

# Community report

## Penrith (C)

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

AREA

**Penrith (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Household size

### 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.

# Household size

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Penrith (C), accounting for 29.5% (21,671 households). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (30.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 3,735 households and 2.6 percentage points.

## About this topic

Household size shows how many people live in each household. It is a basic but important measure of family life, dwelling use, and the way people share housing.

This topic helps indicate demand for different dwelling sizes and can reflect life-cycle patterns, cultural norms, and affordability pressures. It is best read with household type, age structure, and dwelling type, because changes in household size can happen for very different reasons.

## Interpretation notes

- This counts the number of people usually resident in the dwelling, so it describes shared living arrangements rather than dwelling size.

- Household size should be read with bedrooms or dwelling structure before drawing conclusions about crowding or housing suitability.

## Household size

Penrith (C) – Households (Enumerated)

| Category                             | 2021          |               |                  | 2016          |               |                  | Change        |            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
|                                      | Count         | %             | Greater Sydney % | Count         | %             | Greater Sydney % | Count         | pp         |
| 1 person                             | 15,971        | 21.8%         | 23.2%            | 12,236        | 19.2%         | 21.6%            | +3,735        | +2.6       |
| 2 persons                            | 21,671        | 29.5%         | 30.7%            | 18,839        | 29.6%         | 29.9%            | +2,832        | -0.1       |
| 3 persons                            | 13,145        | 17.9%         | 17.2%            | 11,628        | 18.3%         | 17.6%            | +1,517        | -0.4       |
| 4 persons                            | 12,952        | 17.6%         | 17.3%            | 11,859        | 18.6%         | 18.1%            | +1,093        | -1.0       |
| 5 persons                            | 6,029         | 8.2%          | 7.3%             | 5,630         | 8.8%          | 8.0%             | +399          | -0.6       |
| 6 or more persons                    | 3,628         | 4.9%          | 4.2%             | 3,478         | 5.5%          | 4.7%             | +150          | -0.6       |
| <b>Total classifiable households</b> | <b>73,398</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>    | <b>63,667</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b>    | <b>+9,731</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Data basis: enumerated.