

Community report

Yarra (C)

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

AREA

Yarra (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 Yarra (C), accounting for 58.6% (52,809 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in No religion, which increased by 10,618 people and 9.9 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

Yarra (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	534	0.6%	0.4%	672	0.8%	0.5%	-138	-0.2
Buddhism	3,042	3.4%	3.9%	3,427	4.0%	3.8%	-385	-0.6
Christianity, nfd	1,089	1.2%	2.7%	1,157	1.3%	2.6%	-68	-0.1
Anglican Church of Australia	3,534	3.9%	5.5%	4,377	5.1%	7.6%	-843	-1.2
Anglican Catholic Church	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Anglican, nec	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Baptist	376	0.4%	1.3%	421	0.5%	1.3%	-45	-0.1
Brethren	-	-	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%	-	-
Catholic, nfd	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Western Catholic	12,810	14.2%	20.5%	14,073	16.2%	23.2%	-1,263	-2.0
Maronite Catholic	39	0.0%	0.1%	24	0.0%	0.1%	+15	0.0
Melkite Catholic	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	-	-

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Ukrainian Catholic	22	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
Chaldean Catholic	–	–	0.1%	–	–	
Syro Malabar Catholic	–	–	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Catholic, nec	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Churches of Christ, nfd	10	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Churches of Christ (Conference)	46	0.1%	0.1%	33	0.0%	
Church of Christ (Non-denominational)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
International Church of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Jehovah's Witnesses	47	0.1%	0.2%	55	0.1%	
Latter-day Saints, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	26	0.0%	0.2%	36	0.0%	
Community of Christ	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Lutheran	182	0.2%	0.2%	224	0.3%	
Oriental Orthodox, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Armenian Apostolic	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Coptic Orthodox Church	48	0.1%	0.2%	58	0.1%	
Syrian Orthodox Church	10	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	60	0.1%	0.1%	74	0.1%	
Oriental Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Assyrian Apostolic, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Assyrian Church of the East	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Ancient Church of the East	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern Orthodox, nfd	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Albanian Orthodox	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Antiochian Orthodox	7	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	–
Greek Orthodox	2,693	3.0%	3.3%	2,777	3.2%	–
Macedonian Orthodox	122	0.1%	0.4%	102	0.1%	–
Romanian Orthodox	10	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
Russian Orthodox	58	0.1%	0.1%	47	0.1%	–
Serbian Orthodox	123	0.1%	0.3%	101	0.1%	–
Ukrainian Orthodox	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Eastern Orthodox, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Presbyterian and Reformed, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Presbyterian	472	0.5%	1.1%	635	0.7%	–
Reformed	13	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	–
Salvation Army	31	0.0%	0.1%	62	0.1%	–
Seventh-day Adventist	36	0.0%	0.2%	30	0.0%	–
Uniting Church	881	1.0%	1.7%	1,091	1.3%	–
Pentecostal, nfd	289	0.3%	0.8%	282	0.3%	–
Apostolic Church (Australia)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God)	9	0.0%	0.0%	26	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%	3	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	4	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	98	0.1%	0.2%	100	0.1%	–
Born Again Christian	22	0.0%	0.1%	8	0.0%	–
Christian and Missionary Alliance	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Church of the Nazarene	6	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Congregational	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Independent Evangelical Churches	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Wesleyan Methodist Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Community Churches of Australia	–	–	0.0%	9	0.0%	–
Methodist, so described	35	0.0%	0.1%	46	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	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Christian Science	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Gnostic Christians	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Liberal Catholic Church	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
New Apostolic Church	3	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	–
New Churches (Swedenborgian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Ratana (Maori)	5	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Religious Science	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	22	0.0%	0.0%	27	0.0%	–
Temple Society	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Grace Communion International (Worldwide Church of God)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Other Christian, nec	6	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	–
Hinduism	684	0.8%	4.1%	566	0.7%	–
Islam	2,188	2.4%	5.3%	1,997	2.3%	–
Judaism	665	0.7%	0.9%	488	0.6%	–
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Baha'i	42	0.0%	0.1%	38	0.0%	–
Ancestor Veneration	3	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	–
Confucianism	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Taoism	33	0.0%	0.0%	28	0.0%	–

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Chinese Religions, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Druse	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	–
Shinto	4	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	–
Sukyo Mahikari	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Tenrikyo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Japanese Religions, nec	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nature Religions, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Animism	4	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Druidism	5	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Paganism	59	0.1%	0.1%	39	0.0%	–
Wiccan (Witchcraft)	25	0.0%	0.0%	12	0.0%	–
Nature Religions, nec	12	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Sikhism	54	0.1%	1.7%	62	0.1%	–
Spiritualism	35	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	–
Mandaean	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Yezidi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	–
Caodaism	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Church of Scientology	15	0.0%	0.0%	13	0.0%	–
Eckankar	4	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–
Rastafari	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	–
Satanism	34	0.0%	0.0%	19	0.0%	–
Theosophy	10	0.0%	0.0%	8	0.0%	–
Jainism	7	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	–
Zoroastrianism	8	0.0%	0.0%	5	0.0%	–

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Religious Groups, nec	22	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs and Other Spiritual Beliefs and No Religious Affiliation, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
No Religion, so described	52,809	58.6%	36.9%	42,191	48.7%	
Secular Beliefs, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Agnosticism	277	0.3%	0.1%	251	0.3%	
Atheism	382	0.4%	0.1%	275	0.3%	
Humanism	19	0.0%	0.0%	38	0.0%	
Rationalism	8	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Secular Beliefs, nec	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nfd	13	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Multi Faith	23	0.0%	0.0%	14	0.0%	
New Age	–	–	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Own Spiritual Beliefs	165	0.2%	0.1%	88	0.1%	
Theism	19	0.0%	0.0%	34	0.0%	
Unitarian Universalism	4	0.0%	0.0%	10	0.0%	
Other Spiritual Beliefs, nec	26	0.0%	0.0%	47	0.1%	
Not stated	5,570	6.2%	5.8%	10,183	11.8%	
Total	90,124	100.0%	100.0%	86,634	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

Data basis: usual residence.