

Community report

Ryde (C)

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

AREA

Ryde (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 Ryde (C), accounting for 36.7% (47,361 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 12,221 people and 6.5 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

Ryde (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	383	0.3%	0.3%	414	0.4%	0.4%	-31	-0.1
Buddhism	5,427	4.2%	3.8%	4,741	4.1%	3.9%	+686	+0.1
Christianity, nfd	3,576	2.8%	2.5%	2,879	2.5%	2.2%	+697	+0.3
Anglican Church of Australia	8,548	6.6%	9.2%	10,057	8.6%	12.0%	-1,509	-2.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	2,127	1.6%	1.2%	2,095	1.8%	1.2%	+32	-0.2
Brethren	105	0.1%	0.1%	98	0.1%	0.1%	+7	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	28,739	22.3%	22.1%	28,695	24.7%	24.2%	+44	-2.4
Maronite Catholic	790	0.6%	0.8%	583	0.5%	0.7%	+207	+0.1
Melkite Catholic	29	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	0.0%	+18	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	9	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	29	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	14	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	64	0.0%	0.1%	59	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	212	0.2%	0.2%	206	0.2%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	73	0.1%	0.2%	104	0.1%	
Community of Christ	11	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Lutheran	176	0.1%	0.2%	237	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	1,218	0.9%	0.1%	1,387	1.2%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	349	0.3%	0.4%	282	0.2%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	55	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	119	0.1%	0.2%	17	0.0%	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	12	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	162	0.1%	0.2%	115	0.1%	
Greek Orthodox	2,192	1.7%	2.3%	2,086	1.8%	
Macedonian Orthodox	158	0.1%	0.3%	157	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	20	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	241	0.2%	0.2%	214	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	263	0.2%	0.4%	232	0.2%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	3,488	2.7%	1.5%	3,891	3.3%	
Reformed	27	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Salvation Army	45	0.0%	0.1%	94	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	222	0.2%	0.2%	198	0.2%	
Uniting Church	2,132	1.7%	1.5%	2,362	2.0%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,012	0.8%	0.8%	1,129	1.0%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	33	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	5	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Revival Centres	–	–	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%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	353	0.3%	0.2%	236	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	49	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	31	0.0%	0.0%	102	0.1%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	19	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	41	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	31	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	47	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	95	0.1%	0.1%	103	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Christadelphians	11	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Christian Science	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Religious Science	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Hinduism	5,577	4.3%	4.8%	4,471	3.8%	
Islam	4,052	3.1%	6.3%	2,743	2.4%	
Judaism	457	0.4%	0.7%	368	0.3%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Baha'i	160	0.1%	0.1%	114	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Taoism	69	0.1%	0.0%	59	0.1%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Druse	15	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Shinto	10	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Tenrikyo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Japanese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nature Religions, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Animism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Paganism	27	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Sikhism	492	0.4%	0.7%	495	0.4%	
Spiritualism	35	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Mandaeen	—	—	0.2%	8	0.0%	
Yezidi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of Scientology	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Satanism	15	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Theosophy	—	—	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Jainism	74	0.1%	0.0%	53	0.0%	
Zoroastrianism	63	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.1%	
Religious Groups, nec	14	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	47,361	36.7%	30.3%	35,140	30.2%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Agnosticism	200	0.2%	0.1%	127	0.1%	
Atheism	141	0.1%	0.1%	110	0.1%	
Humanism	9	0.0%	0.0%	32	0.0%	
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	19	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
New Age	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	84	0.1%	0.1%	65	0.1%	
Theism	22	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	10	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	
Not stated	7,223	5.6%	6.2%	8,887	7.6%	
Total	129,116	100.0%	100.0%	116,312	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.