

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

1 April 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Housing tenure

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, 43.6% of households in Port Phillip (C) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 48.8% were renting. The mortgage share was lower than Greater Melbourne (35.6%).

About this topic

Housing tenure shows whether households own their dwelling outright, are purchasing it, rent privately, rent from a social landlord, or occupy it under another arrangement. It describes how households hold or access housing, not the type of dwelling itself.

This topic is useful for analysing housing markets, affordability, stability, and the mix of owners and renters. It works best alongside dwelling type, household composition, and housing cost topics such as mortgage repayments and rent.

Interpretation notes

- Tenure type describes how the dwelling is occupied, including ownership, mortgage, rental, or other arrangements.

- It applies to occupied private dwellings and should not be confused with dwelling structure or housing cost measures.

Housing tenure

Port Phillip (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Fully owned	10,370	19.9%	28.7%	8,998	17.8%	29.0%	+1,372	+2.1
Mortgage	12,344	23.7%	35.6%	10,532	20.8%	34.3%	+1,812	+2.9
Renting – Total	25,417	48.8%	29.2%	24,897	49.2%	28.8%	+520	-0.4
Renting – Social housing	2,433	4.7%	2.3%	2,397	4.7%	2.6%	+36	0.0
Renting – Private	22,901	44.0%	26.8%	22,267	44.0%	25.8%	+634	0.0
Renting – Not stated	77	0.1%	0.1%	227	0.4%	0.4%	-150	-0.3
Other tenure type	683	1.3%	1.6%	255	0.5%	0.8%	+428	+0.8
Not stated	3,294	6.3%	4.8%	5,929	11.7%	7.1%	-2,635	-5.4
Total households	52,106	100.0%	100.0%	50,601	100.0%	100.0%	+1,505	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.