

# Community report

## Hobsons Bay (C)

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

AREA

**Hobsons Bay (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 Hobsons Bay (C), accounting for 38.2% (34,845 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,433 people and 7.3 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

Hobsons Bay (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	381	0.4%	0.4%	440	0.5%	0.5%	-59	-0.1
Buddhism	2,043	2.2%	3.9%	2,101	2.4%	3.8%	-58	-0.2
Christianity, nfd	2,122	2.3%	2.7%	2,056	2.3%	2.6%	+66	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	4,892	5.4%	5.5%	6,232	7.0%	7.6%	-1,340	-1.6
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	894	1.0%	1.3%	1,011	1.1%	1.3%	-117	-0.1
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	23,338	25.6%	20.5%	23,957	27.0%	23.2%	-619	-1.4
Maronite Catholic	66	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	0.1%	-19	0.0
Melkite Catholic	34	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	0.0%	+11	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	23	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	98	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	208	0.2%	0.2%	203	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	5	0.0%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	84	0.1%	0.2%	112	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lutheran	359	0.4%	0.2%	431	0.5%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	92	0.1%	0.2%	65	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	80	0.1%	0.1%	95	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	6	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	128	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	3,719	4.1%	3.3%	3,683	4.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	724	0.8%	0.4%	729	0.8%	–
Romanian Orthodox	19	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	84	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	420	0.5%	0.3%	377	0.4%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	15	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	920	1.0%	1.1%	1,357	1.5%	–
Reformed	10	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	79	0.1%	0.1%	134	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	71	0.1%	0.2%	99	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	1,337	1.5%	1.7%	1,862	2.1%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	446	0.5%	0.8%	467	0.5%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	18	0.0%	0.0%	33	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)	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	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%	4	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	126	0.1%	0.2%	146	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	50	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	20	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	30	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.1%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	18	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	62	0.1%	0.1%	78	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Apostolic Church of Queensland	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ratana (Maori)	17	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	—
Religious Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Temple Society	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Hinduism	2,135	2.3%	4.1%	1,922	2.2%	—
Islam	4,656	5.1%	5.3%	4,405	5.0%	—
Judaism	93	0.1%	0.9%	78	0.1%	—
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Baha'i	23	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	—
Ancestor Veneration	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Confucianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Taoism	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Paganism	37	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	27	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Sikhism	564	0.6%	1.7%	744	0.8%	–
Spiritualism	26	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Satanism	28	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Theosophy	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Jainism	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	34,845	38.2%	36.9%	27,412	30.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Agnosticism	142	0.2%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Atheism	164	0.2%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Humanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Rationalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Multi Faith	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Age	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	94	0.1%	0.1%	75	0.1%	
Theism	19	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Not stated	5,130	5.6%	5.8%	7,187	8.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,288</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>88,772</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.