

Community report

Melton (C)

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

AREA

Melton (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 Melton (C), accounting for 27.3% (48,912 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (20.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 13,386 people and 2.2 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

Melton (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	607	0.3%	0.4%	555	0.4%	0.5%	+52	-0.1
Buddhism	5,049	2.8%	3.9%	3,614	2.7%	3.8%	+1,435	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	7,662	4.3%	2.7%	5,044	3.7%	2.6%	+2,618	+0.6
Anglican Church of Australia	7,052	3.9%	5.5%	8,778	6.5%	7.6%	-1,726	-2.6
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	2,142	1.2%	1.3%	1,427	1.1%	1.3%	+715	+0.1
Brethren	153	0.1%	0.0%	160	0.1%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	48,912	27.3%	20.5%	44,347	32.7%	23.2%	+4,565	-5.4
Maronite Catholic	64	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	0.1%	+40	0.0
Melkite Catholic	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	+8	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Ukrainian Catholic	48	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	23	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	88	0.0%	0.1%	72	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	277	0.2%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	145	0.1%	0.1%	128	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	787	0.4%	0.2%	679	0.5%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	751	0.4%	0.2%	525	0.4%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	374	0.2%	0.2%	413	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	16	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	1,182	0.7%	0.2%	873	0.6%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	344	0.2%	0.1%	130	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	590	0.3%	0.1%	317	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	61	0.0%	0.1%	48	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	23	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	110	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	
Greek Orthodox	4,264	2.4%	3.3%	3,648	2.7%	
Macedonian Orthodox	2,033	1.1%	0.4%	1,708	1.3%	
Romanian Orthodox	45	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	85	0.0%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	782	0.4%	0.3%	581	0.4%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,307	0.7%	1.1%	1,680	1.2%	
Reformed	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Salvation Army	153	0.1%	0.1%	172	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	524	0.3%	0.2%	475	0.4%	
Uniting Church	2,133	1.2%	1.7%	2,517	1.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	2,300	1.3%	0.8%	1,896	1.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	118	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	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%	9	0.0%	–
Revival Centres	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	346	0.2%	0.2%	192	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	262	0.1%	0.1%	136	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Congregational	34	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	159	0.1%	0.0%	64	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	37	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	42	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	153	0.1%	0.1%	119	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	38	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	30	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Hinduism	9,251	5.2%	4.1%	3,690	2.7%	–
Islam	11,419	6.4%	5.3%	5,426	4.0%	–
Judaism	58	0.0%	0.9%	53	0.0%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Baha'i	50	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	19	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	105	0.1%	0.1%	73	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	55	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Sikhism	9,437	5.3%	1.7%	2,541	1.9%	–
Spiritualism	32	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	13	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Satanism	32	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Theosophy	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Jainism	54	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	43,070	24.1%	36.9%	29,684	21.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Agnosticism	125	0.1%	0.1%	80	0.1%	
Atheism	128	0.1%	0.1%	132	0.1%	
Humanism	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	24	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	24	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	115	0.1%	0.1%	116	0.1%	
Theism	15	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Not stated	13,249	7.4%	5.8%	12,200	9.0%	
Total	178,984	100.0%	100.0%	135,424	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.