

# Community report

## Central Desert (R)

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

AREA

**Central Desert (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NT**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Households with children

### 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.

# Households with children

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, households with children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Central Desert (R), accounting for 42.2% (401 households). This share was higher than Regional NT (34.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in couples with young children, which decreased by 56 households and 8.9 percentage points.

## About this topic

Households with children groups households according to whether children are present and the life stage of those children. In this topic, life stage is based on the ages of the children in the household rather than the age of the parents.

This topic is useful for understanding likely demand for childcare, schools, youth services, and family housing. It should be read with household size, age structure, and dwelling type to build a fuller picture of family life in an area.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of households that classifies households by whether children are present and by the ages of those children.
- The life-stage labels describe the ages of children in the household, not the ages of parents or carers.

## Households with children by life stage

Central Desert (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Couples with children	267	28.1%	23.8%	281	32.9%	25.1%	-14	-4.8
Couples with young children	202	21.3%	17.0%	258	30.2%	19.0%	-56	-8.9
Couples with mixed-age children	81	8.5%	5.4%	76	8.9%	5.6%	+5	-0.4
Couples with older children	49	5.2%	4.9%	43	5.0%	4.7%	+6	+0.2
Single parents with children	134	14.1%	10.5%	124	14.5%	9.8%	+10	-0.4
Single parents with young children	123	12.9%	6.7%	113	13.2%	6.8%	+10	-0.3
Single parents with mixed-age children	49	5.2%	2.5%	24	2.8%	2.6%	+25	+2.4
Single parents with older children	54	5.7%	4.8%	46	5.4%	4.1%	+8	+0.3
Total households with children	401	42.2%	34.3%	405	47.4%	34.8%	-4	-5.2
<b>Total households</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+96</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.