

Community report

Blacktown (C)

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

AREA

Blacktown (C)

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

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Western Catholic was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Blacktown (C), accounting for 24% (95,240 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (22.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Hinduism, which increased by 23,018 people and 4.6 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

Blacktown (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	1,132	0.3%	0.3%	1,052	0.3%	0.4%	+80	0.0
Buddhism	7,591	1.9%	3.8%	5,729	1.7%	3.9%	+1,862	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	13,640	3.4%	2.5%	10,675	3.2%	2.2%	+2,965	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	28,971	7.3%	9.2%	35,859	10.6%	12.0%	-6,888	-3.3
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	4,754	1.2%	1.2%	4,494	1.3%	1.2%	+260	-0.1
Brethren	105	0.0%	0.1%	107	0.0%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	95,240	24.0%	22.1%	96,097	28.5%	24.2%	-857	-4.5
Maronite Catholic	1,660	0.4%	0.8%	1,157	0.3%	0.7%	+503	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	181	0.0%	0.0%	140	0.0%	0.0%	+41	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	25	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	552	0.1%	0.2%	633	0.2%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	307	0.1%	0.0%	170	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	64	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	60	0.0%	0.0%	80	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	817	0.2%	0.1%	853	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	1,145	0.3%	0.2%	1,189	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	2,206	0.6%	0.2%	2,327	0.7%	
Community of Christ	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lutheran	325	0.1%	0.2%	459	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	246	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	3,013	0.8%	0.4%	3,050	0.9%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	633	0.2%	0.1%	284	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	135	0.0%	0.0%	90	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	48	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	191	0.0%	0.2%	144	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	19	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	639	0.2%	0.2%	478	0.1%	
Greek Orthodox	4,036	1.0%	2.3%	3,897	1.2%	
Macedonian Orthodox	237	0.1%	0.3%	229	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	46	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	416	0.1%	0.2%	486	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	851	0.2%	0.4%	799	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	51	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	5,209	1.3%	1.5%	5,812	1.7%	
Reformed	168	0.0%	0.0%	183	0.1%	
Salvation Army	379	0.1%	0.1%	501	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	2,022	0.5%	0.2%	1,828	0.5%	
Uniting Church	5,314	1.3%	1.5%	6,277	1.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	6,340	1.6%	0.8%	6,558	1.9%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	477	0.1%	0.1%	749	0.2%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	188	0.0%	0.0%	110	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	32	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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Foursquare Gospel Church	11	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	6	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Revival Centres	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	10	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Revival Fellowship	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
Worship Centre Network	17	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	44	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	879	0.2%	0.2%	610	0.2%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	742	0.2%	0.1%	719	0.2%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	35	0.0%	0.0%	94	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Congregational	219	0.1%	0.0%	222	0.1%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	608	0.2%	0.0%	637	0.2%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	143	0.0%	0.0%	148	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	149	0.0%	0.0%	113	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	634	0.2%	0.1%	550	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	65	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	
Christian Science	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	7	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	37	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	118	0.0%	0.0%	131	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	97	0.0%	0.0%	117	0.0%	
Hinduism	51,801	13.1%	4.8%	28,783	8.5%	
Islam	31,759	8.0%	6.3%	22,645	6.7%	
Judaism	151	0.0%	0.7%	147	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	40	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Baha'i	661	0.2%	0.1%	505	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	46	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	107	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Paganism	183	0.0%	0.0%	138	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	80	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	33	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sikhism	18,134	4.6%	0.7%	11,381	3.4%	
Spiritualism	60	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	
Mandaeen	51	0.0%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Yezidi	89	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Satanism	53	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Theosophy	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jainism	475	0.1%	0.0%	231	0.1%	
Zoroastrianism	113	0.0%	0.0%	72	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	71	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	71,923	18.1%	30.3%	50,568	15.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Agnosticism	333	0.1%	0.1%	227	0.1%	
Atheism	274	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Humanism	18	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Multi Faith	50	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
New Age	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	213	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.0%	
Theism	68	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	45	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Not stated	26,409	6.7%	6.2%	24,656	7.3%	
Total	396,805	100.0%	100.0%	336,961	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.