

# Community report

## Fairfield (C)

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

AREA

**Fairfield (C)**

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 Fairfield (C), accounting for 26.3% (54,904 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (22.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 5,379 people and 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

Fairfield (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	484	0.2%	0.3%	735	0.4%	0.4%	-251	-0.2
Buddhism	41,473	19.9%	3.8%	41,136	20.7%	3.9%	+337	-0.8
Christianity, nfd	8,369	4.0%	2.5%	7,203	3.6%	2.2%	+1,166	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	5,449	2.6%	9.2%	7,352	3.7%	12.0%	-1,903	-1.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	2,292	1.1%	1.2%	2,485	1.2%	1.2%	-193	-0.1
Brethren	11	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	54,904	26.3%	22.1%	55,832	28.1%	24.2%	-928	-1.8
Maronite Catholic	708	0.3%	0.8%	579	0.3%	0.7%	+129	0.0
Melkite Catholic	112	0.1%	0.0%	81	0.0%	0.0%	+31	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	27	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	6,181	3.0%	0.2%	4,431	2.2%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	1,316	0.6%	0.0%	437	0.2%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	39	0.0%	0.1%	56	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	619	0.3%	0.2%	709	0.4%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	713	0.3%	0.2%	949	0.5%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	139	0.1%	0.2%	212	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	444	0.2%	0.1%	384	0.2%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	399	0.2%	0.4%	416	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	838	0.4%	0.1%	410	0.2%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	20	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	1,075	0.5%	0.0%	512	0.3%	
Assyrian Church of the East	8,322	4.0%	0.2%	6,431	3.2%	
Ancient Church of the East	559	0.3%	0.0%	541	0.3%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	77	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	526	0.3%	0.2%	300	0.2%	
Greek Orthodox	2,682	1.3%	2.3%	2,672	1.3%	
Macedonian Orthodox	866	0.4%	0.3%	993	0.5%	
Romanian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	637	0.3%	0.2%	817	0.4%	
Serbian Orthodox	2,967	1.4%	0.4%	2,883	1.4%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	832	0.4%	1.5%	1,100	0.6%	
Reformed	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Salvation Army	71	0.0%	0.1%	120	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	490	0.2%	0.2%	623	0.3%	
Uniting Church	1,049	0.5%	1.5%	1,318	0.7%	
Pentecostal, nfd	956	0.5%	0.8%	1,359	0.7%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	102	0.0%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	7	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	–	–	–	13	0.0%	
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Pentecostal, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	177	0.1%	0.2%	188	0.1%	
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Born Again Christian	131	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.0%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	28	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Congregational	36	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	112	0.1%	0.0%	100	0.1%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	20	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	225	0.1%	0.1%	295	0.1%	
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Protestant, nec	11	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	15	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	27	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	44	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Hinduism	1,299	0.6%	4.8%	1,471	0.7%	
Islam	13,190	6.3%	6.3%	11,791	5.9%	
Judaism	36	0.0%	0.7%	21	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Baha'i	74	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	24	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Confucianism	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Taoism	61	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	66	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	38	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	130	0.1%	0.7%	158	0.1%	
Spiritualism	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Mandaeen	1,241	0.6%	0.2%	1,224	0.6%	
Yezidi	24	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	128	0.1%	0.0%	119	0.1%	
Church of Scientology	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Rastafari	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Theosophy	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Groups, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	30,484	14.6%	30.3%	25,105	12.6%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Agnosticism	103	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Atheism	59	0.0%	0.1%	58	0.0%	
Humanism	—	—	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Rationalism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Secular Beliefs, nec	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Multi Faith	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
New Age	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	44	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.0%	
Theism	20	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Not stated	14,570	7.0%	6.2%	13,837	7.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,416</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>198,828</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.