

Community report

Penrith (C)

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

AREA

Penrith (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 Penrith (C), accounting for 28.9% (62,961 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 21,627 people and 7.8 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

Penrith (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	707	0.3%	0.3%	664	0.3%	0.4%	+43	0.0
Buddhism	2,438	1.1%	3.8%	2,118	1.1%	3.9%	+320	0.0
Christianity, nfd	6,108	2.8%	2.5%	4,547	2.3%	2.2%	+1,561	+0.5
Anglican Church of Australia	28,607	13.1%	9.2%	36,097	18.4%	12.0%	-7,490	-5.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	1,977	0.9%	1.2%	1,937	1.0%	1.2%	+40	-0.1
Brethren	425	0.2%	0.1%	377	0.2%	0.1%	+48	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	61,384	28.2%	22.1%	62,189	31.7%	24.2%	-805	-3.5
Maronite Catholic	802	0.4%	0.8%	487	0.2%	0.7%	+315	+0.2
Melkite Catholic	50	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	+37	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	32	0.0%	0.0%	36	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	119	0.1%	0.2%	89	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	149	0.1%	0.0%	50	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	203	0.1%	0.1%	221	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	650	0.3%	0.2%	579	0.3%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	780	0.4%	0.2%	857	0.4%	
Community of Christ	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Lutheran	380	0.2%	0.2%	511	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	60	0.0%	0.1%	70	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	911	0.4%	0.4%	832	0.4%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	123	0.1%	0.1%	66	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	178	0.1%	0.2%	133	0.1%	
Ancient Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	237	0.1%	0.2%	115	0.1%	–
Greek Orthodox	2,500	1.1%	2.3%	2,313	1.2%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	174	0.1%	0.3%	176	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	18	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	217	0.1%	0.2%	207	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	417	0.2%	0.4%	391	0.2%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	3,504	1.6%	1.5%	4,277	2.2%	–
Reformed	69	0.0%	0.0%	120	0.1%	–
Salvation Army	295	0.1%	0.1%	407	0.2%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	495	0.2%	0.2%	489	0.2%	–
Uniting Church	3,037	1.4%	1.5%	3,938	2.0%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	2,646	1.2%	0.8%	2,564	1.3%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	110	0.1%	0.1%	179	0.1%	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	61	0.0%	0.0%	100	0.1%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	9	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	324	0.1%	0.2%	226	0.1%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	203	0.1%	0.1%	153	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Congregational	40	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	113	0.1%	0.0%	112	0.1%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	78	0.0%	0.0%	87	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	320	0.1%	0.1%	306	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–

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Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	47	0.0%	0.0%	61	0.0%	
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	38	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	36	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Hinduism	7,248	3.3%	4.8%	3,473	1.8%	
Islam	6,656	3.1%	6.3%	4,210	2.1%	
Judaism	69	0.0%	0.7%	81	0.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	38	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	
Baha'i	102	0.0%	0.1%	88	0.0%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	21	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	14	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nature Religions, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Paganism	140	0.1%	0.0%	128	0.1%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	71	0.0%	0.0%	71	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	34	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Sikhism	2,681	1.2%	0.7%	1,523	0.8%	
Spiritualism	77	0.0%	0.0%	83	0.0%	
Mandaeen	29	0.0%	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Yezidi	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Church of Scientology	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Satanism	40	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Jainism	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	44	0.0%	0.0%	51	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	46	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	62,961	28.9%	30.3%	41,334	21.1%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	249	0.1%	0.1%	201	0.1%	
Atheism	268	0.1%	0.1%	218	0.1%	
Humanism	21	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	17	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	16	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
New Age	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	154	0.1%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Theism	32	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	31	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Not stated	15,264	7.0%	6.2%	15,692	8.0%	
Total	217,634	100.0%	100.0%	196,037	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.