

Community report

Maribyrnong (C)

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

AREA

Maribyrnong (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 Maribyrnong (C), accounting for 44.5% (37,912 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 7,990 people and 8.1 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

Maribyrnong (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	424	0.5%	0.4%	507	0.6%	0.5%	-83	-0.1
Buddhism	6,827	8.0%	3.9%	6,829	8.3%	3.8%	-2	-0.3
Christianity, nfd	1,874	2.2%	2.7%	1,670	2.0%	2.6%	+204	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	2,440	2.9%	5.5%	3,013	3.7%	7.6%	-573	-0.8
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	754	0.9%	1.3%	874	1.1%	1.3%	-120	-0.2
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	16,051	18.8%	20.5%	16,581	20.2%	23.2%	-530	-1.4
Maronite Catholic	27	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	0.1%	+12	0.0
Melkite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	25	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	84	0.1%	0.1%	60	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	98	0.1%	0.2%	107	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	65	0.1%	0.2%	70	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	130	0.2%	0.2%	139	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	89	0.1%	0.2%	82	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	33	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	178	0.2%	0.1%	221	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	69	0.1%	0.1%	58	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	2,507	2.9%	3.3%	2,581	3.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	465	0.5%	0.4%	474	0.6%	–
Romanian Orthodox	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	64	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	261	0.3%	0.3%	272	0.3%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	523	0.6%	1.1%	646	0.8%	–
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	29	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	87	0.1%	0.2%	93	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	738	0.9%	1.7%	1,040	1.3%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	381	0.4%	0.8%	492	0.6%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	5	0.0%	0.0%	23	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%	4	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	191	0.2%	0.2%	174	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	33	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	29	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.1%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	18	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	50	0.1%	0.1%	53	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Temple Society	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Hinduism	2,679	3.1%	4.1%	3,101	3.8%	–
Islam	3,370	4.0%	5.3%	3,576	4.3%	–
Judaism	124	0.1%	0.9%	74	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Baha'i	18	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Taoism	37	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shinto	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Animism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	51	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	22	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sikhism	219	0.3%	1.7%	309	0.4%	–
Spiritualism	16	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	18	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	36	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	37,912	44.5%	36.9%	29,922	36.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	195	0.2%	0.1%	163	0.2%	
Atheism	204	0.2%	0.1%	141	0.2%	
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Rationalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Multi Faith	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	126	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	
Theism	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Not stated	5,351	6.3%	5.8%	8,075	9.8%	
Total	85,204	100.0%	100.0%	82,285	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.