

# Community report

## Burwood (A)

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

AREA

**Burwood (A)**

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 Burwood (A), accounting for 34.6% (13,909 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 1,882 people and 1.9 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

Burwood (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	97	0.2%	0.3%	102	0.3%	0.4%	-5	-0.1
Buddhism	3,150	7.8%	3.8%	2,490	6.8%	3.9%	+660	+1.0
Christianity, nfd	856	2.1%	2.5%	699	1.9%	2.2%	+157	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	1,415	3.5%	9.2%	1,651	4.5%	12.0%	-236	-1.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	393	1.0%	1.2%	356	1.0%	1.2%	+37	0.0
Brethren	-	-	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	7,815	19.4%	22.1%	8,252	22.4%	24.2%	-437	-3.0
Maronite Catholic	996	2.5%	0.8%	786	2.1%	0.7%	+210	+0.4
Melkite Catholic	18	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	3	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	12	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	106	0.3%	0.2%	85	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	22	0.1%	0.2%	30	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	40	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	4	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	100	0.2%	0.4%	66	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	62	0.2%	0.1%	86	0.2%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	10	0.0%	0.2%	12	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	158	0.4%	0.2%	105	0.3%	
Greek Orthodox	1,170	2.9%	2.3%	1,239	3.4%	
Macedonian Orthodox	30	0.1%	0.3%	33	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	114	0.3%	0.2%	106	0.3%	
Serbian Orthodox	57	0.1%	0.4%	58	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	879	2.2%	1.5%	1,017	2.8%	
Reformed	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Salvation Army	39	0.1%	0.1%	49	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	39	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Uniting Church	435	1.1%	1.5%	527	1.4%	
Pentecostal, nfd	152	0.4%	0.8%	191	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	9	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	94	0.2%	0.2%	55	0.1%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	17	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	16	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
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	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Hinduism	4,038	10.0%	4.8%	2,771	7.5%	
Islam	778	1.9%	6.3%	579	1.6%	
Judaism	43	0.1%	0.7%	22	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	19	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	41	0.1%	0.0%	25	0.1%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	14	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sikhism	42	0.1%	0.7%	58	0.2%	
Spiritualism	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.1%	

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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	13,909	34.6%	30.3%	12,027	32.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	44	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	
Atheism	37	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Multi Faith	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	16	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Theism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	21	0.1%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Not stated	2,754	6.9%	6.2%	2,901	7.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,201</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>36,781</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.