

Community report

Whitehorse (C)

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AREA

Whitehorse (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 Whitehorse (C), accounting for 43.4% (73,545 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 13,851 people and 6.6 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

Whitehorse (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	502	0.3%	0.4%	705	0.4%	0.5%	-203	-0.1
Buddhism	9,190	5.4%	3.9%	8,043	5.0%	3.8%	+1,147	+0.4
Christianity, nfd	5,132	3.0%	2.7%	4,656	2.9%	2.6%	+476	+0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	9,950	5.9%	5.5%	12,545	7.7%	7.6%	-2,595	-1.8
Anglican Catholic Church	–	–	–	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Anglican, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	0.0%	–	–
Baptist	4,381	2.6%	1.3%	4,365	2.7%	1.3%	+16	-0.1
Brethren	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	0.0%	+1	0.0
Catholic, nfd	–	–	–	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–
Western Catholic	27,554	16.3%	20.5%	30,189	18.6%	23.2%	-2,635	-2.3
Maronite Catholic	45	0.0%	0.1%	18	0.0%	0.1%	+27	0.0
Melkite Catholic	4	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	17	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	34	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	102	0.1%	0.0%	94	0.1%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	442	0.3%	0.1%	596	0.4%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	232	0.1%	0.2%	189	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	192	0.1%	0.2%	204	0.1%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Lutheran	643	0.4%	0.2%	819	0.5%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	69	0.0%	0.0%	62	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	100	0.1%	0.2%	109	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	88	0.1%	0.1%	76	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	13	0.0%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Assyrian Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	18	0.0%	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	25	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	5,516	3.3%	3.3%	5,569	3.4%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	116	0.1%	0.4%	108	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	20	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	144	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	201	0.1%	0.3%	210	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	19	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	2,497	1.5%	1.1%	2,989	1.8%	–
Reformed	65	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	437	0.3%	0.1%	571	0.4%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	386	0.2%	0.2%	401	0.2%	–
Uniting Church	4,487	2.6%	1.7%	5,905	3.6%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	1,328	0.8%	0.8%	1,383	0.9%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	7	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	26	0.0%	0.0%	42	0.0%	–
Bethesda Ministries International (Bethesda Churches)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
C3 Church Global (Christian City Church)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
International Network of Churches (Christian Outreach Centres)	–	–	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
CRC International (Christian Revival Crusade)	10	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Foursquare Gospel Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Full Gospel Church of Australia (Full Gospel Church)	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Centres	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Rhema Family Church	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
United Pentecostal	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Acts 2 Alliance	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Church in Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pentecostal City Life Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Revival Fellowship	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Victory Worship Centre	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Worship Centre Network	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Pentecostal, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	24	0.0%	–
Other Protestant, nfd	394	0.2%	0.2%	529	0.3%	–
Born Again Christian	28	0.0%	0.1%	36	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	35	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Congregational	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	38	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	13	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	52	0.0%	0.0%	74	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	253	0.1%	0.1%	253	0.2%	–
United Methodist Church	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Other Protestant, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Other Christian, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Apostolic Church of Queensland	–	–	–	–	–	–
Christadelphians	61	0.0%	0.0%	56	0.0%	–
Christian Science	7	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	7	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Science	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	20	0.0%	0.0%	17	0.0%	–
Temple Society	9	0.0%	0.0%	16	0.0%	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	17	0.0%	0.0%	26	0.0%	–
Hinduism	6,499	3.8%	4.1%	4,373	2.7%	–
Islam	2,702	1.6%	5.3%	2,132	1.3%	–
Judaism	261	0.2%	0.9%	257	0.2%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	11	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Baha'i	210	0.1%	0.1%	177	0.1%	–
Ancestor Veneration	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Confucianism	9	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Taoism	107	0.1%	0.0%	90	0.1%	–

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	19	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Shinto	18	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	14	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Paganism	64	0.0%	0.1%	55	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	37	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	1,073	0.6%	1.7%	999	0.6%	–
Spiritualism	38	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	29	0.0%	0.0%	35	0.0%	–
Eckankar	3	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Rastafari	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Satanism	29	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Theosophy	12	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Jainism	81	0.0%	0.0%	43	0.0%	–
Zoroastrianism	60	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	21	0.0%	0.0%	23	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	73,545	43.4%	36.9%	59,694	36.8%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	286	0.2%	0.1%	234	0.1%	
Atheism	212	0.1%	0.1%	180	0.1%	
Humanism	22	0.0%	0.0%	40	0.0%	
Rationalism	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	7	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Multi Faith	12	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	
New Age	9	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	156	0.1%	0.1%	126	0.1%	
Theism	23	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	7	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	56	0.0%	0.0%	70	0.0%	
Not stated	8,674	5.1%	5.8%	11,870	7.3%	
Total	169,345	100.0%	100.0%	162,070	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.