

Community report

Central Coast (C) (NSW)

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

AREA

Central Coast (C) (NSW)

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 Central Coast (C) (NSW), accounting for 39.4% (136,578 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 46,014 people and 11.8 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

Central Coast (C) (NSW) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	1,292	0.4%	0.3%	1,246	0.4%	0.4%	+46	0.0
Buddhism	3,414	1.0%	3.8%	3,181	1.0%	3.9%	+233	0.0
Christianity, nfd	7,796	2.2%	2.5%	7,045	2.1%	2.2%	+751	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	58,105	16.8%	9.2%	73,813	22.5%	12.0%	-15,708	-5.7
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	5,199	1.5%	1.2%	5,620	1.7%	1.2%	-421	-0.2
Brethren	268	0.1%	0.1%	238	0.1%	0.1%	+30	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	75,084	21.7%	22.1%	80,816	24.7%	24.2%	-5,732	-3.0
Maronite Catholic	109	0.0%	0.8%	62	0.0%	0.7%	+47	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	157	0.0%	0.0%	98	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	45	0.0%	0.0%	96	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	244	0.1%	0.1%	328	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jehovah's Witnesses	1,377	0.4%	0.2%	1,350	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	688	0.2%	0.2%	763	0.2%	
Community of Christ	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lutheran	670	0.2%	0.2%	755	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	41	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	200	0.1%	0.4%	99	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	103	0.0%	0.1%	67	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	18	0.0%	0.2%	25	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	32	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	1,648	0.5%	2.3%	1,468	0.4%	
Macedonian Orthodox	52	0.0%	0.3%	36	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	411	0.1%	0.2%	369	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	229	0.1%	0.4%	215	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	34	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	6,775	2.0%	1.5%	8,552	2.6%	
Reformed	117	0.0%	0.0%	101	0.0%	
Salvation Army	640	0.2%	0.1%	890	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	1,353	0.4%	0.2%	1,415	0.4%	
Uniting Church	8,318	2.4%	1.5%	10,506	3.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	2,954	0.9%	0.8%	3,285	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	121	0.0%	0.1%	137	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	45	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Revival Centres	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	–	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	926	0.3%	0.2%	802	0.2%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	102	0.0%	0.1%	76	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congregational	21	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	25	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	1,651	0.5%	0.0%	1,610	0.5%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	31	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	441	0.1%	0.1%	480	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Other Christian, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	84	0.0%	0.0%	126	0.0%	
Christian Science	28	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	30	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	50	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	53	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Hinduism	2,205	0.6%	4.8%	1,155	0.4%	
Islam	1,500	0.4%	6.3%	1,032	0.3%	
Judaism	439	0.1%	0.7%	351	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	114	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Baha'i	47	0.0%	0.1%	73	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	43	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	31	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Shinto	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Druidism	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Paganism	318	0.1%	0.0%	303	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	118	0.0%	0.0%	105	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	68	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Sikhism	546	0.2%	0.7%	246	0.1%	
Spiritualism	119	0.0%	0.0%	139	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.2%	10	0.0%	
Yezidi	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	24	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rastafari	25	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Satanism	66	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Theosophy	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Jainism	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	44	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	136,578	39.4%	30.3%	90,564	27.6%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Agnosticism	421	0.1%	0.1%	325	0.1%	
Atheism	563	0.2%	0.1%	465	0.1%	
Humanism	29	0.0%	0.0%	78	0.0%	
Rationalism	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Multi Faith	38	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
New Age	18	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	484	0.1%	0.1%	353	0.1%	
Theism	71	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	114	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	
Not stated	21,305	6.1%	6.2%	25,713	7.8%	
Total	346,579	100.0%	100.0%	327,733	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.