

Community report

Moonee Valley (C)

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

AREA

Moonee Valley (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 Moonee Valley (C), accounting for 36.1% (43,947 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (20.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,591 people and 6 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

Moonee Valley (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	381	0.3%	0.4%	496	0.4%	0.5%	-115	-0.1
Buddhism	3,086	2.5%	3.9%	2,862	2.5%	3.8%	+224	0.0
Christianity, nfd	2,237	1.8%	2.7%	1,917	1.6%	2.6%	+320	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	5,458	4.5%	5.5%	6,475	5.5%	7.6%	-1,017	-1.0
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	872	0.7%	1.3%	878	0.8%	1.3%	-6	-0.1
Brethren	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	43,947	36.1%	20.5%	44,042	37.7%	23.2%	-95	-1.6
Maronite Catholic	218	0.2%	0.1%	155	0.1%	0.1%	+63	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	18	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	183	0.2%	0.0%	184	0.2%	
Chaldean Catholic	28	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	13	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	77	0.1%	0.1%	97	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	231	0.2%	0.2%	222	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	55	0.0%	0.2%	68	0.1%	
Community of Christ	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	243	0.2%	0.2%	310	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	357	0.3%	0.2%	260	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	65	0.1%	0.1%	52	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	175	0.1%	0.1%	236	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	30	0.0%	0.1%	40	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	18	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	141	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	5,874	4.8%	3.3%	5,359	4.6%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	494	0.4%	0.4%	372	0.3%	–
Romanian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	110	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	291	0.2%	0.3%	204	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	46	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,065	0.9%	1.1%	1,278	1.1%	–
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	55	0.0%	0.1%	79	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	54	0.0%	0.2%	73	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	2,075	1.7%	1.7%	2,546	2.2%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	617	0.5%	0.8%	577	0.5%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	12	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	7	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	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	132	0.1%	0.2%	188	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	24	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	56	0.0%	0.1%	81	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	
Christadelphians	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Hinduism	2,805	2.3%	4.1%	2,434	2.1%	
Islam	4,189	3.4%	5.3%	3,423	2.9%	
Judaism	120	0.1%	0.9%	87	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Baha'i	8	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Confucianism	7	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Taoism	30	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Shinto	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	52	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	17	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Sikhism	319	0.3%	1.7%	415	0.4%	–
Spiritualism	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	54	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.1%	–
Eckankar	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	27	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Theosophy	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jainism	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
No Religion, so described	38,836	31.9%	36.9%	30,245	25.9%	29.9%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	170	0.1%	0.1%	154	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	162	0.1%	0.1%	123	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	14	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	20	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	105	0.1%	0.1%	62	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	5,872	4.8%	5.8%	9,854	8.4%	9.4%
Total	121,841	100.0%	100.0%	116,686	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.