

Community report

Derby-West Kimberley (S)

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

AREA

Derby-West Kimberley (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

3 April 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Housing tenure

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, 23.4% of households in Derby–West Kimberley (S) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 49.7% were renting. The mortgage share was lower than Regional WA (27.3%).

About this topic

Housing tenure shows whether households own their dwelling outright, are purchasing it, rent privately, rent from a social landlord, or occupy it under another arrangement. It describes how households hold or access housing, not the type of dwelling itself.

This topic is useful for analysing housing markets, affordability, stability, and the mix of owners and renters. It works best alongside dwelling type, household composition, and housing cost topics such as mortgage repayments and rent.

Interpretation notes

– Tenure type describes how the dwelling is occupied, including ownership, mortgage, rental, or other arrangements.

– It applies to occupied private dwellings and should not be confused with dwelling structure or housing cost measures.

Housing tenure

Derby–West Kimberley (S) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Fully owned	561	18.4%	31.0%	574	19.1%	29.4%	-13	-0.7
Mortgage	153	5.0%	27.3%	185	6.2%	27.0%	-32	-1.2
Renting – Total	1,512	49.7%	28.1%	1,730	57.6%	31.4%	-218	-7.9
Renting – Social housing	975	32.0%	5.9%	1,078	35.9%	6.4%	-103	-3.9
Renting – Private	523	17.2%	21.9%	595	19.8%	23.9%	-72	-2.6
Renting – Not stated	12	0.4%	0.2%	55	1.8%	1.1%	-43	-1.4
Other tenure type	214	7.0%	3.9%	52	1.7%	1.1%	+162	+5.3
Not stated	609	20.0%	9.8%	453	15.1%	11.0%	+156	+4.9
Total households	3,043	100.0%	100.0%	3,001	100.0%	100.0%	+42	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.