

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 Housing rental quartiles

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, the highest rent quartile held the largest share among households renting their home in Sunshine Coast (R), accounting for 46.8%.

About this topic

Housing rental quartiles group renting households into four evenly sized rent bands so rental costs can be compared across places and across Census years. They show the relative rent profile of the renting population rather than fixed weekly rent brackets.

This topic is useful for comparing change over time because direct rent amounts are affected by inflation and broader market shifts. It is best read with household income and tenure when assessing rental affordability and housing stress.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived rent distribution for renting households, so quartiles show relative rent position rather than fixed weekly rent bands.
- Quartiles are more useful than raw rent ranges for comparing rental profiles across areas or years.

Housing rental quartiles

Sunshine Coast (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Lowest group	4,757	14.1%	32.4%	5,139	16.4%	31.9%	–	–
Medium lowest	5,134	15.2%	22.2%	6,414	20.5%	27.0%	–	–
Medium highest	8,112	24.0%	21.0%	8,906	28.4%	21.3%	–	–
Highest group	15,847	46.8%	24.4%	10,878	34.7%	19.8%	–	–
Total households with stated rent	33,850	100.0%	100.0%	31,337	100.0%	100.0%	–	–

Data basis: enumerated.