

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 Housing rental payments

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.

Housing rental payments

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Key takeaway

In 2021, \$350 to \$399 was the most common rent band among households renting their home in Lake Macquarie (C), accounting for 16.4% (3,099 households). This share was higher than Regional NSW (13.3%).

About this topic

Housing rental payments show the weekly rent reported by households that rent their dwelling. It is a direct measure of current housing cost for renters and is not affected by home equity or mortgage history.

This topic is useful for understanding rental affordability and potential housing stress, especially when read with household income and tenure. Raw rental amounts are not directly comparable over time because of inflation, so rental quartiles are better for comparing change.

Interpretation notes

- This topic applies only to households that rent their dwelling and records weekly rent for the dwelling counted on Census night.
- Raw rent ranges are not directly comparable over time because inflation and market conditions change.

Weekly housing rental payments

Lake Macquarie (C) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional NSW %
Less than \$100	252	1.3%	1.9%
\$100-\$149	1,301	6.9%	5.8%
\$150-\$199	1,210	6.4%	8.1%
\$200-\$249	1,184	6.3%	9.6%
\$250-\$299	1,202	6.3%	11.7%
\$300-\$349	2,042	10.8%	13.1%
\$350-\$399	3,099	16.4%	13.3%
\$400-\$449	2,726	14.4%	10.7%
\$450-\$499	2,109	11.1%	7.9%
\$500-\$549	1,283	6.8%	4.8%
\$550-\$649	1,200	6.3%	4.9%
\$650-\$749	376	2.0%	1.9%
\$750-\$849	112	0.6%	0.8%
\$850+	92	0.5%	1.1%
Not stated	742	3.9%	4.5%
Total households renting	18,930	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: enumerated.