

# Community report

## Port Phillip (C)

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

AREA

**Port Phillip (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Melbourne**

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, 1 person was the most common household size among households in Port Phillip (C), accounting for 43.8% (21,347 households). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (24.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 3,545 households and 4.3 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

Port Phillip (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
1 person	21,347	43.8%	24.8%	17,802	39.5%	23.2%	+3,545	+4.3
2 persons	17,190	35.3%	31.3%	17,225	38.2%	31.4%	-35	-2.9
3 persons	5,256	10.8%	16.9%	5,408	12.0%	17.3%	-152	-1.2
4 persons	3,681	7.6%	17.2%	3,451	7.7%	17.6%	+230	-0.1
5 persons	1,010	2.1%	6.6%	950	2.1%	7.1%	+60	0.0
6 or more persons	251	0.5%	3.2%	271	0.6%	3.5%	-20	-0.1
<b>Total classifiable households</b>	<b>48,731</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>45,110</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+3,621</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.