

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

5 April 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Family blending

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.

Family blending

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Key takeaway

In 2021, intact families was the most common family type among couple families with children in Lake Macquarie (C), accounting for 83.5% (20,547 families). This share was higher than Regional NSW (83.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in step families, which increased by 898 families and 3.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Family blending classifies couple families with children according to whether the children are shared by both partners, from a previous relationship, or a mix of both. It applies only to couple families with children, not to all family types or all households.

This topic can help show patterns of repartnering and family complexity within an area. It should be interpreted with household type and households with children, because it is a specialised family-structure measure rather than a summary of all families.

Interpretation notes

- This derived family view applies only to couple families with children, not all families or all households.

- It classifies whether children are shared, step, or blended within the couple family, so it should not be compared directly with headline household totals.

Family blending

Lake Macquarie (C) - Total couples with children (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Intact Family	20,547	83.5%	83.2%	19,990	86.6%	86.8%	+557	-3.1
Step family	2,776	11.3%	11.1%	1,878	8.1%	7.4%	+898	+3.2
Blended family	1,099	4.5%	4.8%	1,063	4.6%	4.9%	+36	-0.1
Other couple family	183	0.7%	0.9%	169	0.7%	0.9%	+14	0.0
Total couples with children	24,611	100.0%	100.0%	23,096	100.0%	100.0%	+1,515	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.