

# Community report

## Canada Bay (A)

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

AREA

**Canada Bay (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, Western Catholic was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Canada Bay (A), accounting for 32.7% (29,123 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (22.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 3,708 people and 3.8 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

Canada Bay (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	227	0.3%	0.3%	289	0.3%	0.4%	-62	0.0
Buddhism	2,874	3.2%	3.8%	2,731	3.1%	3.9%	+143	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,612	1.8%	2.5%	1,295	1.5%	2.2%	+317	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	5,667	6.4%	9.2%	6,915	7.9%	12.0%	-1,248	-1.5
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	687	0.8%	1.2%	698	0.8%	1.2%	-11	0.0
Brethren	6	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	0.1%	-1	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	29,123	32.7%	22.1%	29,211	33.2%	24.2%	-88	-0.5
Maronite Catholic	903	1.0%	0.8%	535	0.6%	0.7%	+368	+0.4
Melkite Catholic	21	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	0.0%	+4	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	31	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	—	—	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	7	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	17	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
International Church of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jehovah's Witnesses	186	0.2%	0.2%	212	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	49	0.1%	0.2%	54	0.1%	
Community of Christ	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Lutheran	137	0.2%	0.2%	154	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian Apostolic	47	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	405	0.5%	0.4%	308	0.3%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	62	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	42	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
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Eastern Orthodox, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	131	0.1%	0.2%	64	0.1%	
Greek Orthodox	3,189	3.6%	2.3%	3,045	3.5%	
Macedonian Orthodox	96	0.1%	0.3%	98	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	228	0.3%	0.2%	230	0.3%	
Serbian Orthodox	271	0.3%	0.4%	221	0.3%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,029	2.3%	1.5%	2,453	2.8%	
Reformed	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Salvation Army	38	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Seventh-day Adventist	68	0.1%	0.2%	92	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,100	1.2%	1.5%	1,524	1.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	477	0.5%	0.8%	544	0.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	28	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	161	0.2%	0.2%	120	0.1%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	27	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	7	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	45	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Hinduism	3,338	3.7%	4.8%	2,541	2.9%	
Islam	1,792	2.0%	6.3%	1,435	1.6%	
Judaism	179	0.2%	0.7%	191	0.2%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Baha'i	71	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	24	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	160	0.2%	0.7%	145	0.2%	
Spiritualism	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Mandaean	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Theosophy	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	31	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.1%	
Zoroastrianism	36	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	28,128	31.5%	30.3%	24,420	27.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Agnosticism	143	0.2%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Atheism	118	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	22	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Age	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	72	0.1%	0.1%	55	0.1%	
Theism	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	4,712	5.3%	6.2%	7,357	8.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>88,010</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.