

# 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

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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 Lake Macquarie (C), accounting for 41.4% (34,576 households). This share was higher than Regional NSW (35.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in households with children, which increased by 2,477 households, while its share fell by 1.1 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

Lake Macquarie (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Couples with children	24,391	29.2%	24.8%	22,920	30.4%	25.4%	+1,471	-1.2
Couples with young children	12,880	15.4%	13.5%	11,584	15.4%	13.7%	+1,296	0.0
Couples with mixed-age children	3,401	4.1%	3.7%	3,397	4.5%	3.8%	+4	-0.4
Couples with older children	8,325	10.0%	7.8%	8,115	10.8%	8.1%	+210	-0.8
Single parents with children	10,185	12.2%	10.9%	9,179	12.2%	11.0%	+1,006	0.0
Single parents with young children	3,904	4.7%	4.5%	3,558	4.7%	4.7%	+346	0.0
Single parents with mixed-age children	1,252	1.5%	1.4%	1,087	1.4%	1.4%	+165	+0.1
Single parents with older children	5,371	6.4%	5.4%	4,920	6.5%	5.4%	+451	-0.1
Total households with children	34,576	41.4%	35.7%	32,099	42.5%	36.4%	+2,477	-1.1
<b>Total households</b>	<b>83,435</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75,444</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+7,991</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.