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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
31 March 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01   Housing tenure

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 tenure

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 44.3% of households in North Sydney (A) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 50.4% were renting. The mortgage share was lower than Greater Sydney (31.9%).

About this topic

Housing tenure shows whether households own their dwelling outright, are purchasing it, rent privately, rent from a social landlord, or occupy it under another arrangement. It describes how households hold or access housing, not the type of dwelling itself.

This topic is useful for analysing housing markets, affordability, stability, and the mix of owners and renters. It works best alongside dwelling type, household composition, and housing cost topics such as mortgage repayments and rent.

Interpretation notes

– Tenure type describes how the dwelling is occupied, including ownership, mortgage, rental, or other arrangements.

– It applies to occupied private dwellings and should not be confused with dwelling structure or housing cost measures.

Housing tenure

North Sydney (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Fully owned	8,351	24.7%	26.7%	7,654	23.3%	27.7%	+697	+1.4
Mortgage	6,636	19.6%	31.9%	6,542	19.9%	31.5%	+94	-0.3
Renting – Total	17,020	50.4%	34.7%	15,587	47.4%	32.6%	+1,433	+3.0
Renting – Social housing	547	1.6%	4.1%	537	1.6%	4.6%	+10	0.0
Renting – Private	16,431	48.6%	30.4%	14,907	45.4%	27.6%	+1,524	+3.2
Renting – Not stated	43	0.1%	0.2%	146	0.4%	0.4%	-103	-0.3
Other tenure type	512	1.5%	1.7%	195	0.6%	0.8%	+317	+0.9
Not stated	1,270	3.8%	5.0%	2,878	8.8%	7.4%	-1,608	-5.0
Total households	**33,794**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**32,857**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**+937**	**0.0**

Data basis: enumerated.