

Community report

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

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

AREA

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

6 April 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Housing rental payments

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, \$350 to \$399 was the most common rent band among households renting their home in Port Macquarie–Hastings (A), accounting for 16.5% (1,525 households). This share was higher than Regional NSW (13.3%).

About this topic

Housing rental payments show the weekly rent reported by households that rent their dwelling. It is a direct measure of current housing cost for renters and is not affected by home equity or mortgage history.

This topic is useful for understanding rental affordability and potential housing stress, especially when read with household income and tenure. Raw rental amounts are not directly comparable over time because of inflation, so rental quartiles are better for comparing change.

Interpretation notes

- This topic applies only to households that rent their dwelling and records weekly rent for the dwelling counted on Census night.
- Raw rent ranges are not directly comparable over time because inflation and market conditions change.

Weekly housing rental payments

Port Macquarie–Hastings (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional NSW %
Less than \$100	82	0.9%	1.9%
\$100–\$149	206	2.2%	5.8%
\$150–\$199	589	6.4%	8.1%
\$200–\$249	606	6.5%	9.6%
\$250–\$299	769	8.3%	11.7%
\$300–\$349	1,199	12.9%	13.1%
\$350–\$399	1,525	16.5%	13.3%
\$400–\$449	1,473	15.9%	10.7%
\$450–\$499	1,123	12.1%	7.9%
\$500–\$549	595	6.4%	4.8%
\$550–\$649	495	5.3%	4.9%
\$650–\$749	159	1.7%	1.9%
\$750–\$849	48	0.5%	0.8%
\$850+	65	0.7%	1.1%
Not stated	334	3.6%	4.5%
Total households renting	9,268	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: enumerated.