

Community report

Cocos Islands

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

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Cocos Islands

COMPARISON

Other Territories

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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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Cocos Islands, accounting for 28.7% (35 households). This share was lower than Other Territories (34.5%).

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

Cocos Islands - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	pp
1 person	9	7.4%	32.1%	–	–	27.1%	–	–
2 persons	35	28.7%	34.5%	–	–	35.2%	–	–
3 persons	18	14.8%	12.1%	–	–	14.7%	–	–
4 persons	13	10.7%	11.0%	–	–	11.8%	–	–
5 persons	14	11.5%	6.4%	–	–	6.6%	–	–
6 or more persons	26	21.3%	4.0%	–	–	4.9%	–	–
Total classifiable households	122	100.0%	100.0%	–	–	100.0%	–	–

Data basis: enumerated.