

# Community report

## Sydney (C)

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

AREA

**Sydney (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Sydney**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Unpaid domestic 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.

# Unpaid domestic work

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, doing unpaid domestic work was the most common response among residents aged 15 and over in Sydney (C), accounting for 64.4% (125,969 people). This share was lower than Greater Sydney (65.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in between 5 And 14 Hours, which increased by 15,364 people and 7.7 percentage points.

## About this topic

Unpaid domestic work measures how much time people aged 15 years and over spent doing housework for their household in the week before the Census. It helps show the distribution of unpaid labour that supports home and family life.

This topic is useful for understanding household roles, time pressures, and gender or life-stage differences in unpaid work. It is best read with household type, employment, and income, because the amount of unpaid domestic work can be shaped by family structure and the ability to outsource tasks.

## Interpretation notes

- The hours refer to unpaid domestic work done for the person's household in the week before the Census.

- This topic does not measure childcare, disability care, or other unpaid help unless it falls within domestic work for the household.

## Unpaid domestic work

Sydney (C) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	125,969	64.4%	65.5%	115,951	59.7%	67.0%	+10,018	+4.7
Less Than 5 Hours	45,678	23.4%	19.0%	58,856	30.3%	23.8%	-13,178	-6.9
Between 5 And 14 Hours	57,744	29.5%	26.1%	42,380	21.8%	24.6%	+15,364	+7.7
Between 15 And 29 Hours	15,299	7.8%	11.8%	9,563	4.9%	10.4%	+5,736	+2.9
30 Hours Or More	7,248	3.7%	8.6%	5,152	2.7%	8.1%	+2,096	+1.0
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	54,258	27.7%	28.5%	51,606	26.6%	25.2%	+2,652	+1.1
Not Stated	15,377	7.9%	6.1%	26,782	13.8%	7.8%	-11,405	-5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>195,604</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>194,336</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+1,268</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: usual residence.