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Community Explorer

COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
North Sydney (A)

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

AREA
North Sydney (A)

COMPARISON
Greater Sydney

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 North Sydney (A), accounting for 24.5% (16,907 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (21.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Established seniors (70 to 84), which increased by 1,823 people and 2.5 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

North Sydney (A) – Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Early childhood (0 to 4)	3,432	5.0%	6.0%	3,851	5.7%	6.4%	-419	-0.7
Primary school age (5 to 11)	3,877	5.6%	8.8%	3,557	5.3%	8.8%	+320	+0.3
Secondary school age (12 to 17)	2,718	3.9%	7.1%	2,266	3.3%	6.9%	+452	+0.6
Young adults (18 to 24)	4,222	6.1%	8.8%	4,151	6.1%	9.6%	+71	0.0
Early career adults (25 to 34)	14,653	21.3%	15.5%	16,362	24.2%	16.1%	-1,709	-2.9
Mid-life adults (35 to 49)	16,907	24.5%	21.5%	16,765	24.8%	21.1%	+142	-0.3
Pre-retirement adults (50 to 59)	8,026	11.6%	12.0%	7,488	11.1%	12.2%	+538	+0.5
Retirement transition (60 to 69)	6,862	10.0%	9.8%	6,867	10.1%	9.5%	-5	-0.1
Established seniors (70 to 84)	7,043	10.2%	8.7%	5,220	7.7%	7.5%	+1,823	+2.5
Advanced age (85 years and over)	1,219	1.8%	2.0%	1,143	1.7%	2.0%	+76	+0.1
Total	**68,950**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**67,658**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**+1,292**	**0.0**

Data basis: usual residence.