

# Community report

## Port Stephens (A)

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

AREA

**Port Stephens (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**3 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.

# Housing rental payments

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, \$350 to \$399 was the most common rent band among households renting their home in Port Stephens (A), accounting for 15.8% (1,151 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 Stephens (A) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional NSW %
Less than \$100	53	0.7%	1.9%
\$100-\$149	202	2.8%	5.8%
\$150-\$199	384	5.3%	8.1%
\$200-\$249	433	5.9%	9.6%
\$250-\$299	853	11.7%	11.7%
\$300-\$349	1,035	14.2%	13.1%
\$350-\$399	1,151	15.8%	13.3%
\$400-\$449	1,029	14.1%	10.7%
\$450-\$499	777	10.7%	7.9%
\$500-\$549	510	7.0%	4.8%
\$550-\$649	404	5.5%	4.9%
\$650-\$749	129	1.8%	1.9%
\$750-\$849	28	0.4%	0.8%
\$850+	27	0.4%	1.1%
Not stated	276	3.8%	4.5%
<b>Total households renting</b>	<b>7,291</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: enumerated.