

Community report

Charles Sturt (C)

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Charles Sturt (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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 Charles Sturt (C), accounting for 36.9% (44,978 people). This share was lower than Greater Adelaide (44.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 12,504 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

Charles Sturt (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	445	0.4%	0.4%	501	0.4%	0.5%	-56	0.0
Buddhism	3,175	2.6%	2.3%	3,089	2.8%	2.2%	+86	-0.2
Christianity, nfd	2,795	2.3%	2.7%	2,698	2.4%	2.8%	+97	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	6,849	5.6%	7.0%	8,339	7.5%	9.8%	-1,490	-1.9
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,409	1.2%	1.6%	1,301	1.2%	1.7%	+108	0.0
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	30,138	24.7%	16.4%	29,778	26.6%	18.9%	+360	-1.9
Maronite Catholic	64	0.1%	0.0%	51	0.0%	0.0%	+13	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0
Ukrainian Catholic	125	0.1%	0.0%	137	0.1%	0.0%	-12	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Syro Malabar Catholic	106	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	123	0.1%	0.2%	163	0.1%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	350	0.3%	0.3%	312	0.3%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	140	0.1%	0.2%	150	0.1%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lutheran	1,383	1.1%	1.6%	1,595	1.4%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	156	0.1%	0.1%	106	0.1%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	78	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	83	0.1%	0.0%	85	0.1%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	28	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	25	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	6,969	5.7%	2.4%	6,399	5.7%	–

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Macedonian Orthodox	172	0.1%	0.0%	180	0.2%	
Romanian Orthodox	23	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	161	0.1%	0.1%	152	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	1,375	1.1%	0.3%	1,136	1.0%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	115	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	549	0.5%	0.6%	734	0.7%	
Reformed	14	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Salvation Army	111	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	83	0.1%	0.2%	92	0.1%	
Uniting Church	4,129	3.4%	3.9%	5,464	4.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,129	0.9%	1.1%	1,066	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	18	0.0%	0.0%	36	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%	12	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	

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United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	152	0.1%	0.1%	129	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	57	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	163	0.1%	0.1%	197	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Christadelphians	48	0.0%	0.2%	55	0.0%	–
Christian Science	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Hinduism	2,291	1.9%	2.7%	1,479	1.3%	–
Islam	3,202	2.6%	2.8%	2,547	2.3%	–
Judaism	62	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.0%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Baha'i	53	0.0%	0.1%	68	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Druse	24	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Shinto	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Paganism	61	0.1%	0.1%	59	0.1%	—
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	21	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	—
Nature Religions, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	—
Sikhism	1,735	1.4%	1.2%	998	0.9%	—
Spiritualism	53	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	—
Mandaeen	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Yezidi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Church of Scientology	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	—
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Rastafari	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	—
Satanism	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	—
Jainism	9	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Zoroastrianism	16	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Religious Groups, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	—
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
No Religion, so described	44,978	36.9%	44.6%	32,474	29.0%	30.0%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Agnosticism	166	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	—
Atheism	159	0.1%	0.2%	161	0.1%	—
Humanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	—

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Multi Faith	14	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	160	0.1%	0.1%	131	0.1%	
Theism	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	8	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	29	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Not stated	5,673	4.7%	5.2%	8,552	7.7%	
Total	121,820	100.0%	100.0%	111,789	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.