

Community report

Knox (C)

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

AREA

Knox (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 Knox (C), accounting for 41.1% (65,397 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 13,647 people and 7.5 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

Knox (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	689	0.4%	0.4%	830	0.5%	0.5%	-141	-0.1
Buddhism	6,881	4.3%	3.9%	5,858	3.8%	3.8%	+1,023	+0.5
Christianity, nfd	5,636	3.5%	2.7%	5,295	3.4%	2.6%	+341	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	10,681	6.7%	5.5%	14,515	9.4%	7.6%	-3,834	-2.7
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	3,665	2.3%	1.3%	3,643	2.4%	1.3%	+22	-0.1
Brethren	187	0.1%	0.0%	201	0.1%	0.0%	-14	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	29,770	18.7%	20.5%	33,041	21.4%	23.2%	-3,271	-2.7
Maronite Catholic	25	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	0.1%	+12	0.0
Melkite Catholic	24	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%	-2	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	23	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	70	0.0%	0.1%	61	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	136	0.1%	0.0%	80	0.1%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	415	0.3%	0.1%	418	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	321	0.2%	0.2%	330	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	4	0.0%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	526	0.3%	0.2%	527	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	606	0.4%	0.2%	864	0.6%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	162	0.1%	0.0%	213	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	435	0.3%	0.2%	411	0.3%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	89	0.1%	0.1%	86	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	19	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	42	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	3,212	2.0%	3.3%	3,184	2.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	111	0.1%	0.4%	88	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	35	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	135	0.1%	0.1%	139	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	289	0.2%	0.3%	266	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	2,581	1.6%	1.1%	3,292	2.1%	–
Reformed	163	0.1%	0.0%	133	0.1%	–
Salvation Army	309	0.2%	0.1%	398	0.3%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	426	0.3%	0.2%	423	0.3%	–
Uniting Church	3,638	2.3%	1.7%	4,898	3.2%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	2,793	1.8%	0.8%	2,683	1.7%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	42	0.0%	0.0%	99	0.1%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	38	0.0%	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	19	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Revival Fellowship	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	383	0.2%	0.2%	357	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	55	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	19	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	43	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	249	0.2%	0.1%	342	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	123	0.1%	0.0%	113	0.1%	
Christian Science	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	21	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	7	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Temple Society	65	0.0%	0.0%	110	0.1%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	76	0.0%	0.0%	86	0.1%	
Hinduism	5,662	3.6%	4.1%	3,986	2.6%	
Islam	2,457	1.5%	5.3%	1,726	1.1%	
Judaism	149	0.1%	0.9%	172	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	275	0.2%	0.1%	224	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	77	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	75	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	–
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	3	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Animism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Paganism	108	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	52	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Sikhism	979	0.6%	1.7%	825	0.5%	–
Spiritualism	53	0.0%	0.0%	91	0.1%	–
Mandaean	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Eckankar	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Satanism	39	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Theosophy	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Jainism	65	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	32	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	65,397	41.1%	36.9%	51,750	33.6%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	205	0.1%	0.1%	188	0.1%	
Atheism	181	0.1%	0.1%	171	0.1%	
Humanism	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Multi Faith	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
New Age	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	206	0.1%	0.1%	125	0.1%	
Theism	66	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	44	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Not stated	7,337	4.6%	5.8%	10,781	7.0%	
Total	159,086	100.0%	100.0%	154,057	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.