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Community Explorer

COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
MacDonnell (R)

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

AREA
MacDonnell (R)

COMPARISON
Regional NT

POPULATION
Persons

GENERATED
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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01   Service age groups

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.

Service age groups

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Mid-life adults (35 to 49) was the most common category among residents in MacDonnell (R), accounting for 22.7% (1,302 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (20.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Young adults (18 to 24), which decreased by 334 people and 4.9 percentage points.

About this topic

Service age groups divide the population into broad life-stage bands such as children, young adults, working-age adults, and older people. The groupings are designed to reflect typical demand for age-based services and facilities rather than exact five-year cohorts.

This view is useful for planning childcare, schools, recreation, aged services, and other community infrastructure. It works best alongside five year age groups, household type, and dwelling data, which add more detail about who is living in an area and how needs may change over time.

Interpretation notes

– This is a derived grouping rather than a direct Census question, so the age bands are planning-oriented summaries built from standard age data.

– Percentages relate to the total population; use five year age groups when exact cohort detail matters.

Age structure - Service age groups

MacDonnell (R) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Early childhood (0 to 4)	438	7.6%	7.3%	416	6.9%	8.3%	+22	+0.7
Primary school age (5 to 11)	617	10.7%	11.0%	595	9.9%	11.5%	+22	+0.8
Secondary school age (12 to 17)	456	7.9%	8.5%	503	8.3%	9.0%	-47	-0.4
Young adults (18 to 24)	711	12.4%	10.4%	1,045	17.3%	10.5%	-334	-4.9
Early career adults (25 to 34)	1,105	19.2%	18.3%	1,124	18.6%	17.5%	-19	+0.6
Mid-life adults (35 to 49)	1,302	22.7%	20.8%	1,247	20.7%	20.8%	+55	+2.0
Pre-retirement adults (50 to 59)	593	10.3%	11.7%	608	10.1%	11.9%	-15	+0.2
Retirement transition (60 to 69)	357	6.2%	8.0%	324	5.4%	7.2%	+33	+0.8
Established seniors (70 to 84)	158	2.7%	3.8%	136	2.3%	3.0%	+22	+0.4
Advanced age (85 years and over)	12	0.2%	0.4%	19	0.3%	0.3%	-7	-0.1
Total	**5,748**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**6,029**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**-281**	**0.0**

Data basis: usual residence.