

# Community report

## Perth (C)

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

AREA

**Perth (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Perth**

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 Perth (C), accounting for 43.2% (12,309 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (41.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,855 people and 9 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

Perth (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	111	0.4%	0.4%	102	0.5%	0.5%	+9	-0.1
Buddhism	1,287	4.5%	2.5%	991	4.5%	2.5%	+296	0.0
Christianity, nfd	804	2.8%	3.4%	521	2.4%	3.4%	+283	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	1,601	5.6%	9.9%	1,454	6.7%	13.8%	+147	-1.1
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	291	1.0%	1.6%	196	0.9%	1.7%	+95	+0.1
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Western Catholic	4,297	15.1%	19.4%	3,759	17.2%	22.0%	+538	-2.1
Maronite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Ukrainian Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syro Malabar Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	36	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	44	0.2%	0.4%	28	0.1%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	21	0.1%	0.2%	12	0.1%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lutheran	58	0.2%	0.2%	52	0.2%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	14	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	14	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Greek Orthodox	208	0.7%	0.6%	151	0.7%	
Macedonian Orthodox	12	0.0%	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	44	0.2%	0.1%	38	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	51	0.2%	0.2%	46	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	283	1.0%	1.2%	319	1.5%	
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Salvation Army	9	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Seventh-day Adventist	38	0.1%	0.2%	35	0.2%	
Uniting Church	297	1.0%	1.5%	264	1.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	182	0.6%	1.1%	77	0.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
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)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	88	0.3%	0.2%	71	0.3%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	15	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	13	0.0%	0.0%	10	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%	3	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	51	0.2%	0.2%	43	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Christian Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Gnostic Christians	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Liberal Catholic Church	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
New Apostolic Church	—	—	0.0%	6	0.0%	—
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Science	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Temple Society	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Christian, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Hinduism	1,274	4.5%	2.3%	869	4.0%	—
Islam	1,183	4.2%	3.0%	717	3.3%	—
Judaism	119	0.4%	0.3%	103	0.5%	—
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Baha'i	29	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.1%	—
Ancestor Veneration	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Confucianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Taoism	16	0.1%	0.0%	10	0.0%	—
Chinese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Druse	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	17	0.1%	0.1%	12	0.1%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Sikhism	100	0.4%	0.8%	71	0.3%	–
Spiritualism	11	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.1%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Satanism	12	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	27	0.1%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Religious Groups, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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No Religion, so described	12,309	43.2%	41.8%	7,454	34.2%	30.1%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	78	0.3%	0.1%	30	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	77	0.3%	0.1%	33	0.2%	0.1%
Humanism	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Multi Faith	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	27	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	3,184	11.2%	6.2%	4,103	18.8%	16.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,466</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,807</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.