

Community report

Melville (C)

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

AREA

Melville (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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 Melville (C), accounting for 40.4% (41,781 people). This share was lower than Greater Perth (41.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 11,058 people and 9.1 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

Melville (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	351	0.3%	0.4%	385	0.4%	0.5%	-34	-0.1
Buddhism	2,827	2.7%	2.5%	2,803	2.9%	2.5%	+24	-0.2
Christianity, nfd	3,178	3.1%	3.4%	2,840	2.9%	3.4%	+338	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	11,070	10.7%	9.9%	13,929	14.2%	13.8%	-2,859	-3.5
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,927	1.9%	1.6%	1,940	2.0%	1.7%	-13	-0.1
Brethren	166	0.2%	0.1%	122	0.1%	0.1%	+44	+0.1
Western Catholic	24,350	23.5%	19.4%	24,861	25.4%	22.0%	-511	-1.9
Maronite Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	-7	0.0
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syro Malabar Catholic	22	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	180	0.2%	0.2%	182	0.2%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	234	0.2%	0.4%	224	0.2%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	76	0.1%	0.2%	85	0.1%	–
Community of Christ	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Lutheran	248	0.2%	0.2%	331	0.3%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	30	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	33	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.1%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Greek Orthodox	526	0.5%	0.6%	511	0.5%	
Macedonian Orthodox	39	0.0%	0.2%	50	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	73	0.1%	0.1%	68	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	159	0.2%	0.2%	127	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	22	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	2,097	2.0%	1.2%	2,487	2.5%	
Reformed	53	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Free Reformed	6	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Salvation Army	60	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	112	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	
Uniting Church	2,505	2.4%	1.5%	2,948	3.0%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,090	1.1%	1.1%	839	0.9%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	220	0.2%	0.2%	193	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	25	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	308	0.3%	0.2%	286	0.3%	–
United Methodist Church	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Christadelphians	13	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Christian Science	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
New Apostolic Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Religious Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Temple Society	—	—	—	—	—	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Other Christian, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Hinduism	1,699	1.6%	2.3%	1,388	1.4%	
Islam	1,401	1.4%	3.0%	1,094	1.1%	
Judaism	99	0.1%	0.3%	104	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Baha'i	247	0.2%	0.1%	243	0.2%	
Ancestor Veneration	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Confucianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Taoism	42	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Druse	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Shinto	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Sukyo Mahikari	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Animism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	20	0.0%	0.1%	19	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	25	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Sikhism	368	0.4%	0.8%	300	0.3%	
Spiritualism	31	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	17	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Eckankar	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	38	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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No Religion, so described	41,781	40.4%	41.8%	30,723	31.3%	31.3%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	140	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	131	0.1%	0.1%	112	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	12	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	28	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	108	0.1%	0.1%	83	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	15	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	4,967	4.8%	6.2%	7,662	7.8%	7.8%
Total	103,495	100.0%	100.0%	98,055	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.