

Community report

South Perth (C)

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AREA

South 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 South Perth (C), accounting for 40.7% (17,669 people). This share was lower than Greater Perth (41.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 4,137 people and 8.5 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

South Perth (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	139	0.3%	0.4%	211	0.5%	0.5%	-72	-0.2
Buddhism	1,354	3.1%	2.5%	1,294	3.1%	2.5%	+60	0.0
Christianity, nfd	1,179	2.7%	3.4%	1,346	3.2%	3.4%	-167	-0.5
Anglican Church of Australia	4,236	9.8%	9.9%	5,084	12.1%	13.8%	-848	-2.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	506	1.2%	1.6%	519	1.2%	1.7%	-13	0.0
Brethren	48	0.1%	0.1%	29	0.1%	0.1%	+19	0.0
Western Catholic	9,418	21.7%	19.4%	9,555	22.7%	22.0%	-137	-1.0
Maronite Catholic	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Melkite Catholic	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Churches of Christ, nfd	20	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	–
Churches of Christ (Conference)	122	0.3%	0.2%	104	0.2%	–
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	–	–	–	–
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jehovah's Witnesses	118	0.3%	0.4%	121	0.3%	–
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	–
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	59	0.1%	0.2%	105	0.2%	–
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Lutheran	115	0.3%	0.2%	138	0.3%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Armenian Apostolic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Coptic Orthodox Church	16	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Syrian Orthodox Church	16	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	22	0.1%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Assyrian Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	–	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

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Greek Orthodox	367	0.8%	0.6%	371	0.9%	
Macedonian Orthodox	19	0.0%	0.2%	25	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Russian Orthodox	38	0.1%	0.1%	40	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	33	0.1%	0.2%	28	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	626	1.4%	1.2%	691	1.6%	
Reformed	30	0.1%	0.1%	22	0.1%	
Free Reformed	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Salvation Army	23	0.1%	0.1%	32	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	71	0.2%	0.2%	57	0.1%	
Uniting Church	1,138	2.6%	1.5%	1,350	3.2%	
Pentecostal, nfd	330	0.8%	1.1%	273	0.6%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	11	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	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%	–	–	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	94	0.2%	0.2%	91	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	24	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	8	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	9	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	99	0.2%	0.2%	97	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Christadelphians	14	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	19	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Christian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Hinduism	846	1.9%	2.3%	708	1.7%	
Islam	1,070	2.5%	3.0%	1,161	2.8%	
Judaism	89	0.2%	0.3%	83	0.2%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Baha'i	115	0.3%	0.1%	112	0.3%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	5	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	18	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	109	0.3%	0.8%	115	0.3%	–
Spiritualism	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Caodaism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Theosophy	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	21	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.1%	–
Zoroastrianism	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Religious Groups, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
No Religion, so described	17,669	40.7%	41.8%	13,532	32.2%	32.2%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Agnosticism	70	0.2%	0.1%	73	0.2%	0.2%
Atheism	78	0.2%	0.1%	59	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	10	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Own Spiritual Beliefs	45	0.1%	0.1%	35	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	2,775	6.4%	6.2%	4,166	9.9%	9.9%
Total	43,389	100.0%	100.0%	42,002	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.