

# Community report

## Merredin (S)

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

AREA

**Merredin (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Households without 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 without children

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, total households without children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Merredin (S), accounting for 54.3% (734 households). This share was higher than Regional WA (51.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in total households without children, which decreased by 38 households and 2.3 percentage points.

## About this topic

Households without children includes couple-only households and lone person households, grouped by life stage. In this topic, life stage is based on the age of the household reference person rather than on the ages of all people in the dwelling.

This topic is useful for understanding the mix of younger adult, mid-life, and older households and the different housing and service needs they may have. It works best alongside household size, age structure, and dwelling type.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of couple-only and lone-person households, not a summary of all household types.

- The life-stage labels are based on the age of the household reference person, so they simplify the ages of everyone else in the household.

## Households without children by life stage

Merredin (S) – Households (Enumerated)

| Category                          | 2021         |               |               | 2016         |               |               | Change     |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
|                                   | Count        | %             | Regional WA % | Count        | %             | Regional WA % | Count      | pp         |
| Couples without children          | 345          | 25.5%         | 25.7%         | 378          | 27.7%         | 26.0%         | -33        | -2.2       |
| Lone person households            | 359          | 26.6%         | 23.2%         | 354          | 26.0%         | 22.0%         | +5         | +0.6       |
| Young lone persons                | 102          | 7.5%          | 5.5%          | 94           | 6.9%          | 5.4%          | +8         | +0.6       |
| Middle-aged lone persons          | 114          | 8.4%          | 8.3%          | 127          | 9.3%          | 8.5%          | -13        | -0.9       |
| Older lone persons                | 142          | 10.5%         | 9.4%          | 123          | 9.0%          | 8.2%          | +19        | +1.5       |
| Group households                  | 30           | 2.2%          | 2.3%          | 40           | 2.9%          | 2.5%          | -10        | -0.7       |
| Total households without children | 734          | 54.3%         | 51.3%         | 772          | 56.6%         | 50.5%         | -38        | -2.3       |
| <b>Total households</b>           | <b>1,351</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>1,363</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>-12</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: enumerated.