 0.1%             | –      | –  |
| Catholic, nfd                | –      | –     | –                | –     | – | 0.0%             | –      | –  |
| Western Catholic             | 39,032 | 22.3% | 22.1%            | –     | – | 24.2%            | –      | –  |
| Maronite Catholic            | 495    | 0.3%  | 0.8%             | –     | – | 0.7%             | –      | –  |
| Melkite Catholic             | 31     | 0.0%  | 0.0%             | –     | – | 0.0%             | –      | –  |

| Category  | 2021  |      |                  | 2016  |   |            |
|---|-------|------|------------------|-------|---|------------|
|   | Count | %    | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Ukrainian Catholic                              | 8     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Chaldean Catholic                               | 12    | 0.0% | 0.2%             | –     | – |            |
| Syro Malabar Catholic                           | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Catholic, nec                                   | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Churches of Christ, nfd                         | 11    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Churches of Christ (Conference)                 | 99    | 0.1% | 0.1%             | –     | – |            |
| Church of Christ (Non-denominational)           | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| International Church of Christ                  | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Jehovah's Witnesses                             | 329   | 0.2% | 0.2%             | –     | – |            |
| Latter-day Saints, nfd                          | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | 239   | 0.1% | 0.2%             | –     | – |            |
| Community of Christ                             | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Lutheran  | 173   | 0.1% | 0.2%             | –     | – |            |
| Oriental Orthodox, nfd                          | 10    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Armenian Apostolic                              | 78    | 0.0% | 0.1%             | –     | – |            |
| Coptic Orthodox Church                          | 1,563 | 0.9% | 0.4%             | –     | – |            |
| Syrian Orthodox Church                          | 112   | 0.1% | 0.1%             | –     | – |            |
| Ethiopian Orthodox Church                       | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Oriental Orthodox, nec                          | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Assyrian Apostolic, nfd                         | 37    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Assyrian Church of the East                     | 169   | 0.1% | 0.2%             | –     | – |            |
| Ancient Church of the East                      | 124   | 0.1% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Assyrian Apostolic, nec                         | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |

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|  | Count  | %    | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sydney % |
| Eastern Orthodox, nfd  | 21     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Albanian Orthodox  | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Antiochian Orthodox  | 240    | 0.1% | 0.2%             | –     | – | –                |
| Greek Orthodox   | 14,939 | 8.5% | 2.3%             | –     | – | –                |
| Macedonian Orthodox  | 3,927  | 2.2% | 0.3%             | –     | – | –                |
| Romanian Orthodox  | 21     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Russian Orthodox   | 426    | 0.2% | 0.2%             | –     | – | –                |
| Serbian Orthodox   | 1,003  | 0.6% | 0.4%             | –     | – | –                |
| Ukrainian Orthodox   | 31     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Eastern Orthodox, nec  | 28     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd                                 | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Presbyterian   | 1,799  | 1.0% | 1.5%             | –     | – | –                |
| Reformed   | 25     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Salvation Army   | 137    | 0.1% | 0.1%             | –     | – | –                |
| Seventh-day Adventist  | 156    | 0.1% | 0.2%             | –     | – | –                |
| Uniting Church   | 1,462  | 0.8% | 1.5%             | –     | – | –                |
| Pentecostal, nfd   | 1,134  | 0.6% | 0.8%             | –     | – | –                |
| Apostolic Church (Australia)                                   | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)              | 53     | 0.0% | 0.1%             | –     | – | –                |
| C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)                       | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres) | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |
| CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)                  | 7      | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –                |

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|  | Count | %    | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sydney % |
| Foursquare Gospel Church                             | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church) | 8     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Revival Centres                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Rhema Family Church                                  | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| United Pentecostal                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Acts 2 Alliance                                      | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Revival Fellowship                                   | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Victory Worship Centre                               | —     | —    | —                | —     | — | —                |
| Worship Centre Network                               | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Pentecostal, nec                                     | 9     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Other Protestant, nfd                                | 361   | 0.2% | 0.2%             | —     | — | —                |
| Aboriginal Evangelical Missions                      | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Born Again Christian                                 | 86    | 0.0% | 0.1%             | —     | — | —                |
| Christian and Missionary Alliance                    | 8     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Church of the Nazarene                               | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Congregational                                       | 28    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Ethnic Evangelical Churches                          | 44    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Independent Evangelical Churches                     | 22    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Wesleyan Methodist Church                            | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Christian Community Churches of Australia            | 28    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Methodist, so described                              | 136   | 0.1% | 0.1%             | —     | — | —                |
| United Methodist Church                              | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |
| Other Protestant, nec                                | —     | —    | 0.0%             | —     | — | —                |

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|   | Count  | %    | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Other Christian, nfd                                    | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Apostolic Church of Queensland                          | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Christadelphians  | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Christian Science                                       | 11     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Gnostic Christians                                      | 7      | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Liberal Catholic Church                                 | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| New Apostolic Church                                    | 12     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| New Churches (Swedenborgian)                            | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Ratana (Maori)  | 20     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Religious Science                                       | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)                  | 5      | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Temple Society  | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God) | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Other Christian, nec                                    | 15     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Hinduism  | 7,664  | 4.4% | 4.8%             | –     | – | –          |
| Islam   | 15,275 | 8.7% | 6.3%             | –     | – | –          |
| Judaism   | 1,273  | 0.7% | 0.7%             | –     | – | –          |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions             | 13     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Baha'i  | 43     | 0.0% | 0.1%             | –     | – | –          |
| Ancestor Veneration                                     | 3      | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Confucianism  | 5      | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Taoism  | 77     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |
| Chinese Religions, nec                                  | –      | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – | –          |

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|                         | Count | %    | Greater Sydney % | Count | % | Greater Sy |
| Druse                   | 29    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Shinto                  | 24    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Sukyo Mahikari          | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Tenrikyo                | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Japanese Religions, nec | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Nature Religions, nfd   | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Animism                 | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Druidism                | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Paganism                | 40    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft)     | 21    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Nature Religions, nec   | 16    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Sikhism                 | 263   | 0.2% | 0.7%             | –     | – |            |
| Spiritualism            | 72    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Mandaeen                | 9     | 0.0% | 0.2%             | –     | – |            |
| Yezidi                  | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Caodaism                | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Church of Scientology   | 24    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Eckankar                | –     | –    | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Rastafari               | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Satanism                | 12    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Theosophy               | 10    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Jainism                 | 13    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Zoroastrianism          | 49    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |
| Religious Groups, nec   | 32    | 0.0% | 0.0%             | –     | – |            |

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|---|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
|   | Count          | %             | Greater Sydney % | Count    | %        | Greater Sy    |
| Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd | –              | –             | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| No Religion, so described   | 45,506         | 26.0%         | 30.3%            | –        | –        | –             |
| Secular Beliefs, nfd  | –              | –             | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Agnosticism   | 221            | 0.1%          | 0.1%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Atheism   | 179            | 0.1%          | 0.1%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Humanism  | 13             | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Rationalism   | 4              | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Secular Beliefs, nec  | 3              | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd  | 4              | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Multi Faith   | 22             | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| New Age   | –              | –             | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Own Spiritual Beliefs   | 120            | 0.1%          | 0.1%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Theism  | 35             | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Unitarian Universalism  | 6              | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec  | 32             | 0.0%          | 0.0%             | –        | –        | –             |
| Not stated  | 12,234         | 7.0%          | 6.2%             | –        | –        | –             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>175,168</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>    | <b>–</b> | <b>–</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.