

# Community report

## Darebin (C)

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

AREA

**Darebin (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Household type

### 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 type

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, lone-person households was the most common household type among households in Darebin (C), accounting for 29.4% (18,201 households). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (23.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in lone-person households, which increased by 2,871 households and 3.2 percentage points.

## About this topic

Household type summarises the mix of household and family structures in an area, such as couples with children, lone person households, and one-parent families. It is one of the clearest indicators of how people live together and the residential role of an area.

This topic is useful for planning services, facilities, and housing because demand is closely tied to household structure. It is best read with households with children, households without children, household size, age structure, and dwelling type.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived household-composition view built from relationships within dwellings, so it summarises household structure rather than a single Census question.

- It is dwelling-based, which means different household types can reflect both family structure and housing arrangements.

## Household type

Darebin (C) - Total households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Couples with children	16,119	26.1%	33.1%	15,842	27.1%	33.5%	+277	-1.0
Couples without children	14,356	23.2%	23.5%	12,801	21.9%	22.9%	+1,555	+1.3
One parent families	5,642	9.1%	10.2%	5,343	9.1%	10.1%	+299	0.0
Other families	950	1.5%	1.2%	1,003	1.7%	1.4%	-53	-0.2
Group household	4,215	6.8%	4.1%	4,422	7.6%	4.7%	-207	-0.8
Lone person	18,201	29.4%	23.7%	15,330	26.2%	22.0%	+2,871	+3.2
Other not classifiable household	2,327	3.8%	4.2%	3,671	6.3%	5.4%	-1,344	-2.5
<b>Total households</b>	<b>61,810</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>58,412</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+3,398</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.