

Community report

Bellingen (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

30 March 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Housing tenure

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 70.2% of households in Bellingen (A) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 20.8% were renting. The mortgage share was lower than Regional NSW (29.4%).

About this topic

Housing tenure shows whether households own their dwelling outright, are purchasing it, rent privately, rent from a social landlord, or occupy it under another arrangement. It describes how households hold or access housing, not the type of dwelling itself.

This topic is useful for analysing housing markets, affordability, stability, and the mix of owners and renters. It works best alongside dwelling type, household composition, and housing cost topics such as mortgage repayments and rent.

Interpretation notes

- Tenure type describes how the dwelling is occupied, including ownership, mortgage, rental, or other arrangements.

- It applies to occupied private dwellings and should not be confused with dwelling structure or housing cost measures.

Housing tenure

Bellingen (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Fully owned	2,618	45.6%	36.3%	2,351	43.6%	35.5%	+267	+2.0
Mortgage	1,409	24.6%	29.4%	1,322	24.5%	28.6%	+87	+0.1
Renting – Total	1,193	20.8%	25.7%	1,260	23.4%	26.5%	-67	-2.6
Renting – Social housing	112	2.0%	3.8%	112	2.1%	4.2%	0	-0.1
Renting – Private	1,078	18.8%	21.7%	1,099	20.4%	21.6%	-21	-1.6
Renting – Not stated	6	0.1%	0.2%	40	0.7%	0.7%	-34	-0.6
Other tenure type	108	1.9%	2.3%	40	0.7%	1.0%	+68	+1.2
Not stated	417	7.3%	6.4%	416	7.7%	8.4%	+1	-0.4
Total households	5,738	100.0%	100.0%	5,387	100.0%	100.0%	+351	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.