

# Community report

## Hume (C)

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

AREA

**Hume (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, Western Catholic was the most common religious affiliation among residents in Hume (C), accounting for 24.9% (60,713 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (20.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Islam, which increased by 13,706 people and 2.4 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

Hume (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	755	0.3%	0.4%	820	0.4%	0.5%	-65	-0.1
Buddhism	5,977	2.5%	3.9%	4,839	2.5%	3.8%	+1,138	0.0
Christianity, nfd	7,069	2.9%	2.7%	5,045	2.6%	2.6%	+2,024	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	8,479	3.5%	5.5%	10,947	5.5%	7.6%	-2,468	-2.0
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	1,262	0.5%	1.3%	1,102	0.6%	1.3%	+160	-0.1
Brethren	184	0.1%	0.0%	159	0.1%	0.0%	+25	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	60,713	24.9%	20.5%	57,165	29.0%	23.2%	+3,548	-4.1
Maronite Catholic	529	0.2%	0.1%	295	0.1%	0.1%	+234	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	121	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%	+88	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	138	0.1%	0.0%	108	0.1%	
Chaldean Catholic	4,177	1.7%	0.1%	3,061	1.6%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	340	0.1%	0.1%	290	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	956	0.4%	0.0%	180	0.1%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	170	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	697	0.3%	0.2%	590	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	9	0.0%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	942	0.4%	0.2%	877	0.4%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Lutheran	318	0.1%	0.2%	381	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	77	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	490	0.2%	0.2%	429	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	941	0.4%	0.1%	505	0.3%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	394	0.2%	0.0%	171	0.1%	
Assyrian Church of the East	2,135	0.9%	0.1%	1,583	0.8%	
Ancient Church of the East	400	0.2%	0.0%	305	0.2%	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	52	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	653	0.3%	0.1%	227	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	5,689	2.3%	3.3%	5,062	2.6%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	570	0.2%	0.4%	443	0.2%	–
Romanian Orthodox	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	104	0.0%	0.1%	98	0.0%	–
Serbian Orthodox	422	0.2%	0.3%	394	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	49	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,712	0.7%	1.1%	2,117	1.1%	–
Reformed	13	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	234	0.1%	0.1%	255	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	296	0.1%	0.2%	296	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	2,765	1.1%	1.7%	3,498	1.8%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	1,462	0.6%	0.8%	1,308	0.7%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	104	0.0%	0.0%	229	0.1%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	28	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	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%	4	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%	3	0.0%	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	171	0.1%	0.2%	118	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	224	0.1%	0.1%	192	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	88	0.0%	0.0%	58	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	59	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	22	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	196	0.1%	0.1%	218	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	8	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	69	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Hinduism	11,664	4.8%	4.1%	5,524	2.8%	
Islam	46,196	18.9%	5.3%	32,490	16.5%	
Judaism	95	0.0%	0.9%	56	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	7	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Baha'i	53	0.0%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	31	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	19	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	42	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	78	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	60	0.0%	0.1%	93	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	40	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	78	0.0%	0.0%	108	0.1%	–
Sikhism	10,891	4.5%	1.7%	4,648	2.4%	–
Spiritualism	23	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Mandaean	29	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Caodaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Satanism	28	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Theosophy	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Jainism	53	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	20	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	60	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	46,453	19.0%	36.9%	33,492	17.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	127	0.1%	0.1%	115	0.1%	
Atheism	182	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	
Humanism	20	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Rationalism	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	32	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	127	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	
Theism	26	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Not stated	15,012	6.2%	5.8%	16,126	8.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>243,909</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>197,388</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.