

Community report

North Sydney (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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 North Sydney (A), accounting for 45.6% (31,437 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,207 people and 8.3 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

North Sydney (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	327	0.5%	0.3%	368	0.5%	0.4%	-41	0.0
Buddhism	1,806	2.6%	3.8%	1,857	2.7%	3.9%	-51	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,121	1.6%	2.5%	965	1.4%	2.2%	+156	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	7,500	10.9%	9.2%	8,761	13.0%	12.0%	-1,261	-2.1
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	437	0.6%	1.2%	377	0.6%	1.2%	+60	0.0
Brethren	-	-	0.1%	-	-	0.1%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	14,013	20.3%	22.1%	14,412	21.3%	24.2%	-399	-1.0
Maronite Catholic	41	0.1%	0.8%	18	0.0%	0.7%	+23	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	19	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	19	0.0%	0.1%	32	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	59	0.1%	0.2%	74	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	36	0.1%	0.2%	32	0.0%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	170	0.2%	0.2%	212	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	64	0.1%	0.1%	56	0.1%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	36	0.1%	0.4%	38	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	7	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	8	0.0%	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	601	0.9%	2.3%	546	0.8%	
Macedonian Orthodox	41	0.1%	0.3%	31	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	15	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	165	0.2%	0.2%	123	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	113	0.2%	0.4%	73	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	15	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,034	1.5%	1.5%	1,236	1.8%	
Reformed	21	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Salvation Army	22	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	
Seventh-day Adventist	41	0.1%	0.2%	53	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,086	1.6%	1.5%	1,281	1.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	301	0.4%	0.8%	362	0.5%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	18	0.0%	0.1%	18	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%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	148	0.2%	0.2%	95	0.1%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	9	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	67	0.1%	0.1%	70	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hinduism	1,796	2.6%	4.8%	1,555	2.3%	
Islam	565	0.8%	6.3%	470	0.7%	
Judaism	704	1.0%	0.7%	647	1.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Baha'i	54	0.1%	0.1%	45	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	27	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Paganism	19	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Sikhism	134	0.2%	0.7%	94	0.1%	
Spiritualism	47	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Mandaean	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Satanism	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jainism	19	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	30	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.1%	
Religious Groups, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	31,437	45.6%	30.3%	25,230	37.3%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Agnosticism	175	0.3%	0.1%	157	0.2%	
Atheism	176	0.3%	0.1%	153	0.2%	
Humanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Rationalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
New Age	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	114	0.2%	0.1%	108	0.2%	
Theism	13	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Not stated	4,081	5.9%	6.2%	7,602	11.2%	
Total	68,940	100.0%	100.0%	67,634	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.