

# Community report

## Melville (C)

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

AREA

**Melville (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Perth**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Household size

### 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.

# Household size

Melville (C) | Greater Perth comparison | Persons

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Melville (C), accounting for 33.5% (12,927 households). This share was higher than Greater Perth (32.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 2 persons, which increased by 1,043 households and 0.3 percentage points.

## About this topic

Household size shows how many people live in each household. It is a basic but important measure of family life, dwelling use, and the way people share housing.

This topic helps indicate demand for different dwelling sizes and can reflect life-cycle patterns, cultural norms, and affordability pressures. It is best read with household type, age structure, and dwelling type, because changes in household size can happen for very different reasons.

## Interpretation notes

- This counts the number of people usually resident in the dwelling, so it describes shared living arrangements rather than dwelling size.

- Household size should be read with bedrooms or dwelling structure before drawing conclusions about crowding or housing suitability.

## Household size

Melville (C) – Households (Enumerated)

| Category                             | 2021          |               |                 | 2016          |               |                 | Change        |            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
|                                      | Count         | %             | Greater Perth % | Count         | %             | Greater Perth % | Count         | pp         |
| 1 person                             | 9,375         | 24.3%         | 24.9%           | 8,427         | 23.5%         | 23.0%           | +948          | +0.8       |
| 2 persons                            | 12,927        | 33.5%         | 32.9%           | 11,884        | 33.2%         | 33.4%           | +1,043        | +0.3       |
| 3 persons                            | 6,162         | 16.0%         | 16.4%           | 5,917         | 16.5%         | 16.8%           | +245          | -0.5       |
| 4 persons                            | 6,814         | 17.7%         | 16.5%           | 6,445         | 18.0%         | 17.0%           | +369          | -0.3       |
| 5 persons                            | 2,506         | 6.5%          | 6.4%            | 2,351         | 6.6%          | 6.7%            | +155          | -0.1       |
| 6 or more persons                    | 786           | 2.0%          | 2.9%            | 827           | 2.3%          | 3.1%            | -41           | -0.3       |
| <b>Total classifiable households</b> | <b>38,566</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   | <b>35,846</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>   | <b>+2,720</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: enumerated.