

Community report

Moreland (C)

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AREA

Moreland (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 Moreland (C), accounting for 40.4% (69,270 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 17,410 people and 8.5 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

Moreland (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	819	0.5%	0.4%	988	0.6%	0.5%	-169	-0.1
Buddhism	3,514	2.1%	3.9%	3,390	2.1%	3.8%	+124	0.0
Christianity, nfd	2,374	1.4%	2.7%	2,210	1.4%	2.6%	+164	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	4,585	2.7%	5.5%	5,996	3.7%	7.6%	-1,411	-1.0
Anglican Catholic Church	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Anglican, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Baptist	743	0.4%	1.3%	776	0.5%	1.3%	-33	-0.1
Brethren	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%	-5	0.0
Catholic, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Western Catholic	39,225	22.9%	20.5%	43,183	26.6%	23.2%	-3,958	-3.7
Maronite Catholic	560	0.3%	0.1%	413	0.3%	0.1%	+147	0.0
Melkite Catholic	65	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	0.0%	+20	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	85	0.0%	0.0%	81	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	126	0.1%	0.1%	151	0.1%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	35	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	60	0.0%	0.1%	80	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	315	0.2%	0.2%	339	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	97	0.1%	0.2%	169	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	252	0.1%	0.2%	335	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	188	0.1%	0.2%	159	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	115	0.1%	0.1%	101	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	26	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	168	0.1%	0.1%	144	0.1%	
Ancient Church of the East	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	386	0.2%	0.1%	245	0.2%	–
Greek Orthodox	9,335	5.4%	3.3%	9,614	5.9%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	170	0.1%	0.4%	165	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	125	0.1%	0.1%	148	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	239	0.1%	0.3%	185	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	41	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	809	0.5%	1.1%	1,205	0.7%	–
Reformed	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	96	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	52	0.0%	0.2%	52	0.0%	–
Uniting Church	1,532	0.9%	1.7%	2,018	1.2%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	528	0.3%	0.8%	541	0.3%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	11	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)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	16	0.0%	0.0%	3	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%	4	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	164	0.1%	0.2%	170	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	38	0.0%	0.1%	43	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	15	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	20	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	97	0.1%	0.1%	100	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	20	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Temple Society	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Hinduism	6,191	3.6%	4.1%	4,802	3.0%	–
Islam	16,748	9.8%	5.3%	15,849	9.8%	–
Judaism	331	0.2%	0.9%	206	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	20	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Baha'i	46	0.0%	0.1%	22	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	45	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	26	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	6	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Animism	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Druidism	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Paganism	126	0.1%	0.1%	94	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	51	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	20	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Sikhism	456	0.3%	1.7%	792	0.5%	–
Spiritualism	57	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	25	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Satanism	60	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	–
Theosophy	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Jainism	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	34	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	50	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	69,270	40.4%	36.9%	51,860	31.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Agnosticism	429	0.3%	0.1%	344	0.2%	
Atheism	458	0.3%	0.1%	315	0.2%	
Humanism	28	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Rationalism	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Multi Faith	48	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
New Age	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	227	0.1%	0.1%	133	0.1%	
Theism	43	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	12	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	32	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Not stated	9,171	5.4%	5.8%	13,917	8.6%	
Total	171,337	100.0%	100.0%	162,550	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.