

Community report

Perth (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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

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Key takeaway

In 2021, one-person households was the most common household size among households in Perth (C), accounting for 43% (5,303 households). This share was higher than Greater Perth (24.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in one-person households, which increased by 1,780 households and 2.8 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

Perth (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Number Of Persons Usually Resident One	5,303	43.0%	24.9%	3,523	40.2%	23.0%	+1,780	+2.8
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Two	4,969	40.3%	32.9%	3,696	42.2%	33.4%	+1,273	-1.9
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Three	1,359	11.0%	16.4%	1,001	11.4%	16.8%	+358	-0.4
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Four	535	4.3%	16.5%	403	4.6%	17.0%	+132	-0.3
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Five	132	1.1%	6.4%	91	1.0%	6.7%	+41	+0.1
Number Of Persons Usually Resident Six Or More	33	0.3%	2.9%	48	0.5%	3.1%	-15	-0.2
Total	12,329	100.0%	100.0%	8,764	100.0%	100.0%	+3,565	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.