

Community report

Nillumbik (S)

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

AREA

Nillumbik (S)

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 Nillumbik (S), accounting for 49.6% (31,173 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,191 people and 8.8 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

Nillumbik (S) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	301	0.5%	0.4%	300	0.5%	0.5%	+1	0.0
Buddhism	609	1.0%	3.9%	548	0.9%	3.8%	+61	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,300	2.1%	2.7%	1,371	2.2%	2.6%	-71	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	5,123	8.1%	5.5%	6,539	10.7%	7.6%	-1,416	-2.6
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	867	1.4%	1.3%	876	1.4%	1.3%	-9	0.0
Brethren	419	0.7%	0.0%	366	0.6%	0.0%	+53	+0.1
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	13,687	21.8%	20.5%	14,691	24.0%	23.2%	-1,004	-2.2
Maronite Catholic	5	0.0%	0.1%	-	-	0.1%	-	-
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	62	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	105	0.2%	0.2%	87	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	39	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	266	0.4%	0.2%	275	0.4%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	52	0.1%	0.2%	36	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	20	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	24	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	1,325	2.1%	3.3%	1,225	2.0%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	208	0.3%	0.4%	221	0.4%	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	44	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	106	0.2%	0.3%	103	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	916	1.5%	1.1%	1,088	1.8%	–
Reformed	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	89	0.1%	0.1%	109	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	47	0.1%	0.2%	51	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	1,523	2.4%	1.7%	1,931	3.2%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	313	0.5%	0.8%	264	0.4%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	19	0.0%	0.0%	22	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%	5	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	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	24	0.0%	0.0%	5	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	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	57	0.1%	0.2%	74	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	14	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	12	0.0%	0.0%	49	0.1%	–
Methodist, so described	52	0.1%	0.1%	56	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	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	9	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Hinduism	352	0.6%	4.1%	216	0.4%	–
Islam	479	0.8%	5.3%	273	0.4%	–
Judaism	78	0.1%	0.9%	60	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Baha'i	44	0.1%	0.1%	36	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	17	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Shinto	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Animism	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	26	0.0%	0.1%	39	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Sikhism	72	0.1%	1.7%	58	0.1%	–
Spiritualism	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Eckankar	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Jainism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	31,173	49.6%	36.9%	24,982	40.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	84	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.1%	
Atheism	104	0.2%	0.1%	105	0.2%	
Humanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
New Age	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	89	0.1%	0.1%	82	0.1%	
Theism	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	28	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Not stated	2,480	3.9%	5.8%	4,547	7.4%	
Total	62,910	100.0%	100.0%	61,246	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.