

Community report

Port Phillip (C)

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AREA

Port Phillip (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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 Port Phillip (C), accounting for 50.1% (51,020 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,379 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

Port Phillip (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	526	0.5%	0.4%	731	0.7%	0.5%	-205	-0.2
Buddhism	1,750	1.7%	3.9%	1,833	1.8%	3.8%	-83	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	1,524	1.5%	2.7%	1,339	1.3%	2.6%	+185	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	5,787	5.7%	5.5%	7,062	7.0%	7.6%	-1,275	-1.3
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	510	0.5%	1.3%	502	0.5%	1.3%	+8	0.0
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	16,897	16.6%	20.5%	17,672	17.5%	23.2%	-775	-0.9
Maronite Catholic	13	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	0.1%	+2	0.0
Melkite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%	-1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	22	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	33	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	138	0.1%	0.2%	118	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	27	0.0%	0.2%	52	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	256	0.3%	0.2%	309	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	12	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	131	0.1%	0.2%	67	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	13	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	16	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	3,626	3.6%	3.3%	3,466	3.4%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	96	0.1%	0.4%	95	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	16	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	161	0.2%	0.1%	177	0.2%	–
Serbian Orthodox	190	0.2%	0.3%	143	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	26	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	813	0.8%	1.1%	1,073	1.1%	–
Reformed	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	19	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	47	0.0%	0.2%	47	0.0%	–
Uniting Church	1,235	1.2%	1.7%	1,483	1.5%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	324	0.3%	0.8%	333	0.3%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	15	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	124	0.1%	0.2%	144	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	26	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	55	0.1%	0.1%	87	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Religious Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	12	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	–
Hinduism	2,103	2.1%	4.1%	1,977	2.0%	–
Islam	1,365	1.3%	5.3%	1,068	1.1%	–
Judaism	3,408	3.3%	0.9%	3,532	3.5%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Baha'i	40	0.0%	0.1%	21	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	27	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	15	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Shinto	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	5	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Druidism	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Paganism	55	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	28	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Sikhism	134	0.1%	1.7%	132	0.1%	–
Spiritualism	51	0.1%	0.0%	58	0.1%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	15	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Eckankar	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Rastafari	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	25	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jainism	19	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	23	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	27	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	51,020	50.1%	36.9%	42,641	42.3%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Agnosticism	263	0.3%	0.1%	219	0.2%	
Atheism	263	0.3%	0.1%	215	0.2%	
Humanism	28	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	
Rationalism	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	25	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	
New Age	9	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	254	0.2%	0.1%	158	0.2%	
Theism	19	0.0%	0.0%	37	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	44	0.0%	0.0%	60	0.1%	
Not stated	7,992	7.8%	5.8%	13,307	13.2%	
Total	101,891	100.0%	100.0%	100,857	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.