

# Community report

## Frankston (C)

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

AREA

**Frankston (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

Frankston (C) | Greater Melbourne comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Frankston (C), accounting for 50.2% (69,951 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 17,792 people and 11.3 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

Frankston (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

| Category                     | 2021   |       |                     | 2016   |       |                     | Change |      |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|------|
|                              | Count  | %     | Greater Melbourne % | Count  | %     | Greater Melbourne % | Count  | pp   |
| Inadequately described       | 795    | 0.6%  | 0.4%                | 909    | 0.7%  | 0.5%                | -114   | -0.1 |
| Buddhism                     | 1,696  | 1.2%  | 3.9%                | 1,646  | 1.2%  | 3.8%                | +50    | 0.0  |
| Christianity, nfd            | 3,630  | 2.6%  | 2.7%                | 3,956  | 2.9%  | 2.6%                | -326   | -0.3 |
| Anglican Church of Australia | 12,209 | 8.8%  | 5.5%                | 16,467 | 12.3% | 7.6%                | -4,258 | -3.5 |
| Anglican Catholic Church     | -      | -     | -                   | -      | -     | 0.0%                | -      | -    |
| Anglican, nec                | -      | -     | 0.0%                | -      | -     | 0.0%                | -      | -    |
| Baptist                      | 1,324  | 1.0%  | 1.3%                | 1,538  | 1.1%  | 1.3%                | -214   | -0.1 |
| Brethren                     | 7      | 0.0%  | 0.0%                | 11     | 0.0%  | 0.0%                | -4     | 0.0  |
| Catholic, nfd                | -      | -     | -                   | -      | -     | 0.0%                | -      | -    |
| Western Catholic             | 24,165 | 17.4% | 20.5%               | 26,966 | 20.1% | 23.2%               | -2,801 | -2.7 |
| Maronite Catholic            | 4      | 0.0%  | 0.1%                | 4      | 0.0%  | 0.1%                | 0      | 0.0  |
| Melkite Catholic             | 10     | 0.0%  | 0.0%                | 7      | 0.0%  | 0.0%                | +3     | 0.0  |

| Category                                        | 2021  |      |                     | 2016  |      |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|------|---------------------|-------|------|---------------------|
|                                                 | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % |
| Ukrainian Catholic                              | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Chaldean Catholic                               | 5     | 0.0% | 0.1%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Syro Malabar Catholic                           | 159   | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 156   | 0.1% | —                   |
| Catholic, nec                                   | —     | —    | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Churches of Christ, nfd                         | 30    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 32    | 0.0% | —                   |
| Churches of Christ (Conference)                 | 165   | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 178   | 0.1% | —                   |
| Church of Christ (Non-denominational)           | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| International Church of Christ                  | —     | —    | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Jehovah's Witnesses                             | 467   | 0.3% | 0.2%                | 463   | 0.3% | —                   |
| Latter-day Saints, nfd                          | —     | —    | —                   | —     | —    | —                   |
| The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | 441   | 0.3% | 0.2%                | 539   | 0.4% | —                   |
| Community of Christ                             | 12    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 17    | 0.0% | —                   |
| Lutheran                                        | 355   | 0.3% | 0.2%                | 478   | 0.4% | —                   |
| Oriental Orthodox, nfd                          | —     | —    | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Armenian Apostolic                              | 24    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 20    | 0.0% | —                   |
| Coptic Orthodox Church                          | 63    | 0.0% | 0.2%                | 66    | 0.0% | —                   |
| Syrian Orthodox Church                          | 101   | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 136   | 0.1% | —                   |
| Ethiopian Orthodox Church                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.1%                | 3     | 0.0% | —                   |
| Oriental Orthodox, nec                          | —     | —    | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Assyrian Apostolic, nfd                         | —     | —    | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Assyrian Church of the East                     | —     | —    | 0.1%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Ancient Church of the East                      | —     | —    | 0.0%                | —     | —    | —                   |
| Eastern Orthodox, nfd                           | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 13    | 0.0% | —                   |

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|                                                                | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % |
| Albanian Orthodox                                              | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Antiochian Orthodox                                            | 52    | 0.0% | 0.1%                | 45    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Greek Orthodox                                                 | 2,294 | 1.6% | 3.3%                | 1,994 | 1.5% | –                   |
| Macedonian Orthodox                                            | 42    | 0.0% | 0.4%                | 36    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Romanian Orthodox                                              | 14    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 9     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Russian Orthodox                                               | 247   | 0.2% | 0.1%                | 196   | 0.1% | –                   |
| Serbian Orthodox                                               | 208   | 0.1% | 0.3%                | 209   | 0.2% | –                   |
| Ukrainian Orthodox                                             | 13    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 21    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Eastern Orthodox, nec                                          | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 11    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd                                 | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 3     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Presbyterian                                                   | 2,194 | 1.6% | 1.1%                | 3,410 | 2.5% | –                   |
| Reformed                                                       | 92    | 0.1% | 0.0%                | 111   | 0.1% | –                   |
| Salvation Army                                                 | 147   | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 227   | 0.2% | –                   |
| Seventh-day Adventist                                          | 234   | 0.2% | 0.2%                | 262   | 0.2% | –                   |
| Uniting Church                                                 | 2,732 | 2.0% | 1.7%                | 3,430 | 2.6% | –                   |
| Pentecostal, nfd                                               | 1,084 | 0.8% | 0.8%                | 1,335 | 1.0% | –                   |
| Apostolic Church (Australia)                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)              | 33    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 67    | 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%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)                  | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 5     | 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) | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Revival Centres                                      | 17    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 22    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Rhema Family Church                                  | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| United Pentecostal                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Acts 2 Alliance                                      | 10    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 7     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Christian Church in Australia                        | –     | –    | –                   | 3     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Pentecostal City Life Church                         | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Revival Fellowship                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Victory Worship Centre                               | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Worship Centre Network                               | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 4     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Pentecostal, nec                                     | 5     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 3     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Other Protestant, nfd                                | 155   | 0.1% | 0.2%                | 158   | 0.1% | –                   |
| Born Again Christian                                 | 82    | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 70    | 0.1% | –                   |
| Christian and Missionary Alliance                    | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Church of the Nazarene                               | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Congregational                                       | 9     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 8     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Ethnic Evangelical Churches                          | 20    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 17    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Independent Evangelical Churches                     | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 6     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Wesleyan Methodist Church                            | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 4     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Christian Community Churches of Australia            | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 7     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Methodist, so described                              | 147   | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 188   | 0.1% | –                   |
| United Methodist Church                              | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |

