City Compass
Community Explorer

Community report
Fairfield (C)

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

AREA
Fairfield (C)

COMPARISON
Greater Sydney

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.

- Enumerated topics describe where people or dwellings were counted on Census night.

Household size

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Fairfield (C), accounting for 24.5% (14,920 households). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (30.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 1,678 households and 1.8 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

Fairfield (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
1 person	10,680	17.5%	23.2%	9,002	15.7%	21.6%	+1,678	+1.8
2 persons	14,920	24.5%	30.7%	13,388	23.4%	29.9%	+1,532	+1.1
3 persons	10,927	17.9%	17.2%	10,533	18.4%	17.6%	+394	-0.5
4 persons	11,105	18.2%	17.3%	11,169	19.5%	18.1%	-64	-1.3
5 persons	6,896	11.3%	7.3%	6,778	11.9%	8.0%	+118	-0.6
6 or more persons	6,387	10.5%	4.2%	6,310	11.0%	4.7%	+77	-0.5
Total classifiable households	**60,918**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**57,190**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**+3,728**	**0.0**

Data basis: enumerated.