

Community report

Palmerston (C)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Darwin

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Household type

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, couples with children was the most common household type among households in Palmerston (C), accounting for 34% (4,561 households). This share was higher than Greater Darwin (29%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in lone-person households, which increased by 718 households and 3.5 percentage points.

About this topic

Household type summarises the mix of household and family structures in an area, such as couples with children, lone person households, and one-parent families. It is one of the clearest indicators of how people live together and the residential role of an area.

This topic is useful for planning services, facilities, and housing because demand is closely tied to household structure. It is best read with households with children, households without children, household size, age structure, and dwelling type.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived household-composition view built from relationships within dwellings, so it summarises household structure rather than a single Census question.

- It is dwelling-based, which means different household types can reflect both family structure and housing arrangements.

Household type

Palmerston (C) - Total households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Couples with children	4,561	34.0%	29.0%	4,344	36.7%	30.0%	+217	-2.7
Couples without children	2,772	20.7%	22.6%	2,642	22.3%	23.5%	+130	-1.6
One parent families	1,805	13.5%	10.1%	1,340	11.3%	8.8%	+465	+2.2
Other families	121	0.9%	1.1%	135	1.1%	1.0%	-14	-0.2
Group household	504	3.8%	5.0%	482	4.1%	5.2%	+22	-0.3
Lone person	2,555	19.0%	20.7%	1,837	15.5%	18.0%	+718	+3.5
Other not classifiable household	1,098	8.2%	11.6%	1,055	8.9%	13.5%	+43	-0.7
Total households	13,416	100.0%	100.0%	11,835	100.0%	100.0%	+1,581	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.