

Community report

Glen Eira (C)

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

AREA

Glen Eira (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 Glen Eira (C), accounting for 37.1% (55,229 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 11,217 people and 5.9 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

Glen Eira (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	547	0.4%	0.4%	678	0.5%	0.5%	-131	-0.1
Buddhism	3,155	2.1%	3.9%	2,967	2.1%	3.8%	+188	0.0
Christianity, nfd	2,049	1.4%	2.7%	1,781	1.3%	2.6%	+268	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	6,690	4.5%	5.5%	8,394	6.0%	7.6%	-1,704	-1.5
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	808	0.5%	1.3%	825	0.6%	1.3%	-17	-0.1
Brethren	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	23,886	16.0%	20.5%	24,405	17.3%	23.2%	-519	-1.3
Maronite Catholic	13	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	0.1%	+10	0.0
Melkite Catholic	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	9	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	17	0.0%	0.1%	37	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	79	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	248	0.2%	0.2%	214	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	67	0.0%	0.2%	49	0.0%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	302	0.2%	0.2%	390	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	50	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	151	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	40	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	13	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	45	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	7,668	5.1%	3.3%	7,095	5.0%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	72	0.0%	0.4%	60	0.0%	–
Romanian Orthodox	33	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	496	0.3%	0.1%	427	0.3%	–
Serbian Orthodox	303	0.2%	0.3%	201	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	43	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Presbyterian	1,088	0.7%	1.1%	1,537	1.1%	–
Reformed	20	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	45	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	74	0.0%	0.2%	71	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	2,075	1.4%	1.7%	2,710	1.9%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	442	0.3%	0.8%	372	0.3%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	19	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	3	0.0%	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%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	174	0.1%	0.2%	134	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	17	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	81	0.1%	0.1%	84	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	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Temple Society	16	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	47	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	–
Hinduism	6,505	4.4%	4.1%	5,685	4.0%	–
Islam	1,200	0.8%	5.3%	946	0.7%	–
Judaism	25,585	17.2%	0.9%	23,658	16.8%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Baha'i	69	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	58	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	41	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Shinto	24	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Paganism	49	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Sikhism	364	0.2%	1.7%	415	0.3%	–
Spiritualism	25	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	8	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Eckankar	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Satanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Theosophy	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Jainism	121	0.1%	0.0%	75	0.1%	–
Zoroastrianism	27	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	55,229	37.1%	36.9%	44,012	31.2%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Agnosticism	243	0.2%	0.1%	221	0.2%	
Atheism	248	0.2%	0.1%	153	0.1%	
Humanism	21	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Rationalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Multi Faith	33	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	143	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Theism	30	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Not stated	7,732	5.2%	5.8%	11,824	8.4%	
Total	148,928	100.0%	100.0%	140,840	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.