

Community report

Stonnington (C)

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

AREA

Stonnington (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 Stonnington (C), accounting for 44.2% (46,331 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 8,067 people and 7.3 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

Stonnington (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	415	0.4%	0.4%	554	0.5%	0.5%	-139	-0.1
Buddhism	2,327	2.2%	3.9%	2,475	2.4%	3.8%	-148	-0.2
Christianity, nfd	1,390	1.3%	2.7%	1,308	1.3%	2.6%	+82	0.0
Anglican Church of Australia	9,691	9.3%	5.5%	11,299	10.9%	7.6%	-1,608	-1.6
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	589	0.6%	1.3%	535	0.5%	1.3%	+54	+0.1
Brethren	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	18,248	17.4%	20.5%	19,276	18.6%	23.2%	-1,028	-1.2
Maronite Catholic	17	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	+7	0.0
Melkite Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	16	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	17	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	42	0.0%	0.1%	51	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	121	0.1%	0.2%	110	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	28	0.0%	0.2%	48	0.0%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	259	0.2%	0.2%	301	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	27	0.0%	0.0%	29	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	100	0.1%	0.2%	79	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	19	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	16	0.0%	0.1%	9	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	6	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	

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Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Antiochian Orthodox	28	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	4,754	4.5%	3.3%	4,592	4.4%	
Macedonian Orthodox	70	0.1%	0.4%	49	0.0%	
Romanian Orthodox	29	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	160	0.2%	0.1%	165	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	143	0.1%	0.3%	144	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	17	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	1,152	1.1%	1.1%	1,465	1.4%	
Reformed	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Salvation Army	29	0.0%	0.1%	31	0.0%	
Seventh-day Adventist	48	0.0%	0.2%	44	0.0%	
Uniting Church	1,922	1.8%	1.7%	2,433	2.3%	
Pentecostal, nfd	356	0.3%	0.8%	380	0.4%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	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	3	0.0%	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	144	0.1%	0.2%	166	0.2%	–
Born Again Christian	21	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of the Nazarene	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	7	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	96	0.1%	0.1%	102	0.1%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	12	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Hinduism	2,499	2.4%	4.1%	2,439	2.3%	–
Islam	1,248	1.2%	5.3%	1,063	1.0%	–
Judaism	4,523	4.3%	0.9%	4,087	3.9%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Baha'i	55	0.1%	0.1%	63	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Taoism	45	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Shinto	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	9	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Paganism	40	0.0%	0.1%	29	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	8	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Sikhism	194	0.2%	1.7%	177	0.2%	–
Spiritualism	12	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	8	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Eckankar	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Rastafari	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Satanism	12	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Jainism	30	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	21	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	16	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	46,331	44.2%	36.9%	38,264	36.9%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Agnosticism	255	0.2%	0.1%	209	0.2%	
Atheism	221	0.2%	0.1%	142	0.1%	
Humanism	21	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	
Rationalism	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Multi Faith	19	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
New Age	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	161	0.2%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Theism	22	0.0%	0.0%	33	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	18	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Not stated	6,492	6.2%	5.8%	11,015	10.6%	
Total	104,708	100.0%	100.0%	103,797	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.