

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

1 April 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Housing tenure

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.

Housing tenure

Sydney (C) | Greater Sydney comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

Key takeaway

In 2021, 31.3% of households in Sydney (C) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 60.7% were renting. The mortgage share was lower than Greater Sydney (31.9%).

About this topic

Housing tenure shows whether households own their dwelling outright, are purchasing it, rent privately, rent from a social landlord, or occupy it under another arrangement. It describes how households hold or access housing, not the type of dwelling itself.

This topic is useful for analysing housing markets, affordability, stability, and the mix of owners and renters. It works best alongside dwelling type, household composition, and housing cost topics such as mortgage repayments and rent.

Interpretation notes

- Tenure type describes how the dwelling is occupied, including ownership, mortgage, rental, or other arrangements.

- It applies to occupied private dwellings and should not be confused with dwelling structure or housing cost measures.

Housing tenure

Sydney (C) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Fully owned	13,936	13.3%	26.7%	12,286	12.5%	27.7%	+1,650	+0.8
Mortgage	18,827	18.0%	31.9%	17,190	17.5%	31.5%	+1,637	+0.5
Renting – Total	63,620	60.7%	34.7%	54,686	55.8%	32.6%	+8,934	+4.9
Renting – Social housing	7,112	6.8%	4.1%	7,802	8.0%	4.6%	-690	-1.2
Renting – Private	56,290	53.7%	30.4%	46,396	47.3%	27.6%	+9,894	+6.4
Renting – Not stated	216	0.2%	0.2%	484	0.5%	0.4%	-268	-0.3
Other tenure type	1,381	1.3%	1.7%	613	0.6%	0.8%	+768	+0.7
Not stated	7,021	6.7%	5.0%	13,222	13.5%	7.4%	-6,201	-6.8
Total households	104,787	100.0%	100.0%	98,001	100.0%	100.0%	+6,786	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.