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|                                                         | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % |
| Other Protestant, nec                                   | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Other Christian, nfd                                    | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Apostolic Church of Queensland                          | –     | –    | –                   | 3     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Christadelphians                                        | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 3     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Christian Science                                       | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 4     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Gnostic Christians                                      | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 10    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Liberal Catholic Church                                 | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| New Apostolic Church                                    | 14    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 18    | 0.0% | –                   |
| New Churches (Swedenborgian)                            | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Ratana (Maori)                                          | 42    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 53    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Religious Science                                       | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)                  | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 8     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Temple Society                                          | 9     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 13    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God) | –     | –    | 0.0%                | 5     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Other Christian, nec                                    | 22    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 40    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Hinduism                                                | 1,444 | 1.0% | 4.1%                | 1,386 | 1.0% | –                   |
| Islam                                                   | 1,173 | 0.8% | 5.3%                | 901   | 0.7% | –                   |
| Judaism                                                 | 330   | 0.2% | 0.9%                | 251   | 0.2% | –                   |
| Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions             | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 4     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Baha'i                                                  | 19    | 0.0% | 0.1%                | 21    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Ancestor Veneration                                     | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Confucianism                                            | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Taoism                                                  | 20    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 22    | 0.0% | –                   |

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|                         | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % | Count | %    | Greater Melbourne % |
| Chinese Religions, nec  | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Druse                   | 61    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 68    | 0.1% | –                   |
| Shinto                  | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 6     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Sukyo Mahikari          | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Tenrikyo                | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Japanese Religions, nec | –     | –    | –                   | –     | –    | –                   |
| Nature Religions, nfd   | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 13    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Animism                 | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Druidism                | 8     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 8     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Paganism                | 149   | 0.1% | 0.1%                | 158   | 0.1% | –                   |
| Wiccan (Witchcraft)     | 75    | 0.1% | 0.0%                | 67    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Nature Religions, nec   | 34    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 27    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Sikhism                 | 277   | 0.2% | 1.7%                | 234   | 0.2% | –                   |
| Spiritualism            | 101   | 0.1% | 0.0%                | 106   | 0.1% | –                   |
| Mandaean                | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Yezidi                  | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Caodaism                | –     | –    | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Church of Scientology   | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 6     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Eckankar                | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Rastafari               | 6     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 6     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Satanism                | 47    | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 29    | 0.0% | –                   |
| Theosophy               | 7     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 6     | 0.0% | –                   |
| Jainism                 | 4     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | –     | –    | –                   |
| Zoroastrianism          | 3     | 0.0% | 0.0%                | 3     | 0.0% | –                   |

| Category                                                                      | 2021           |               |                     | 2016           |               |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
|                                                                               | Count          | %             | Greater Melbourne % | Count          | %             | Greater Melbourne % |
| Religious Groups, nec                                                         | 40             | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 22             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd | –              | –             | 0.0%                | –              | –             |                     |
| No Religion, so described                                                     | 69,951         | 50.2%         | 36.9%               | 52,159         | 38.9%         |                     |
| Secular Beliefs, nfd                                                          | –              | –             | 0.0%                | –              | –             |                     |
| Agnosticism                                                                   | 200            | 0.1%          | 0.1%                | 203            | 0.2%          |                     |
| Atheism                                                                       | 273            | 0.2%          | 0.1%                | 241            | 0.2%          |                     |
| Humanism                                                                      | 5              | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 37             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Rationalism                                                                   | 4              | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 6              | 0.0%          |                     |
| Secular Beliefs, nec                                                          | 3              | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 13             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd                                                  | 20             | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 5              | 0.0%          |                     |
| Multi Faith                                                                   | 30             | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 19             | 0.0%          |                     |
| New Age                                                                       | 8              | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 19             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Own Spiritual Beliefs                                                         | 242            | 0.2%          | 0.1%                | 193            | 0.1%          |                     |
| Theism                                                                        | 39             | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 43             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Unitarian Universalism                                                        | 7              | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 12             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec                                                  | 51             | 0.0%          | 0.0%                | 45             | 0.0%          |                     |
| Not stated                                                                    | 8,968          | 6.4%          | 5.8%                | 12,165         | 9.1%          |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                  | <b>139,243</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>       | <b>134,134</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>       |

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.