

Community report

Greater Dandenong (C)

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

AREA

Greater Dandenong (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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.
- Enumerated topics describe where people or dwellings 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 Greater Dandenong (C), accounting for 47.5% (25,747 households). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (43.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in households with children, which increased by 839 households, while its share fell by 1.2 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

Greater Dandenong (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Couples with children	18,624	34.3%	33.1%	18,307	35.8%	33.5%	+317	-1.5
Couples with young children	9,820	18.1%	18.4%	9,905	19.4%	18.4%	-85	-1.3
Couples with mixed-age children	2,670	4.9%	4.3%	2,563	5.0%	4.3%	+107	-0.1
Couples with older children	6,644	12.2%	10.7%	6,388	12.5%	11.1%	+256	-0.3
Single parents with children	7,123	13.1%	10.2%	6,601	12.9%	10.1%	+522	+0.2
Single parents with young children	2,185	4.0%	3.4%	2,274	4.4%	3.4%	-89	-0.4
Single parents with mixed-age children	799	1.5%	1.1%	862	1.7%	1.1%	-63	-0.2
Single parents with older children	4,620	8.5%	5.9%	4,055	7.9%	5.9%	+565	+0.6
Total households with children	25,747	47.5%	43.3%	24,908	48.7%	43.5%	+839	-1.2
Total households	54,254	100.0%	100.0%	51,171	100.0%	100.0%	+3,083	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.