

# Community report

## Dorset (M)

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

AREA

**Dorset (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

# Household size

Dorset (M) | Regional Tas. comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, two-person households was the most common household size among households in Dorset (M), accounting for 40.9% (1,131 households). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (37.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in two-person households, which increased by 84 households and 1.4 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

Dorset (M) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Number Of Persons Usually Resident One	874	31.6%	30.1%	867	32.7%	30.1%	+7	-1.1
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Two	1,131	40.9%	37.9%	1,047	39.5%	37.6%	+84	+1.4
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Three	293	10.6%	13.5%	275	10.4%	13.5%	+18	+0.2
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Four	270	9.8%	11.5%	289	10.9%	11.9%	-19	-1.1
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Five	127	4.6%	4.7%	113	4.3%	4.8%	+14	+0.3
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Six Or More	73	2.6%	2.4%	66	2.5%	2.2%	+7	+0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+110</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.