

Community report

Colac-Otway (S)

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

AREA

Colac-Otway (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

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 Colac–Otway (S), accounting for 31% (2,973 households). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (34.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in households with children, which increased by 120 households, while its share fell by 1.9 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

Colac-Otway (S) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Couples with children	2,138	22.3%	24.6%	2,041	23.6%	25.3%	+97	-1.3
Couples with young children	1,133	11.8%	13.5%	1,099	12.7%	13.8%	+34	-0.9
Couples with mixed-age children	343	3.6%	3.6%	309	3.6%	3.7%	+34	0.0
Couples with older children	676	7.0%	7.7%	634	7.3%	7.9%	+42	-0.3
Single parents with children	835	8.7%	10.1%	812	9.4%	10.1%	+23	-0.7
Single parents with young children	315	3.3%	4.0%	322	3.7%	4.2%	-7	-0.4
Single parents with mixed-age children	88	0.9%	1.3%	107	1.2%	1.3%	-19	-0.3
Single parents with older children	436	4.5%	5.0%	410	4.7%	4.9%	+26	-0.2
Total households with children	2,973	31.0%	34.7%	2,853	32.9%	35.4%	+120	-1.9
Total households	9,593	100.0%	100.0%	8,659	100.0%	100.0%	+934	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.