

Community report

Brimbank (C)

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

AREA

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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, Western Catholic was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Brimbank (C), accounting for 29.2% (56,751 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (20.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,194 people and 4.2 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

Brimbank (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	610	0.3%	0.4%	769	0.4%	0.5%	-159	-0.1
Buddhism	21,602	11.1%	3.9%	20,963	10.8%	3.8%	+639	+0.3
Christianity, nfd	7,490	3.8%	2.7%	6,816	3.5%	2.6%	+674	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	4,606	2.4%	5.5%	5,970	3.1%	7.6%	-1,364	-0.7
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	3,100	1.6%	1.3%	2,943	1.5%	1.3%	+157	+0.1
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	56,751	29.2%	20.5%	60,350	31.1%	23.2%	-3,599	-1.9
Maronite Catholic	117	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.0%	0.1%	+47	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	34	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	138	0.1%	0.0%	178	0.1%	
Chaldean Catholic	10	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	114	0.1%	0.1%	157	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	386	0.2%	0.0%	93	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	92	0.0%	0.1%	137	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	661	0.3%	0.2%	785	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	559	0.3%	0.2%	660	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lutheran	299	0.2%	0.2%	451	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	746	0.4%	0.2%	808	0.4%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	175	0.1%	0.1%	138	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	603	0.3%	0.1%	591	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	46	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	54	0.0%	0.1%	74	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	46	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	165	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	7,677	3.9%	3.3%	8,316	4.3%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	2,646	1.4%	0.4%	2,861	1.5%	–
Romanian Orthodox	39	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	147	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	998	0.5%	0.3%	932	0.5%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	36	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,129	0.6%	1.1%	1,677	0.9%	–
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	132	0.1%	0.1%	175	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	319	0.2%	0.2%	374	0.2%	–
Uniting Church	1,573	0.8%	1.7%	1,968	1.0%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	1,632	0.8%	0.8%	2,298	1.2%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	112	0.1%	0.0%	225	0.1%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	66	0.0%	0.0%	70	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	24	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nfd	320	0.2%	0.2%	328	0.2%	
Born Again Christian	303	0.2%	0.1%	248	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	25	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Congregational	28	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	112	0.1%	0.0%	123	0.1%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	40	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	179	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	16	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	64	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Hinduism	6,070	3.1%	4.1%	5,652	2.9%	
Islam	13,031	6.7%	5.3%	11,321	5.8%	
Judaism	70	0.0%	0.9%	50	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Baha'i	31	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	12	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taoism	66	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	26	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Shinto	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Paganism	61	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	23	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Sikhism	3,568	1.8%	1.7%	4,958	2.6%	–
Spiritualism	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	62	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Satanism	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Theosophy	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Jainism	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	33	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	40,855	21.0%	36.9%	32,661	16.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	120	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.0%	
Atheism	132	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Humanism	15	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
New Age	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	102	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Theism	21	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	35	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Not stated	13,893	7.1%	5.8%	16,246	8.4%	
Total	194,566	100.0%	100.0%	194,331	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.