

# Community report

## Palm Island (S)

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

AREA

**Palm Island (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Households with 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 with children

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, households with children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Palm Island (S), accounting for 54.4% (284 households). This share was higher than Regional Qld (36%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in couples with children, which decreased by 39 households and 9.2 percentage points.

## About this topic

Households with children groups households according to whether children are present and the life stage of those children. In this topic, life stage is based on the ages of the children in the household rather than the age of the parents.

This topic is useful for understanding likely demand for childcare, schools, youth services, and family housing. It should be read with household size, age structure, and dwelling type to build a fuller picture of family life in an area.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of households that classifies households by whether children are present and by the ages of those children.
- The life-stage labels describe the ages of children in the household, not the ages of parents or carers.

## Households with children by life stage

Palm Island (S) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Couples with children	136	26.1%	25.2%	175	35.3%	26.1%	-39	-9.2
Couples with young children	90	17.2%	14.2%	118	23.8%	14.9%	-28	-6.6
Couples with mixed-age children	40	7.7%	3.9%	46	9.3%	3.9%	-6	-1.6
Couples with older children	35	6.7%	7.4%	43	8.7%	7.4%	-8	-2.0
Single parents with children	148	28.4%	10.8%	137	27.6%	10.5%	+11	+0.8
Single parents with young children	108	20.7%	4.7%	97	19.6%	4.9%	+11	+1.1
Single parents with mixed-age children	37	7.1%	1.4%	45	9.1%	1.4%	-8	-2.0
Single parents with older children	50	9.6%	5.0%	58	11.7%	4.7%	-8	-2.1
Total households with children	284	54.4%	36.0%	312	62.9%	36.6%	-28	-8.5
<b>Total households</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+26</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.