

Community report

Onkaparinga (C)

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

AREA

Onkaparinga (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Adelaide

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 Onkaparinga (C), accounting for 55.8% (97,836 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (44.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 25,919 people and 12.7 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

Onkaparinga (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	880	0.5%	0.4%	1,016	0.6%	0.5%	-136	-0.1
Buddhism	1,279	0.7%	2.3%	1,419	0.9%	2.2%	-140	-0.2
Christianity, nfd	5,604	3.2%	2.7%	6,190	3.7%	2.8%	-586	-0.5
Anglican Church of Australia	14,123	8.1%	7.0%	19,376	11.6%	9.8%	-5,253	-3.5
Anglican, nec	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	2,755	1.6%	1.6%	3,110	1.9%	1.7%	-355	-0.3
Brethren	213	0.1%	0.0%	207	0.1%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	19,696	11.2%	16.4%	23,087	13.8%	18.9%	-3,391	-2.6
Maronite Catholic	103	0.1%	0.0%	95	0.1%	0.0%	+8	0.0
Melkite Catholic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Ukrainian Catholic	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Chaldean Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	37	0.0%	0.1%	53	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	98	0.1%	0.0%	135	0.1%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	324	0.2%	0.2%	421	0.3%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	761	0.4%	0.3%	795	0.5%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	3	0.0%	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	366	0.2%	0.2%	418	0.3%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Lutheran	2,602	1.5%	1.6%	3,204	1.9%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Coptic Orthodox Church	72	0.0%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	40	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	1,217	0.7%	2.4%	1,171	0.7%	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Macedonian Orthodox	18	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	16	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	98	0.1%	0.1%	89	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	152	0.1%	0.3%	156	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	26	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,001	0.6%	0.6%	1,582	0.9%	
Reformed	31	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Salvation Army	240	0.1%	0.1%	322	0.2%	
Seventh-day Adventist	343	0.2%	0.2%	293	0.2%	
Uniting Church	7,804	4.5%	3.9%	10,889	6.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,815	1.0%	1.1%	1,622	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	12	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	51	0.0%	0.0%	95	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	7	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	17	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Foursquare Gospel Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	5	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	4	0.0%	

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United Pentecostal	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Acts 2 Alliance	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Christian Church in Australia	—	—	—	—	—	
Revival Fellowship	148	0.1%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Victory Life Centre	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Pentecostal, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nfd	173	0.1%	0.1%	189	0.1%	
Born Again Christian	113	0.1%	0.0%	117	0.1%	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of the Nazarene	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Independent Evangelical Churches	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Wesleyan Methodist Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Christian Community Churches of Australia	73	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	
Methodist, so described	253	0.1%	0.1%	371	0.2%	
United Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Protestant, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Other Christian, nfd	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Christadelphians	380	0.2%	0.2%	449	0.3%	
Christian Science	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	—	—	0.0%	8	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	31	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	16	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	19	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Christian, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Hinduism	902	0.5%	2.7%	624	0.4%	–
Islam	1,156	0.7%	2.8%	746	0.4%	–
Judaism	98	0.1%	0.1%	85	0.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	21	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Baha'i	193	0.1%	0.1%	196	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	20	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Druse	30	0.0%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Animism	8	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–

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Druidism	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Paganism	230	0.1%	0.1%	166	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	114	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.1%	
Nature Religions, nec	30	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Sikhism	353	0.2%	1.2%	169	0.1%	
Spiritualism	75	0.0%	0.0%	119	0.1%	
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eckankar	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Rastafari	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Satanism	40	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Theosophy	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jainism	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	97,836	55.8%	44.6%	71,917	43.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	255	0.1%	0.1%	214	0.1%	
Atheism	323	0.2%	0.2%	389	0.2%	
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Multi Faith	26	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	285	0.2%	0.1%	250	0.1%	
Theism	43	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	14	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	34	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Not stated	9,865	5.6%	5.2%	13,985	8.4%	
Total	175,222	100.0%	100.0%	166,770	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.