

# Community report

## Northern Beaches (A)

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

AREA

**Northern Beaches (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Number of cars per household

### 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.

# Number of cars per household

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 2 motor vehicles was the most common car-ownership level among households in Northern Beaches (A), accounting for 37.1% (36,130 households). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (31%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 motor vehicle, which increased by 3,596 households and 1.9 percentage points.

## About this topic

Number of cars per household shows how many registered motor vehicles are available to people living in a household. It is a measure of access to private transport rather than total travel activity.

This topic is useful for understanding mobility, transport choice, and access to jobs and services. It should be read with public transport availability, household type, income, and travel to work, because high or low car ownership can reflect very different local conditions.

## Interpretation notes

- This measures registered motor vehicles owned or used by residents that were garaged or parked at or near the dwelling on Census night.
- Vehicle counts are a household access measure, not a direct measure of how often people drive or commute.

## Car ownership

Northern Beaches (A) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
No motor vehicles	6,212	6.4%	10.8%	5,900	6.4%	10.7%	+312	0.0
1 motor vehicle	34,707	35.6%	38.1%	31,111	33.7%	35.4%	+3,596	+1.9
2 motor vehicles	36,130	37.1%	31.0%	34,186	37.0%	31.1%	+1,944	+0.1
3 or more motor vehicles	17,110	17.6%	15.1%	14,877	16.1%	14.9%	+2,233	+1.5
Not stated	3,213	3.3%	5.1%	6,313	6.8%	8.0%	-3,100	-3.5
<b>Total households</b>	<b>97,369</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>92,390</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+4,979</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.