

# Community report

## Gunnedah (A)

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

AREA

**Gunnedah (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Households without 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 without children

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, total households without children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Gunnedah (A), accounting for 52.4% (2,715 households). This share was lower than Regional NSW (56.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in young lone persons, which increased by 55 households and 0.7 percentage points.

## About this topic

Households without children includes couple-only households and lone person households, grouped by life stage. In this topic, life stage is based on the age of the household reference person rather than on the ages of all people in the dwelling.

This topic is useful for understanding the mix of younger adult, mid-life, and older households and the different housing and service needs they may have. It works best alongside household size, age structure, and dwelling type.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of couple-only and lone-person households, not a summary of all household types.

- The life-stage labels are based on the age of the household reference person, so they simplify the ages of everyone else in the household.

## Households without children by life stage

Gunnedah (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Couples without children	1,271	24.5%	27.7%	1,275	26.1%	27.0%	-4	-1.6
Lone person households	1,301	25.1%	26.1%	1,277	26.1%	25.5%	+24	-1.0
Young lone persons	317	6.1%	4.7%	262	5.4%	4.7%	+55	+0.7
Middle-aged lone persons	380	7.3%	8.4%	414	8.5%	8.9%	-34	-1.2
Older lone persons	601	11.6%	13.0%	596	12.2%	12.0%	+5	-0.6
Group households	143	2.8%	3.1%	114	2.3%	3.1%	+29	+0.5
Total households without children	2,715	52.4%	56.8%	2,666	54.5%	55.6%	+49	-2.1
<b>Total households</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,894</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+291</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.