

Community report

Greater Dandenong (C)

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

AREA

Greater Dandenong (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 Greater Dandenong (C), accounting for 20.8% (32,844 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,144 people and 3.9 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

Greater Dandenong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	486	0.3%	0.4%	599	0.4%	0.5%	-113	-0.1
Buddhism	25,124	15.9%	3.9%	22,567	14.8%	3.8%	+2,557	+1.1
Christianity, nfd	4,292	2.7%	2.7%	4,167	2.7%	2.6%	+125	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	4,007	2.5%	5.5%	5,394	3.5%	7.6%	-1,387	-1.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,396	0.9%	1.3%	1,466	1.0%	1.3%	-70	-0.1
Brethren	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%	+2	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	28,587	18.1%	20.5%	29,989	19.7%	23.2%	-1,402	-1.6
Maronite Catholic	41	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	0.1%	+1	0.0
Melkite Catholic	23	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	28	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	32	0.0%	0.1%	27	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	98	0.1%	0.1%	170	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	42	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	181	0.1%	0.1%	162	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	461	0.3%	0.2%	456	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	268	0.2%	0.2%	374	0.2%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	176	0.1%	0.2%	239	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	151	0.1%	0.0%	161	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	166	0.1%	0.2%	209	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	116	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	46	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	12	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	88	0.1%	0.1%	64	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	4,689	3.0%	3.3%	4,710	3.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	206	0.1%	0.4%	190	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	45	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	236	0.1%	0.1%	301	0.2%	–
Serbian Orthodox	1,524	1.0%	0.3%	1,464	1.0%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Presbyterian	1,162	0.7%	1.1%	1,676	1.1%	–
Reformed	128	0.1%	0.0%	122	0.1%	–
Salvation Army	91	0.1%	0.1%	130	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	487	0.3%	0.2%	477	0.3%	–
Uniting Church	1,680	1.1%	1.7%	1,997	1.3%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	1,393	0.9%	0.8%	1,584	1.0%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	99	0.1%	0.0%	105	0.1%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	15	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Revival Centres	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
United Pentecostal	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	279	0.2%	0.2%	317	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	126	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Congregational	19	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	113	0.1%	0.0%	87	0.1%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	156	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	15	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Hinduism	8,041	5.1%	4.1%	7,575	5.0%	
Islam	22,522	14.2%	5.3%	18,940	12.5%	
Judaism	185	0.1%	0.9%	173	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Baha'i	139	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Confucianism	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Taoism	68	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	210	0.1%	0.0%	178	0.1%	–
Shinto	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	54	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Sikhism	4,588	2.9%	1.7%	5,407	3.6%	–
Spiritualism	26	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	23	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Satanism	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	35	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	46	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	32,844	20.8%	36.9%	25,700	16.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	89	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Atheism	103	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.0%	
Humanism	22	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	24	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
New Age	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	50	0.0%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Theism	26	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Not stated	10,513	6.6%	5.8%	13,132	8.6%	
Total	158,245	100.0%	100.0%	152,066	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.