

Community report

The Hills Shire (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Dwelling type

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.

Dwelling type

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Key takeaway

In 2021, separate houses was the most common dwelling type among dwellings in The Hills Shire (A), accounting for 80.9% (49,368 dwellings). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (55.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in separate houses, which increased by 9,071 dwellings, while its share fell by 1.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Dwelling type shows the structure of dwellings, such as separate houses, medium density housing, and higher density housing. It is a core measure of built form and residential density within an area.

This topic helps explain the housing role of an area and the kinds of households it may attract. It is best read with household size, household type, tenure, and age structure, because built form and population characteristics are closely related.

Interpretation notes

- Dwelling structure describes the physical form of dwellings counted on Census night rather than tenure, housing condition, or household makeup.

- It is strongest when read alongside household size and tenure, because structure alone does not show who lives there.

Dwelling structure

The Hills Shire (A) - Dwellings (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Separate house	49,368	80.9%	55.2%	40,297	82.1%	55.7%	+9,071	-1.2
Medium density	6,449	10.6%	18.5%	6,426	13.1%	20.1%	+23	-2.5
High density	5,073	8.3%	25.5%	2,101	4.3%	23.1%	+2,972	+4.0
Caravans, cabin, houseboat	7	0.0%	0.1%	54	0.1%	0.2%	-47	-0.1
Other	13	0.0%	0.4%	36	0.1%	0.5%	-23	-0.1
Not stated	121	0.2%	0.2%	133	0.3%	0.4%	-12	-0.1
Total Occupied Private Dwellings	61,028	100.0%	100.0%	49,056	100.0%	100.0%	+11,972	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.