

Community report

Cumberland (A)

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

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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, Islam was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Cumberland (A), accounting for 22.8% (53,608 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (6.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Hinduism, which increased by 9,638 people and 3.2 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

Cumberland (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	514	0.2%	0.3%	506	0.2%	0.4%	+8	0.0
Buddhism	9,526	4.0%	3.8%	9,287	4.3%	3.9%	+239	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	5,327	2.3%	2.5%	4,591	2.1%	2.2%	+736	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	7,539	3.2%	9.2%	9,885	4.6%	12.0%	-2,346	-1.4
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	2,170	0.9%	1.2%	2,216	1.0%	1.2%	-46	-0.1
Brethren	29	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.0%	0.1%	-30	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	39,643	16.8%	22.1%	42,969	19.9%	24.2%	-3,326	-3.1
Maronite Catholic	10,103	4.3%	0.8%	8,315	3.8%	0.7%	+1,788	+0.5
Melkite Catholic	272	0.1%	0.0%	356	0.2%	0.0%	-84	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	54	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	36	0.0%	0.2%	24	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	55	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	92	0.0%	0.1%	109	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jehovah's Witnesses	444	0.2%	0.2%	446	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	399	0.2%	0.2%	449	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	114	0.0%	0.2%	137	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	117	0.0%	0.1%	124	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	550	0.2%	0.4%	559	0.3%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	262	0.1%	0.1%	171	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	35	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	153	0.1%	0.2%	139	0.1%	
Ancient Church of the East	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	1,561	0.7%	0.2%	1,199	0.6%	
Greek Orthodox	3,243	1.4%	2.3%	3,434	1.6%	
Macedonian Orthodox	119	0.1%	0.3%	128	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	327	0.1%	0.2%	350	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	377	0.2%	0.4%	369	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	16	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,737	1.2%	1.5%	3,160	1.5%	
Reformed	12	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Salvation Army	156	0.1%	0.1%	206	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	380	0.2%	0.2%	452	0.2%	
Uniting Church	2,498	1.1%	1.5%	2,899	1.3%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,510	0.6%	0.8%	1,780	0.8%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	134	0.1%	0.1%	155	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
United Pentecostal	11	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Fellowship	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	–	–	–	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pentecostal, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	367	0.2%	0.2%	197	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	131	0.1%	0.1%	91	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	40	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	11	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congregational	57	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	98	0.0%	0.0%	116	0.1%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	24	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	189	0.1%	0.1%	181	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	45	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	56	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	101	0.0%	0.0%	120	0.1%	
Hinduism	31,662	13.4%	4.8%	22,024	10.2%	
Islam	53,608	22.8%	6.3%	47,290	21.9%	
Judaism	57	0.0%	0.7%	52	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Baha'i	275	0.1%	0.1%	284	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	5	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Confucianism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Taoism	86	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	267	0.1%	0.0%	230	0.1%	
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	28	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sikhism	2,045	0.9%	0.7%	2,242	1.0%	
Spiritualism	14	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Mandaeen	45	0.0%	0.2%	33	0.0%	
Yezidi	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Caodaism	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Church of Scientology	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Eckankar	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Theosophy	16	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Jainism	307	0.1%	0.0%	218	0.1%	
Zoroastrianism	26	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	63	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	34,591	14.7%	30.3%	29,777	13.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Agnosticism	129	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	
Atheism	93	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	
Humanism	22	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Multi Faith	28	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	85	0.0%	0.1%	50	0.0%	
Theism	40	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	37	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Not stated	19,945	8.5%	6.2%	17,279	8.0%	
Total	235,465	100.0%	100.0%	216,082	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.