

Community report

Stirling (C)

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

AREA

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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 Stirling (C), accounting for 37% (83,770 people). This share was lower than Greater Perth (41.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 23,484 people and 8.3 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

Stirling (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	959	0.4%	0.4%	992	0.5%	0.5%	-33	-0.1
Buddhism	8,682	3.8%	2.5%	6,532	3.1%	2.5%	+2,150	+0.7
Christianity, nfd	6,608	2.9%	3.4%	5,971	2.8%	3.4%	+637	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	18,154	8.0%	9.9%	22,021	10.5%	13.8%	-3,867	-2.5
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	2,890	1.3%	1.6%	2,882	1.4%	1.7%	+8	-0.1
Brethren	14	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	0.1%	-2	0.0
Western Catholic	52,385	23.1%	19.4%	53,896	25.6%	22.0%	-1,511	-2.5
Maronite Catholic	14	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Melkite Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Ukrainian Catholic	42	0.0%	0.0%	53	0.0%	0.0%	-11	0.0

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	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Chaldean Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Syro Malabar Catholic	48	0.0%	0.0%	63	0.0%	—
Catholic, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	—
Churches of Christ, nfd	65	0.0%	0.0%	79	0.0%	—
Churches of Christ (Conference)	493	0.2%	0.2%	495	0.2%	—
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	—	—	—	—	—	—
International Church of Christ	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Jehovah's Witnesses	936	0.4%	0.4%	840	0.4%	—
Latter-day Saints, nfd	—	—	—	—	—	—
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	334	0.1%	0.2%	343	0.2%	—
Community of Christ	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	—
Lutheran	428	0.2%	0.2%	507	0.2%	—
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Armenian Apostolic	8	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Coptic Orthodox Church	132	0.1%	0.1%	125	0.1%	—
Syrian Orthodox Church	65	0.0%	0.0%	68	0.0%	—
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	215	0.1%	0.0%	218	0.1%	—
Oriental Orthodox, nec	47	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	—
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—
Assyrian Church of the East	—	—	0.0%	9	0.0%	—
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	32	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	—
Albanian Orthodox	—	—	—	—	—	—
Antiochian Orthodox	—	—	0.0%	5	0.0%	—

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Greek Orthodox	3,459	1.5%	0.6%	3,544	1.7%	
Macedonian Orthodox	2,129	0.9%	0.2%	2,155	1.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	24	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	191	0.1%	0.1%	183	0.1%	
Serbian Orthodox	821	0.4%	0.2%	613	0.3%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	29	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	29	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,873	0.8%	1.2%	2,502	1.2%	
Reformed	77	0.0%	0.1%	89	0.0%	
Free Reformed	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Salvation Army	194	0.1%	0.1%	259	0.1%	
Seventh-day Adventist	289	0.1%	0.2%	275	0.1%	
Uniting Church	3,105	1.4%	1.5%	3,925	1.9%	
Pentecostal, nfd	1,641	0.7%	1.1%	1,693	0.8%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	25	0.0%	0.0%	59	0.0%	
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	8	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	16	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Foursquare Gospel Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	

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Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
United Pentecostal	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Life Centre	–	–	–	3	0.0%	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	466	0.2%	0.2%	482	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Born Again Christian	166	0.1%	0.1%	111	0.1%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	64	0.0%	0.0%	92	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	7	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Congregational	6	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	33	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	87	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	365	0.2%	0.2%	416	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nec	40	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.0%	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–

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Christadelphians	24	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	
Christian Science	10	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	14	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Liberal Catholic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Apostolic Church	16	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Ratana (Maori)	23	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	–	6	0.0%	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	55	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	
Hinduism	6,122	2.7%	2.3%	5,360	2.5%	
Islam	8,339	3.7%	3.0%	7,123	3.4%	
Judaism	2,800	1.2%	0.3%	2,760	1.3%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	15	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Baha'i	389	0.2%	0.1%	386	0.2%	
Ancestor Veneration	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Confucianism	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	47	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shinto	18	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	

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Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Animism	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Druidism	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Paganism	113	0.0%	0.1%	87	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	65	0.0%	0.0%	46	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Sikhism	1,719	0.8%	0.8%	1,500	0.7%	–
Spiritualism	108	0.0%	0.0%	104	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	–	–	–	–
Caodaism	17	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	24	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Eckankar	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Rastafari	11	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Satanism	32	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Theosophy	6	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Jainism	138	0.1%	0.0%	118	0.1%	–
Zoroastrianism	62	0.0%	0.0%	48	0.0%	–
Religious Groups, nec	43	0.0%	0.0%	30	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	83,770	37.0%	41.8%	60,286	28.7%	30.0%
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%
Agnosticism	300	0.1%	0.1%	287	0.1%	0.1%
Atheism	363	0.2%	0.1%	275	0.1%	0.1%
Humanism	24	0.0%	0.0%	77	0.0%	0.0%
Rationalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	0.0%
Secular Beliefs, nec	4	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%
Multi Faith	43	0.0%	0.0%	22	0.0%	0.0%
New Age	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Own Spiritual Beliefs	297	0.1%	0.1%	213	0.1%	0.1%
Theism	48	0.0%	0.0%	39	0.0%	0.0%
Unitarian Universalism	9	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	0.0%
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	67	0.0%	0.0%
Not stated	13,384	5.9%	6.2%	19,048	9.1%	9.1%
Total	226,368	100.0%	100.0%	210,204	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.