

# Community report

## Sunshine Coast (R)

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

AREA

**Sunshine Coast (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Sunshine Coast (R), accounting for 38.2% (48,901 households). This share was higher than Regional Qld (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 2 persons, which increased by 7,258 households, while its share fell by 0.1 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

Sunshine Coast (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
1 person	30,061	23.5%	25.6%	25,485	23.5%	24.9%	+4,576	0.0
2 persons	48,901	38.2%	36.9%	41,643	38.3%	36.8%	+7,258	-0.1
3 persons	19,321	15.1%	14.9%	16,345	15.1%	15.2%	+2,976	0.0
4 persons	18,846	14.7%	13.6%	15,969	14.7%	14.0%	+2,877	0.0
5 persons	7,485	5.9%	5.8%	6,349	5.8%	6.0%	+1,136	+0.1
6 or more persons	3,316	2.6%	3.2%	2,797	2.6%	3.2%	+519	0.0
<b>Total classifiable households</b>	<b>127,927</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>108,589</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+19,338</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.