

# 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 without 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 without children

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, total households without children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Central Desert (R), accounting for 28.9% (275 households). This share was lower than Regional NT (37.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in lone person households, which increased by 32 households and 2 percentage points.

## About this topic

Households without children includes couple-only households and lone person households, grouped by life stage. In this topic, life stage is based on the age of the household reference person rather than on the ages of all people in the dwelling.

This topic is useful for understanding the mix of younger adult, mid-life, and older households and the different housing and service needs they may have. It works best alongside household size, age structure, and dwelling type.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of couple-only and lone-person households, not a summary of all household types.

- The life-stage labels are based on the age of the household reference person, so they simplify the ages of everyone else in the household.

## Households without children by life stage

Central Desert (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Couples without children	120	12.6%	16.3%	150	17.6%	17.3%	-30	-5.0
Lone person households	142	14.9%	18.1%	110	12.9%	17.9%	+32	+2.0
Young lone persons	66	6.9%	6.8%	40	4.7%	6.1%	+26	+2.2
Middle-aged lone persons	65	6.8%	7.3%	58	6.8%	8.1%	+7	0.0
Older lone persons	16	1.7%	4.0%	9	1.1%	3.7%	+7	+0.6
Group households	13	1.4%	3.0%	11	1.3%	2.9%	+2	+0.1
Total households without children	275	28.9%	37.3%	271	31.7%	38.2%	+4	-2.8
<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.