

# Community report

## Sutherland Shire (A)

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

AREA

**Sutherland Shire (A)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Household type

### 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 type

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, couples with children was the most common household type among households in Sutherland Shire (A), accounting for 37.1% (31,746 households). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (34.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in couples without children, which increased by 2,885 households and 1.5 percentage points.

## About this topic

Household type summarises the mix of household and family structures in an area, such as couples with children, lone person households, and one-parent families. It is one of the clearest indicators of how people live together and the residential role of an area.

This topic is useful for planning services, facilities, and housing because demand is closely tied to household structure. It is best read with households with children, households without children, household size, age structure, and dwelling type.

## Interpretation notes

- This is a derived household-composition view built from relationships within dwellings, so it summarises household structure rather than a single Census question.

- It is dwelling-based, which means different household types can reflect both family structure and housing arrangements.

## Household type

Sutherland Shire (A) – Total households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Couples with children	31,746	37.1%	34.4%	30,692	38.8%	35.3%	+1,054	-1.7
Couples without children	22,413	26.2%	23.3%	19,528	24.7%	22.4%	+2,885	+1.5
One parent families	8,189	9.6%	10.5%	7,647	9.7%	10.4%	+542	-0.1
Other families	654	0.8%	1.2%	713	0.9%	1.3%	-59	-0.1
Group household	1,779	2.1%	4.0%	1,736	2.2%	4.5%	+43	-0.1
Lone person	18,511	21.6%	22.2%	16,039	20.3%	20.4%	+2,472	+1.3
Other not classifiable household	2,263	2.6%	4.3%	2,812	3.6%	5.6%	-549	-1.0
<b>Total households</b>	<b>85,555</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>79,167</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+6,388</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.