

Community report

Parkes (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Service age groups

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.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Service age groups

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49) was the most common category among residents in Parkes (A), accounting for 16.4% (2,360 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (17.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59), which decreased by 193 people and 1.1 percentage points.

About this topic

Service age groups divide the population into broad life-stage bands such as children, young adults, working-age adults, and older people. The groupings are designed to reflect typical demand for age-based services and facilities rather than exact five-year cohorts.

This view is useful for planning childcare, schools, recreation, aged services, and other community infrastructure. It works best alongside five year age groups, household type, and dwelling data, which add more detail about who is living in an area and how needs may change over time.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived grouping rather than a direct Census question, so the age bands are planning-oriented summaries built from standard age data.
- Percentages relate to the total population; use five year age groups when exact cohort detail matters.

Age structure - Service age groups

Parkes (A) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	901	6.3%	5.5%	938	6.4%	5.8%	-37	-0.1
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	1,396	9.7%	8.6%	1,460	10.0%	8.9%	-64	-0.3
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	1,203	8.4%	7.4%	1,176	8.1%	7.3%	+27	+0.3
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	1,092	7.6%	7.6%	1,202	8.2%	7.9%	-110	-0.6
Young workforce (25 to 34)	1,623	11.3%	11.6%	1,549	10.6%	11.0%	+74	+0.7
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	2,360	16.4%	17.5%	2,468	16.9%	18.0%	-108	-0.5
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	1,811	12.6%	12.8%	2,004	13.7%	13.8%	-193	-1.1
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	1,803	12.6%	13.3%	1,758	12.0%	13.1%	+45	+0.6
Seniors (70 to 84)	1,705	11.9%	13.0%	1,632	11.2%	11.4%	+73	+0.7
Elderly aged (85 and over)	435	3.0%	2.8%	438	3.0%	2.7%	-3	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Total	14,361	100.0%	100.0%	14,608	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.