

Community report

Brisbane (C)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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 Brisbane (C), accounting for 33.4% (155,420 households). This share was similar to Greater Brisbane (33.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 23,325 households and 1.9 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

Brisbane (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
1 person	119,025	25.6%	23.6%	95,700	23.7%	22.0%	+23,325	+1.9
2 persons	155,420	33.4%	33.5%	134,305	33.2%	33.3%	+21,115	+0.2
3 persons	77,459	16.7%	16.7%	69,389	17.2%	17.2%	+8,070	-0.5
4 persons	73,747	15.9%	16.0%	66,326	16.4%	16.6%	+7,421	-0.5
5 persons	27,467	5.9%	6.5%	26,361	6.5%	7.1%	+1,106	-0.6
6 or more persons	12,005	2.6%	3.6%	12,081	3.0%	3.9%	-76	-0.4
Total classifiable households	465,124	100.0%	100.0%	404,159	100.0%	100.0%	+60,965	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.