

Community report

Waverley (A)

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

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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 Waverley (A), accounting for 41.4% (28,380 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 6,032 people and 7.9 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

Waverley (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	251	0.4%	0.3%	365	0.5%	0.4%	-114	-0.1
Buddhism	827	1.2%	3.8%	871	1.3%	3.9%	-44	-0.1
Christianity, nfd	668	1.0%	2.5%	630	0.9%	2.2%	+38	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	4,601	6.7%	9.2%	5,314	8.0%	12.0%	-713	-1.3
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	143	0.2%	1.2%	116	0.2%	1.2%	+27	0.0
Brethren	–	–	0.1%	–	–	0.1%	–	–
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	12,850	18.7%	22.1%	13,252	19.8%	24.2%	-402	-1.1
Maronite Catholic	31	0.0%	0.8%	21	0.0%	0.7%	+10	0.0
Melkite Catholic	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	8	0.0%	0.1%	13	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	64	0.1%	0.2%	62	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	18	0.0%	0.2%	27	0.0%	
Community of Christ	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	118	0.2%	0.2%	142	0.2%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	8	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	38	0.1%	0.4%	30	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	5	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	3	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Antiochian Orthodox	18	0.0%	0.2%	23	0.0%	
Greek Orthodox	1,391	2.0%	2.3%	1,222	1.8%	
Macedonian Orthodox	33	0.0%	0.3%	36	0.1%	
Romanian Orthodox	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Russian Orthodox	165	0.2%	0.2%	153	0.2%	
Serbian Orthodox	115	0.2%	0.4%	79	0.1%	
Ukrainian Orthodox	14	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Eastern Orthodox, nec	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Presbyterian	492	0.7%	1.5%	696	1.0%	
Reformed	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Salvation Army	7	0.0%	0.1%	15	0.0%	
Seventh-day Adventist	26	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	
Uniting Church	430	0.6%	1.5%	523	0.8%	
Pentecostal, nfd	173	0.3%	0.8%	161	0.2%	
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	9	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	–	–	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	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nfd	111	0.2%	0.2%	103	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	9	0.0%	0.1%	17	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Methodist, so described	40	0.1%	0.1%	26	0.0%	–
United Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christadelphians	3	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	4	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	11	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Hinduism	311	0.5%	4.8%	247	0.4%	–
Islam	315	0.5%	6.3%	256	0.4%	–
Judaism	11,009	16.0%	0.7%	10,074	15.1%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Baha'i	31	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–

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Druse	5	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Sukyo Mahikari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Tenrikyo	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Japanese Religions, nec	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Nature Religions, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Animism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Druidism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Paganism	10	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	3	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Nature Religions, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Sikhism	38	0.1%	0.7%	40	0.1%	
Spiritualism	41	0.1%	0.0%	35	0.1%	
Mandaeen	4	0.0%	0.2%	3	0.0%	
Yezidi	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Caodaism	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Church of Scientology	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Eckankar	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Rastafari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Satanism	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Jainism	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Zoroastrianism	13	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Religious Groups, nec	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	28,380	41.4%	30.3%	22,348	33.5%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Agnosticism	117	0.2%	0.1%	110	0.2%	
Atheism	138	0.2%	0.1%	129	0.2%	
Humanism	11	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
Rationalism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Multi Faith	13	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
New Age	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	137	0.2%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Theism	17	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	19	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.0%	
Not stated	5,183	7.6%	6.2%	9,271	13.9%	
Total	68,596	100.0%	100.0%	66,796	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.