

# Community report

## Adelaide (C)

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

AREA

**Adelaide (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Adelaide**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Household size

### 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.
- Enumerated topics describe where people or dwellings were counted on Census night.

# Household size

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 1 person was the most common household size among households in Adelaide (C), accounting for 44.4% (4,936 households). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (27.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 1,377 households and 3.4 percentage points.

## About this topic

Household size shows how many people live in each household. It is a basic but important measure of family life, dwelling use, and the way people share housing.

This topic helps indicate demand for different dwelling sizes and can reflect life-cycle patterns, cultural norms, and affordability pressures. It is best read with household type, age structure, and dwelling type, because changes in household size can happen for very different reasons.

## Interpretation notes

- This counts the number of people usually resident in the dwelling, so it describes shared living arrangements rather than dwelling size.

- Household size should be read with bedrooms or dwelling structure before drawing conclusions about crowding or housing suitability.

## Household size

Adelaide (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
1 person	4,936	44.4%	27.7%	3,559	41.0%	27.4%	+1,377	+3.4
2 persons	4,393	39.5%	33.5%	3,356	38.7%	33.7%	+1,037	+0.8
3 persons	1,147	10.3%	15.9%	1,072	12.4%	15.9%	+75	-2.1
4 persons	490	4.4%	14.9%	512	5.9%	15.1%	-22	-1.5
5 persons	110	1.0%	5.5%	131	1.5%	5.5%	-21	-0.5
6 or more persons	45	0.4%	2.5%	43	0.5%	2.4%	+2	-0.1
<b>Total classifiable households</b>	<b>11,116</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,678</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+2,438</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.