

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

3 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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, 75.8% of households in The Hills Shire (A) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 20.1% were renting. The mortgage share was higher 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

The Hills Shire (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Fully owned	18,585	30.5%	26.7%	16,590	33.8%	27.7%	+1,995	-3.3
Mortgage	27,626	45.3%	31.9%	21,910	44.7%	31.5%	+5,716	+0.6
Renting – Total	12,282	20.1%	34.7%	8,276	16.9%	32.6%	+4,006	+3.2
Renting – Social housing	263	0.4%	4.1%	266	0.5%	4.6%	-3	-0.1
Renting – Private	11,978	19.6%	30.4%	7,869	16.0%	27.6%	+4,109	+3.6
Renting – Not stated	39	0.1%	0.2%	134	0.3%	0.4%	-95	-0.2
Other tenure type	989	1.6%	1.7%	498	1.0%	0.8%	+491	+0.6
Not stated	1,545	2.5%	5.0%	1,785	3.6%	7.4%	-240	-1.1
Total households	61,028	100.0%	100.0%	49,056	100.0%	100.0%	+11,972	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.