

Community report

Blue Mountains (C)

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

AREA

Blue Mountains (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, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Blue Mountains (C), accounting for 46.5% (36,340 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,852 people and 10.7 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

Blue Mountains (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	407	0.5%	0.3%	486	0.6%	0.4%	-79	-0.1
Buddhism	1,089	1.4%	3.8%	1,020	1.3%	3.9%	+69	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	2,273	2.9%	2.5%	2,268	3.0%	2.2%	+5	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	10,583	13.5%	9.2%	13,097	17.0%	12.0%	-2,514	-3.5
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	1,663	2.1%	1.2%	2,055	2.7%	1.2%	-392	-0.6
Brethren	269	0.3%	0.1%	227	0.3%	0.1%	+42	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	13,409	17.2%	22.1%	15,139	19.7%	24.2%	-1,730	-2.5
Maronite Catholic	21	0.0%	0.8%	11	0.0%	0.7%	+10	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	14	0.0%	0.2%	11	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	57	0.1%	0.1%	54	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	282	0.4%	0.2%	292	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	143	0.2%	0.2%	165	0.2%	
Community of Christ	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	231	0.3%	0.2%	248	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	15	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	19	0.0%	0.4%	18	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	5	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	5	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	365	0.5%	2.3%	389	0.5%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.3%	4	0.0%	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	124	0.2%	0.2%	105	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	53	0.1%	0.4%	22	0.0%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,684	2.2%	1.5%	2,034	2.6%	–
Reformed	52	0.1%	0.0%	60	0.1%	–
Salvation Army	141	0.2%	0.1%	169	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	121	0.2%	0.2%	153	0.2%	–
Uniting Church	1,751	2.2%	1.5%	2,229	2.9%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	720	0.9%	0.8%	802	1.0%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	41	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	4	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)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Revival Centres	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rhema Family Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
United Pentecostal	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Acts 2 Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Revival Fellowship	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Victory Worship Centre	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worship Centre Network	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Pentecostal, nec	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other Protestant, nfd	107	0.1%	0.2%	86	0.1%	—
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Born Again Christian	9	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	—
Christian and Missionary Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Church of the Nazarene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Congregational	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Independent Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Wesleyan Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Christian Community Churches of Australia	34	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.1%	—
Methodist, so described	87	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	—
United Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Protestant, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	31	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Christian Science	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Hinduism	279	0.4%	4.8%	221	0.3%	
Islam	242	0.3%	6.3%	180	0.2%	
Judaism	180	0.2%	0.7%	156	0.2%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Baha'i	44	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	30	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	15	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Animism	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Paganism	149	0.2%	0.0%	149	0.2%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	67	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Sikhism	47	0.1%	0.7%	24	0.0%	
Spiritualism	95	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rastafari	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Satanism	34	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	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	36,340	46.5%	30.3%	27,488	35.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	174	0.2%	0.1%	202	0.3%	
Atheism	222	0.3%	0.1%	186	0.2%	
Humanism	16	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Multi Faith	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
New Age	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	197	0.3%	0.1%	148	0.2%	
Theism	46	0.1%	0.0%	45	0.1%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.1%	
Not stated	3,805	4.9%	6.2%	5,987	7.8%	
Total	78,145	100.0%	100.0%	76,850	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.