

Community report

Northam (S)

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

AREA

Northam (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 67.2% of households in Northam (S) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 22% were renting. The mortgage share was higher than Regional WA (27.3%).

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

Northam (S) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Fully owned	1,488	33.4%	31.0%	1,335	31.4%	29.4%	+153	+2.0
Mortgage	1,508	33.8%	27.3%	1,429	33.6%	27.0%	+79	+0.2
Renting – Total	981	22.0%	28.1%	1,044	24.5%	31.4%	-63	-2.5
Renting – Social housing	236	5.3%	5.9%	278	6.5%	6.4%	-42	-1.2
Renting – Private	742	16.7%	21.9%	745	17.5%	23.9%	-3	-0.8
Renting – Not stated	6	0.1%	0.2%	21	0.5%	1.1%	-15	-0.4
Other tenure type	71	1.6%	3.9%	30	0.7%	1.1%	+41	+0.9
Not stated	415	9.3%	9.8%	417	9.8%	11.0%	-2	-0.5
Total households	4,456	100.0%	100.0%	4,257	100.0%	100.0%	+199	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.