

Community report

Playford (C)

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

AREA

Playford (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 Playford (C), accounting for 50.4% (49,984 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (44.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 14,542 people and 10.7 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

Playford (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	444	0.4%	0.4%	561	0.6%	0.5%	-117	-0.2
Buddhism	1,764	1.8%	2.3%	1,535	1.7%	2.2%	+229	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	3,634	3.7%	2.7%	2,933	3.3%	2.8%	+701	+0.4
Anglican Church of Australia	7,194	7.3%	7.0%	10,376	11.6%	9.8%	-3,182	-4.3
Anglican, nec	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	1,692	1.7%	1.6%	1,426	1.6%	1.7%	+266	+0.1
Brethren	24	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.0%	+6	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	11,564	11.7%	16.4%	13,321	14.9%	18.9%	-1,757	-3.2
Maronite Catholic	13	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	-	-	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syro Malabar Catholic	37	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	11	0.0%	0.0%	45	0.1%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	196	0.2%	0.2%	230	0.3%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	386	0.4%	0.3%	370	0.4%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	198	0.2%	0.2%	230	0.3%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Lutheran	1,085	1.1%	1.6%	1,421	1.6%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	28	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	13	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Antiochian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	808	0.8%	2.4%	794	0.9%	–

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Macedonian Orthodox	11	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	11	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	44	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Serbian Orthodox	88	0.1%	0.3%	89	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	614	0.6%	0.6%	851	1.0%	
Reformed	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Salvation Army	200	0.2%	0.1%	281	0.3%	
Seventh-day Adventist	267	0.3%	0.2%	266	0.3%	
Uniting Church	2,892	2.9%	3.9%	4,325	4.8%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,613	1.6%	1.1%	1,405	1.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	8	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	74	0.1%	0.0%	92	0.1%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Revival Centres	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Rhema Family Church	–	–	–	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	4	0.0%	–
Revival Fellowship	10	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	147	0.1%	0.1%	120	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	61	0.1%	0.0%	55	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	121	0.1%	0.0%	157	0.2%	–
Methodist, so described	155	0.2%	0.1%	187	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	104	0.1%	0.2%	95	0.1%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	15	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	8	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	62	0.1%	0.0%	77	0.1%	–
Hinduism	1,233	1.2%	2.7%	723	0.8%	–
Islam	3,691	3.7%	2.8%	1,994	2.2%	–
Judaism	28	0.0%	0.1%	25	0.0%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Baha'i	62	0.1%	0.1%	41	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Confucianism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	32	0.0%	0.1%	12	0.0%	–
Shinto	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
Druidism	8	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Paganism	163	0.2%	0.1%	131	0.1%	—
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	62	0.1%	0.0%	75	0.1%	—
Nature Religions, nec	39	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—
Sikhism	440	0.4%	1.2%	164	0.2%	—
Spiritualism	80	0.1%	0.0%	93	0.1%	—
Mandaeen	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Yezidi	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Church of Scientology	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Satanism	37	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	—
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	—
Jainism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Zoroastrianism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Religious Groups, nec	203	0.2%	0.0%	88	0.1%	—
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
No Religion, so described	49,984	50.4%	44.6%	35,442	39.7%	39.7%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Agnosticism	85	0.1%	0.1%	90	0.1%	—
Atheism	190	0.2%	0.2%	186	0.2%	—
Humanism	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	—

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Rationalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	6	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Multi Faith	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
New Age	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	—
Own Spiritual Beliefs	114	0.1%	0.1%	84	0.1%	—
Theism	22	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	—
Unitarian Universalism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	—
Not stated	6,978	7.0%	5.2%	8,502	9.5%	—
Total	99,213	100.0%	100.0%	89,306	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.