

# Community report

## Darebin (C)

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

AREA

**Darebin (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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 Darebin (C), accounting for 44.7% (66,394 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 15,013 people and 9.7 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

Darebin (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	741	0.5%	0.4%	906	0.6%	0.5%	-165	-0.1
Buddhism	3,890	2.6%	3.9%	4,273	2.9%	3.8%	-383	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	2,777	1.9%	2.7%	2,807	1.9%	2.6%	-30	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	4,129	2.8%	5.5%	5,413	3.7%	7.6%	-1,284	-0.9
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	670	0.5%	1.3%	737	0.5%	1.3%	-67	0.0
Brethren	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	31,062	20.9%	20.5%	34,769	23.7%	23.2%	-3,707	-2.8
Maronite Catholic	531	0.4%	0.1%	386	0.3%	0.1%	+145	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	40	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	9	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	7	0.0%	0.1%	23	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	104	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	333	0.2%	0.2%	278	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	63	0.0%	0.2%	86	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	212	0.1%	0.2%	261	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	155	0.1%	0.2%	150	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	44	0.0%	0.1%	45	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	16	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	37	0.0%	0.1%	64	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	

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Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	219	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	11,490	7.7%	3.3%	11,721	8.0%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	1,374	0.9%	0.4%	1,345	0.9%	–
Romanian Orthodox	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	82	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.0%	–
Serbian Orthodox	260	0.2%	0.3%	265	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	886	0.6%	1.1%	1,122	0.8%	–
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	129	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	73	0.0%	0.2%	74	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	1,313	0.9%	1.7%	1,713	1.2%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	460	0.3%	0.8%	447	0.3%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	4	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
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%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	150	0.1%	0.2%	160	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	34	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	17	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	64	0.0%	0.1%	91	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ratana (Maori)	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Hinduism	3,767	2.5%	4.1%	4,059	2.8%	–
Islam	6,129	4.1%	5.3%	6,643	4.5%	–
Judaism	351	0.2%	0.9%	217	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	16	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Baha'i	48	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	69	0.0%	0.0%	50	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Shinto	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	20	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Paganism	111	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	45	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Sikhism	630	0.4%	1.7%	1,195	0.8%	–
Spiritualism	37	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Satanism	44	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Theosophy	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Jainism	21	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	14	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	66,394	44.7%	36.9%	51,381	35.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Agnosticism	357	0.2%	0.1%	287	0.2%	
Atheism	427	0.3%	0.1%	278	0.2%	
Humanism	22	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	
Rationalism	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
New Age	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	219	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	
Theism	54	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	43	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Not stated	7,967	5.4%	5.8%	13,749	9.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,568</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146,703</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.