

# Community report

## Monash (C)

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

AREA

**Monash (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 Monash (C), accounting for 35.4% (67,390 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 9,973 people and 4 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

Monash (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	548	0.3%	0.4%	796	0.4%	0.5%	-248	-0.1
Buddhism	13,700	7.2%	3.9%	12,391	6.8%	3.8%	+1,309	+0.4
Christianity, nfd	4,821	2.5%	2.7%	4,578	2.5%	2.6%	+243	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	8,244	4.3%	5.5%	10,493	5.7%	7.6%	-2,249	-1.4
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	3,354	1.8%	1.3%	3,117	1.7%	1.3%	+237	+0.1
Brethren	17	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	0.0%	-16	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	32,517	17.1%	20.5%	34,409	18.8%	23.2%	-1,892	-1.7
Maronite Catholic	21	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	0.1%	-3	0.0
Melkite Catholic	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	27	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	12	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	45	0.0%	0.1%	73	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	104	0.1%	0.0%	68	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	263	0.1%	0.1%	305	0.2%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	286	0.2%	0.2%	249	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	165	0.1%	0.2%	190	0.1%	
Community of Christ	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Lutheran	404	0.2%	0.2%	547	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	485	0.3%	0.0%	527	0.3%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	377	0.2%	0.2%	386	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	124	0.1%	0.1%	161	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	7	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	28	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	98	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	12,943	6.8%	3.3%	12,419	6.8%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	126	0.1%	0.4%	117	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	36	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	281	0.1%	0.1%	305	0.2%	–
Serbian Orthodox	403	0.2%	0.3%	344	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	12	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	2,246	1.2%	1.1%	3,012	1.6%	–
Reformed	55	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	115	0.1%	0.1%	163	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	237	0.1%	0.2%	221	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	4,173	2.2%	1.7%	5,358	2.9%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	1,571	0.8%	0.8%	1,734	0.9%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	38	0.0%	0.0%	47	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)	16	0.0%	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%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	12	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	507	0.3%	0.2%	376	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	69	0.0%	0.1%	42	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	17	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	32	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	24	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	8	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	23	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	270	0.1%	0.1%	310	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	45	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Christian Science	24	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	24	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Religious Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Temple Society	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Hinduism	14,241	7.5%	4.1%	9,575	5.2%	
Islam	5,230	2.7%	5.3%	4,246	2.3%	
Judaism	735	0.4%	0.9%	678	0.4%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Baha'i	239	0.1%	0.1%	224	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Confucianism	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Taoism	137	0.1%	0.0%	139	0.1%	

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	83	0.0%	0.0%	54	0.0%	–
Shinto	17	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Tenrikyo	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	45	0.0%	0.1%	30	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	22	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Sikhism	1,690	0.9%	1.7%	1,542	0.8%	–
Spiritualism	39	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Satanism	27	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Jainism	191	0.1%	0.0%	119	0.1%	–
Zoroastrianism	60	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	50	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	67,390	35.4%	36.9%	57,417	31.4%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	250	0.1%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
Atheism	222	0.1%	0.1%	156	0.1%	
Humanism	22	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Rationalism	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Multi Faith	45	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	104	0.1%	0.1%	92	0.1%	
Theism	54	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	50	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Not stated	10,290	5.4%	5.8%	14,260	7.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,410</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>182,585</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.