

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 Individual income quartiles

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.

Individual income quartiles

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Key takeaway

In 2021, the highest income quartile held the largest share among residents aged 15 and over in Sydney (C), accounting for 42.6%.

About this topic

Individual income quartiles group people aged 15 years and over into four evenly sized income ranges so the distribution of personal income can be compared objectively across areas and over time. The quartile method focuses on relative position in the income distribution rather than raw dollar brackets.

This topic is useful because direct income amounts are affected by inflation and wider economic change. Quartiles provide a clearer way to compare whether an area is becoming relatively lower, middle, or higher income over time.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived distribution of personal income for people aged 15 years and over, with each quartile representing a quarter of the income distribution.
- Quartiles show relative position rather than fixed dollar brackets, which makes them more

Individual income quartiles

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Lowest group	28,911	16.1%	24.4%	34,994	20.9%	24.4%	-6,083	-4.8
Medium lowest	32,840	18.3%	22.5%	29,360	17.5%	21.9%	+3,480	+0.8
Medium highest	41,450	23.1%	23.8%	34,349	20.5%	23.8%	+7,101	+2.6
Highest group	76,533	42.6%	29.3%	68,757	41.1%	29.9%	+7,776	+1.5
Total persons aged 15+	179,734	100.0%	100.0%	167,460	100.0%	100.0%	+12,274	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.