

# Community report

## Parramatta (C)

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

AREA

**Parramatta (C)**

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 Parramatta (C), accounting for 29.7% (76,207 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 20,819 people and 5.2 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

Parramatta (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	780	0.3%	0.3%	648	0.3%	0.4%	+132	0.0
Buddhism	10,251	4.0%	3.8%	8,656	3.8%	3.9%	+1,595	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	6,941	2.7%	2.5%	5,089	2.3%	2.2%	+1,852	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	15,530	6.0%	9.2%	18,711	8.3%	12.0%	-3,181	-2.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	4,694	1.8%	1.2%	4,360	1.9%	1.2%	+334	-0.1
Brethren	474	0.2%	0.1%	469	0.2%	0.1%	+5	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	43,778	17.1%	22.1%	43,295	19.1%	24.2%	+483	-2.0
Maronite Catholic	4,409	1.7%	0.8%	3,518	1.6%	0.7%	+891	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	70	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	0.0%	+17	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	39	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	17	0.0%	0.2%	13	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	90	0.0%	0.0%	149	0.1%	
Catholic, nec	24	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	62	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	194	0.1%	0.1%	278	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
International Church of Christ	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Jehovah's Witnesses	393	0.2%	0.2%	368	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	495	0.2%	0.2%	505	0.2%	
Community of Christ	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Lutheran	303	0.1%	0.2%	335	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian Apostolic	559	0.2%	0.1%	411	0.2%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	462	0.2%	0.4%	408	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	265	0.1%	0.1%	299	0.1%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	38	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	109	0.0%	0.2%	53	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	19	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	456	0.2%	0.2%	301	0.1%	
Greek Orthodox	2,587	1.0%	2.3%	2,396	1.1%	
Macedonian Orthodox	108	0.0%	0.3%	95	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	390	0.2%	0.2%	415	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	426	0.2%	0.4%	414	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	35	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	15	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	7,833	3.1%	1.5%	7,726	3.4%	
Reformed	63	0.0%	0.0%	65	0.0%	
Salvation Army	177	0.1%	0.1%	258	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	466	0.2%	0.2%	390	0.2%	
Uniting Church	4,557	1.8%	1.5%	5,586	2.5%	
Pentecostal, nfd	2,127	0.8%	0.8%	2,340	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	123	0.0%	0.1%	151	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	3	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	21	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	19	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Revival Centres	5	0.0%	0.0%	6	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%	3	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	812	0.3%	0.2%	486	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	120	0.0%	0.1%	77	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	106	0.0%	0.0%	322	0.1%	–
Church of the Nazarene	6	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Congregational	35	0.0%	0.0%	64	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	106	0.0%	0.0%	106	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	30	0.0%	0.0%	57	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	7	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	30	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	198	0.1%	0.1%	195	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	47	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Christian Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	10	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	25	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	30	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	25	0.0%	0.0%	52	0.0%	
Hinduism	33,204	12.9%	4.8%	25,608	11.3%	
Islam	14,205	5.5%	6.3%	9,660	4.3%	
Judaism	184	0.1%	0.7%	179	0.1%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	19	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Baha'i	440	0.2%	0.1%	476	0.2%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	18	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Taoism	118	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	50	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Shinto	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paganism	83	0.0%	0.0%	55	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	41	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Sikhism	2,597	1.0%	0.7%	2,672	1.2%	
Spiritualism	35	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	
Mandaeen	37	0.0%	0.2%	42	0.0%	
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Caodaism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	197	0.1%	0.0%	214	0.1%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rastafari	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Satanism	29	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Theosophy	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Jainism	464	0.2%	0.0%	416	0.2%	
Zoroastrianism	129	0.1%	0.0%	141	0.1%	
Religious Groups, nec	55	0.0%	0.0%	44	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	76,207	29.7%	30.3%	55,388	24.5%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	309	0.1%	0.1%	217	0.1%	
Atheism	270	0.1%	0.1%	222	0.1%	
Humanism	25	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Multi Faith	69	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	153	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.0%	
Theism	48	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	5	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	57	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	
Not stated	16,492	6.4%	6.2%	20,573	9.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>256,735</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>226,160</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.