

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

31 March 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Method of travel to work

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.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Method of travel to work

Sutherland Shire (A) | Greater Sydney comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

Key takeaway

In 2021, car driver was the most common travel method among employed residents in Sutherland Shire (A), accounting for 39.6% (46,526 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (34.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in working from home, which increased by 38,531 people and 32.7 percentage points.

About this topic

Method of travel to work shows how employed residents usually got to work on Census day, including private vehicle, public transport, active travel, and working from home. It provides a snapshot of commuting behaviour rather than the full transport system.

This topic supports transport and infrastructure planning and helps show how residents access employment. The 2021 results need caution because many parts of Australia were affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, which increased working from home and reduced some other travel modes.

Interpretation notes

- Method of travel to work captures the journey to work on Census day, not a person's usual weekly travel pattern.
- It applies only to employed people and is most useful with place of work or car ownership when considering transport access.
- The 2021 Census occurred during COVID-19 restrictions in many places, so work-from-home and some travel modes need caution in trend comparisons.

Method of travel to work

Sutherland Shire (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Train	3,215	2.7%	4.1%	18,323	16.2%	16.2%	-15,108	-13.5
Bus	205	0.2%	1.4%	648	0.6%	6.1%	-443	-0.4
Tram	0	0.0%	0.1%	10	0.0%	0.1%	-10	0.0
Ferry	14	0.0%	0.0%	18	0.0%	0.3%	-4	0.0
Taxi/ride-share	71	0.1%	0.1%	121	0.1%	0.2%	-50	0.0
Car – as driver	46,526	39.6%	34.2%	68,215	60.5%	52.7%	-21,689	-20.9
Car – as passenger	2,714	2.3%	2.6%	3,651	3.2%	3.9%	-937	-0.9
Truck	793	0.7%	0.6%	1,029	0.9%	0.9%	-236	-0.2
Motorbike	329	0.3%	0.4%	459	0.4%	0.7%	-130	-0.1
Bicycle	264	0.2%	0.4%	419	0.4%	0.7%	-155	-0.2
Walked only	1,851	1.6%	2.3%	2,410	2.1%	4.0%	-559	-0.5
Other	799	0.7%	0.8%	1,031	0.9%	1.1%	-232	-0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Worked at home	43,638	37.2%	38.9%	5,107	4.5%	
Did not go to work	16,720	14.2%	13.6%	10,519	9.3%	
Not stated	303	0.3%	0.4%	816	0.7%	
Total employed persons aged 15+	117,442	100.0%	100.0%	112,776	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.