

# 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** 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.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they 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 Dorset (M), accounting for 28.4% (847 households). This share was lower than Regional Tas. (33.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in single parents with children, which increased by 22 households and 0.3 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

Dorset (M) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Couples with children	587	19.7%	22.8%	605	21.3%	23.6%	-18	-1.6
Couples with young children	299	10.0%	12.1%	318	11.2%	12.5%	-19	-1.2
Couples with mixed-age children	101	3.4%	3.4%	100	3.5%	3.7%	+1	-0.1
Couples with older children	184	6.2%	7.3%	193	6.8%	7.4%	-9	-0.6
Single parents with children	260	8.7%	10.7%	238	8.4%	10.5%	+22	+0.3
Single parents with young children	101	3.4%	4.4%	110	3.9%	4.5%	-9	-0.5
Single parents with mixed-age children	31	1.0%	1.3%	21	0.7%	1.3%	+10	+0.3
Single parents with older children	122	4.1%	5.0%	103	3.6%	4.7%	+19	+0.5
Total households with children	847	28.4%	33.5%	843	29.7%	34.1%	+4	-1.3
<b>Total households</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+151</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.