

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

3 April 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Household size

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 size

Sydney (C) | Greater Sydney comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

Key takeaway

In 2021, 1 person was the most common household size among households in Sydney (C), accounting for 41.1% (40,160 households). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (23.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 8,302 households and 3.8 percentage points.

About this topic

Household size shows how many people live in each household. It is a basic but important measure of family life, dwelling use, and the way people share housing.

This topic helps indicate demand for different dwelling sizes and can reflect life-cycle patterns, cultural norms, and affordability pressures. It is best read with household type, age structure, and dwelling type, because changes in household size can happen for very different reasons.

Interpretation notes

- This counts the number of people usually resident in the dwelling, so it describes shared living arrangements rather than dwelling size.

- Household size should be read with bedrooms or dwelling structure before drawing conclusions about crowding or housing suitability.

Household size

Sydney (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
1 person	40,160	41.1%	23.2%	31,858	37.3%	21.6%	+8,302	+3.8
2 persons	37,689	38.6%	30.7%	32,803	38.4%	29.9%	+4,886	+0.2
3 persons	11,383	11.6%	17.2%	10,951	12.8%	17.6%	+432	-1.2
4 persons	6,251	6.4%	17.3%	6,689	7.8%	18.1%	-438	-1.4
5 persons	1,580	1.6%	7.3%	1,948	2.3%	8.0%	-368	-0.7
6 or more persons	675	0.7%	4.2%	1,177	1.4%	4.7%	-502	-0.7
Total classifiable households	97,743	100.0%	100.0%	85,423	100.0%	100.0%	+12,320	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.