

# Community report

## Lake Macquarie (C)

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

AREA

**Lake Macquarie (C)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**1 April 2026**

### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Unpaid domestic work

### 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.

# Unpaid domestic work

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, doing unpaid domestic work was the most common response among residents aged 15 and over in Lake Macquarie (C), accounting for 71.3% (124,863 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (68.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in not doing unpaid domestic work, which increased by 8,212 people and 3.1 percentage points.

## About this topic

Unpaid domestic work measures how much time people aged 15 years and over spent doing housework for their household in the week before the Census. It helps show the distribution of unpaid labour that supports home and family life.

This topic is useful for understanding household roles, time pressures, and gender or life-stage differences in unpaid work. It is best read with household type, employment, and income, because the amount of unpaid domestic work can be shaped by family structure and the ability to outsource tasks.

## Interpretation notes

- The hours refer to unpaid domestic work done for the person's household in the week before the Census.

- This topic does not measure childcare, disability care, or other unpaid help unless it falls within domestic work for the household.

## Unpaid domestic work

Lake Macquarie (C) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	124,863	71.3%	68.6%	116,710	72.4%	69.2%	+8,153	-1.1
Less Than 5 Hours	33,729	19.3%	18.5%	33,458	20.7%	19.6%	+271	-1.4
Between 5 And 14 Hours	50,023	28.6%	27.3%	44,083	27.3%	26.1%	+5,940	+1.3
Between 15 And 29 Hours	24,552	14.0%	13.3%	22,249	13.8%	13.0%	+2,303	+0.2
30 Hours Or More	16,559	9.5%	9.5%	16,920	10.5%	10.5%	-361	-1.0
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	41,819	23.9%	23.9%	33,607	20.8%	20.5%	+8,212	+3.1
Not Stated	8,402	4.8%	7.5%	10,944	6.8%	10.2%	-2,542	-2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,079</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>161,262</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+13,817</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.