

# Community report

## Willoughby (C)

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

AREA

**Willoughby (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

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 Willoughby (C), accounting for 43% (32,525 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (30.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 5,396 people and 6.5 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

Willoughby (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	224	0.3%	0.3%	257	0.3%	0.4%	-33	0.0
Buddhism	3,396	4.5%	3.8%	3,228	4.3%	3.9%	+168	+0.2
Christianity, nfd	1,503	2.0%	2.5%	1,367	1.8%	2.2%	+136	+0.2
Anglican Church of Australia	7,158	9.5%	9.2%	8,533	11.5%	12.0%	-1,375	-2.0
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	722	1.0%	1.2%	675	0.9%	1.2%	+47	+0.1
Brethren	4	0.0%	0.1%	11	0.0%	0.1%	-7	0.0
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	15,249	20.2%	22.1%	15,945	21.5%	24.2%	-696	-1.3
Maronite Catholic	70	0.1%	0.8%	53	0.1%	0.7%	+17	0.0
Melkite Catholic	3	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Ukrainian Catholic	17	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.2%	4	0.0%	
Syro Malabar Catholic	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Catholic, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	7	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	34	0.0%	0.1%	47	0.1%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	46	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	27	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	142	0.2%	0.2%	198	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	572	0.8%	0.1%	682	0.9%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	23	0.0%	0.4%	32	0.0%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	10	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	60	0.1%	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	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	13	0.0%	0.2%	–	–	–
Greek Orthodox	794	1.0%	2.3%	786	1.1%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	83	0.1%	0.3%	86	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	83	0.1%	0.2%	108	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	102	0.1%	0.4%	81	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	1,454	1.9%	1.5%	1,867	2.5%	–
Reformed	13	0.0%	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	22	0.0%	0.1%	16	0.0%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	40	0.1%	0.2%	39	0.1%	–
Uniting Church	1,200	1.6%	1.5%	1,531	2.1%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	414	0.5%	0.8%	495	0.7%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	14	0.0%	0.1%	25	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	205	0.3%	0.2%	159	0.2%	–
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Born Again Christian	11	0.0%	0.1%	7	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	3	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Congregational	6	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	45	0.1%	0.0%	31	0.0%	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	15	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	60	0.1%	0.1%	50	0.1%	–
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	5	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Christian Science	5	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
New Apostolic Church	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ratana (Maori)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Temple Society	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Christian, nec	5	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	
Hinduism	2,757	3.6%	4.8%	2,092	2.8%	
Islam	979	1.3%	6.3%	852	1.1%	
Judaism	730	1.0%	0.7%	737	1.0%	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Baha'i	97	0.1%	0.1%	93	0.1%	
Ancestor Veneration	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Confucianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Taoism	46	0.1%	0.0%	42	0.1%	
Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %
Druse	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Shinto	38	0.1%	0.0%	23	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	6	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Paganism	13	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Sikhism	133	0.2%	0.7%	100	0.1%	–
Spiritualism	13	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Mandaeen	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Church of Scientology	26	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eckankar	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Rastafari	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Satanism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Theosophy	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Jainism	30	0.0%	0.0%	41	0.1%	–
Zoroastrianism	57	0.1%	0.0%	47	0.1%	–
Religious Groups, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
No Religion, so described	32,525	43.0%	30.3%	27,129	36.5%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	157	0.2%	0.1%	83	0.1%	
Atheism	128	0.2%	0.1%	73	0.1%	
Humanism	6	0.0%	0.0%	31	0.0%	
Rationalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Multi Faith	18	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	63	0.1%	0.1%	57	0.1%	
Theism	15	0.0%	0.0%	20	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	23	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	
Not stated	3,807	5.0%	6.2%	6,205	8.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,621</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74,296</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.