

# Community report

## Hornsby (A)

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

AREA

**Hornsby (A)**

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, No religion was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Hornsby (A), accounting for 36% (54,621 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 13,446 people and 7.1 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

Hornsby (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	499	0.3%	0.3%	489	0.3%	0.4%	+10	0.0
Buddhism	4,953	3.3%	3.8%	4,348	3.0%	3.9%	+605	+0.3
Christianity, nfd	4,128	2.7%	2.5%	3,404	2.4%	2.2%	+724	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	18,581	12.2%	9.2%	22,059	15.5%	12.0%	-3,478	-3.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	3,450	2.3%	1.2%	3,411	2.4%	1.2%	+39	-0.1
Brethren	167	0.1%	0.1%	122	0.1%	0.1%	+45	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	28,013	18.4%	22.1%	29,702	20.8%	24.2%	-1,689	-2.4
Maronite Catholic	985	0.6%	0.8%	773	0.5%	0.7%	+212	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	47	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	34	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	132	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	234	0.2%	0.2%	247	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	189	0.1%	0.2%	232	0.2%	
Community of Christ	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Lutheran	361	0.2%	0.2%	431	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	134	0.1%	0.1%	124	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	135	0.1%	0.4%	147	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	132	0.1%	0.1%	96	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	10	0.0%	0.2%	5	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	66	0.0%	0.2%	37	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	870	0.6%	2.3%	833	0.6%	
Macedonian Orthodox	30	0.0%	0.3%	20	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	19	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	349	0.2%	0.2%	341	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	116	0.1%	0.4%	106	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	49	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Presbyterian	3,316	2.2%	1.5%	3,841	2.7%	
Reformed	63	0.0%	0.0%	85	0.1%	
Salvation Army	142	0.1%	0.1%	158	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	821	0.5%	0.2%	883	0.6%	
Uniting Church	4,312	2.8%	1.5%	5,644	4.0%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,387	0.9%	0.8%	1,636	1.1%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	55	0.0%	0.1%	81	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	401	0.3%	0.2%	285	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	34	0.0%	0.1%	44	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	39	0.0%	0.0%	111	0.1%	–
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	31	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	38	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	45	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.1%	–
Methodist, so described	127	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	52	0.0%	0.0%	69	0.0%	–
Christian Science	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	27	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Hinduism	10,190	6.7%	4.8%	6,516	4.6%	–
Islam	2,972	2.0%	6.3%	2,076	1.5%	–
Judaism	418	0.3%	0.7%	373	0.3%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Baha'i	184	0.1%	0.1%	199	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Confucianism	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Taoism	58	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Druse	35	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Shinto	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Paganism	54	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	23	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Sikhism	771	0.5%	0.7%	637	0.4%	
Spiritualism	28	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Mandaeen	10	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Eckankar	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jainism	112	0.1%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	154	0.1%	0.0%	135	0.1%	
Religious Groups, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
No Religion, so described	54,621	36.0%	30.3%	41,175	28.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Agnosticism	252	0.2%	0.1%	231	0.2%	
Atheism	235	0.2%	0.1%	178	0.1%	
Humanism	17	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	36	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
New Age	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	146	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Theism	27	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Not stated	6,564	4.3%	6.2%	9,864	6.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,835</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>142,639</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.