

# Community report

## Ballina (A)

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

AREA

**Ballina (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

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, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Ballina (A), accounting for 38.3% (6,995 households). This share was higher than Regional NSW (36.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 2 persons, which increased by 766 households, while its share fell by 0.1 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

Ballina (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
1 person	5,155	28.2%	27.9%	4,594	28.3%	27.5%	+561	-0.1
2 persons	6,995	38.3%	36.4%	6,229	38.4%	36.3%	+766	-0.1
3 persons	2,536	13.9%	14.1%	2,241	13.8%	14.2%	+295	+0.1
4 persons	2,271	12.4%	13.0%	1,988	12.3%	13.2%	+283	+0.1
5 persons	923	5.0%	5.8%	828	5.1%	6.0%	+95	-0.1
6 or more persons	403	2.2%	2.8%	332	2.0%	2.8%	+71	+0.2
<b>Total classifiable households</b>	<b>18,281</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16,220</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+2,061</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.