

Community report

Central Desert (R)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NT

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Number of cars per household

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, 1 motor vehicle was the most common car-ownership level among households in Central Desert (R), accounting for 42.2% (401 households). This share was higher than Regional NT (37.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 motor vehicle, which increased by 127 households and 10.1 percentage points.

About this topic

Number of cars per household shows how many registered motor vehicles are available to people living in a household. It is a measure of access to private transport rather than total travel activity.

This topic is useful for understanding mobility, transport choice, and access to jobs and services. It should be read with public transport availability, household type, income, and travel to work, because high or low car ownership can reflect very different local conditions.

Interpretation notes

- This measures registered motor vehicles owned or used by residents that were garaged or parked at or near the dwelling on Census night.
- Vehicle counts are a household access measure, not a direct measure of how often people drive or commute.

Car ownership

Central Desert (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
No motor vehicles	237	24.9%	17.9%	330	38.6%	17.4%	-93	-13.7
1 motor vehicle	401	42.2%	37.3%	274	32.1%	32.9%	+127	+10.1
2 motor vehicles	124	13.1%	21.6%	98	11.5%	21.2%	+26	+1.6
3 or more motor vehicles	73	7.7%	10.8%	51	6.0%	10.2%	+22	+1.7
Not stated	117	12.3%	12.4%	101	11.8%	18.4%	+16	+0.5
Total households	950	100.0%	100.0%	854	100.0%	100.0%	+96	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.