

# Community report

## Boroondara (C)

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

AREA

**Boroondara (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 Boroondara (C), accounting for 44.6% (74,927 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 13,586 people and 7.9 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

Boroondara (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	633	0.4%	0.4%	803	0.5%	0.5%	-170	-0.1
Buddhism	5,568	3.3%	3.9%	5,384	3.2%	3.8%	+184	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	3,132	1.9%	2.7%	2,885	1.7%	2.6%	+247	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	13,329	7.9%	5.5%	16,235	9.7%	7.6%	-2,906	-1.8
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	2,472	1.5%	1.3%	2,469	1.5%	1.3%	+3	0.0
Brethren	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	33,419	19.9%	20.5%	36,163	21.6%	23.2%	-2,744	-1.7
Maronite Catholic	73	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	0.1%	+18	0.0
Melkite Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	-6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	29	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	7	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	44	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	131	0.1%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	129	0.1%	0.2%	132	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	90	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Community of Christ	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lutheran	505	0.3%	0.2%	600	0.4%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	51	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	221	0.1%	0.2%	157	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	52	0.0%	0.1%	76	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	12	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	14	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	41	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	6,803	4.1%	3.3%	6,690	4.0%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	236	0.1%	0.4%	224	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	166	0.1%	0.1%	160	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	187	0.1%	0.3%	140	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	20	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	2,146	1.3%	1.1%	2,631	1.6%	–
Reformed	18	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	130	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	104	0.1%	0.2%	92	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	4,514	2.7%	1.7%	5,676	3.4%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	924	0.6%	0.8%	885	0.5%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	18	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	231	0.1%	0.2%	318	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	21	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	14	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	14	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	201	0.1%	0.1%	198	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Apostolic Church of Queensland	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christadelphians	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	—
Christian Science	13	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	—
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Apostolic Church	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Ratana (Maori)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	21	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Temple Society	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	—
Hinduism	4,295	2.6%	4.1%	4,091	2.4%	—
Islam	1,885	1.1%	5.3%	1,848	1.1%	—
Judaism	1,501	0.9%	0.9%	1,458	0.9%	—
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Baha'i	160	0.1%	0.1%	113	0.1%	—
Ancestor Veneration	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Confucianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Taoism	70	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	—

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Chinese Religions, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Druse	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Shinto	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Sukyo Mahikari	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Tenrikyo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Japanese Religions, nec	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nature Religions, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Animism	7	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Druidism	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Paganism	53	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	—
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Nature Religions, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Sikhism	394	0.2%	1.7%	361	0.2%	—
Spiritualism	23	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	—
Mandaean	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Yezidi	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Church of Scientology	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Satanism	20	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Theosophy	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Jainism	82	0.0%	0.0%	89	0.1%	—
Zoroastrianism	62	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	74,927	44.6%	36.9%	61,341	36.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Agnosticism	306	0.2%	0.1%	324	0.2%	
Atheism	303	0.2%	0.1%	220	0.1%	
Humanism	26	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Multi Faith	43	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
New Age	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	157	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	
Theism	25	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	37	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Not stated	7,496	4.5%	5.8%	13,811	8.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,914</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>167,254</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.