

Community report

Cessnock (C)

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

AREA

Cessnock (C)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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 Cessnock (C), accounting for 33.7% (7,605 households). This share was lower than Regional NSW (36.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 2 persons, which increased by 1,038 households, while its share fell by 0.2 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

Cessnock (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
1 person	5,497	24.4%	27.9%	4,827	24.9%	27.5%	+670	-0.5
2 persons	7,605	33.7%	36.4%	6,567	33.9%	36.3%	+1,038	-0.2
3 persons	3,691	16.4%	14.1%	3,108	16.0%	14.2%	+583	+0.4
4 persons	3,332	14.8%	13.0%	2,856	14.7%	13.2%	+476	+0.1
5 persons	1,574	7.0%	5.8%	1,357	7.0%	6.0%	+217	0.0
6 or more persons	857	3.8%	2.8%	648	3.3%	2.8%	+209	+0.5
Total classifiable households	22,556	100.0%	100.0%	19,368	100.0%	100.0%	+3,188	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.