

Community report

Surf Coast (S)

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

AREA

Surf Coast (S)

COMPARISON

Regional Vic.

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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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, \$550 to \$649 was the most common rent band among households renting their home in Surf Coast (S), accounting for 17.5% (442 households). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (1.3%).

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

Surf Coast (S) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional Vic. %
Less than \$100	31	1.2%	2.6%
\$100-\$149	82	3.2%	7.9%
\$150-\$199	79	3.1%	9.3%
\$200-\$249	124	4.9%	13.5%
\$250-\$299	112	4.4%	17.2%
\$300-\$349	181	7.2%	16.4%
\$350-\$399	206	8.1%	12.8%
\$400-\$449	246	9.7%	7.6%
\$450-\$499	334	13.2%	3.8%
\$500-\$549	336	13.3%	1.6%
\$550-\$649	442	17.5%	1.3%
\$650-\$749	132	5.2%	0.5%
\$750-\$849	55	2.2%	0.2%
\$850+	48	1.9%	0.6%
Not stated	122	4.8%	4.7%
Total households renting	2,530	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: enumerated.