

Community report

Lane Cove (A)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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 Lane Cove (A), accounting for 40.3% (15,910 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,355 people and 8.2 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

Lane Cove (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	127	0.3%	0.3%	143	0.4%	0.4%	-16	-0.1
Buddhism	1,089	2.8%	3.8%	975	2.7%	3.9%	+114	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	711	1.8%	2.5%	540	1.5%	2.2%	+171	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	4,015	10.2%	9.2%	4,682	13.0%	12.0%	-667	-2.8
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	314	0.8%	1.2%	209	0.6%	1.2%	+105	+0.2
Brethren	10	0.0%	0.1%	5	0.0%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	9,720	24.6%	22.1%	9,666	26.8%	24.2%	+54	-2.2
Maronite Catholic	43	0.1%	0.8%	17	0.0%	0.7%	+26	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	23	0.1%	0.1%	24	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	33	0.1%	0.2%	31	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	20	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.0%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	100	0.3%	0.2%	116	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	112	0.3%	0.1%	140	0.4%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	37	0.1%	0.4%	21	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	12	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	7	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	11	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	525	1.3%	2.3%	495	1.4%	
Macedonian Orthodox	21	0.1%	0.3%	20	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	63	0.2%	0.2%	69	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	88	0.2%	0.4%	63	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	587	1.5%	1.5%	692	1.9%	
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Salvation Army	9	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Seventh-day Adventist	34	0.1%	0.2%	36	0.1%	
Uniting Church	607	1.5%	1.5%	768	2.1%	
Pentecostal, nfd	231	0.6%	0.8%	241	0.7%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	–	–	0.1%	9	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	84	0.2%	0.2%	66	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	5	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	20	0.1%	0.1%	37	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Hinduism	1,292	3.3%	4.8%	1,112	3.1%	
Islam	582	1.5%	6.3%	454	1.3%	
Judaism	386	1.0%	0.7%	369	1.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	75	0.2%	0.1%	57	0.2%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Taoism	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Shinto	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Tenrikyo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Japanese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nature Religions, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Animism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paganism	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sikhism	107	0.3%	0.7%	88	0.2%	
Spiritualism	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Mandaeen	—	—	0.2%	—	—	
Yezidi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of Scientology	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Jainism	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	40	0.1%	0.0%	32	0.1%	
Religious Groups, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	15,910	40.3%	30.3%	11,555	32.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	78	0.2%	0.1%	69	0.2%	
Atheism	71	0.2%	0.1%	52	0.1%	
Humanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	43	0.1%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Theism	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Not stated	1,981	5.0%	6.2%	2,879	8.0%	
Total	39,455	100.0%	100.0%	36,037	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.