

# Community report

## Upper Hunter Shire (A)

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

AREA

**Upper Hunter Shire (A)**

COMPARISON

**Regional NSW**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**30 March 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

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, 2 persons was the most common household size among households in Upper Hunter Shire (A), accounting for 37.2% (2,044 households). This share was higher than Regional NSW (36.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 2 persons, which increased by 177 households and 1 percentage point.

## 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

Upper Hunter Shire (A) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
1 person	1,581	28.8%	27.9%	1,471	28.5%	27.5%	+110	+0.3
2 persons	2,044	37.2%	36.4%	1,867	36.2%	36.3%	+177	+1.0
3 persons	706	12.8%	14.1%	685	13.3%	14.2%	+21	-0.5
4 persons	672	12.2%	13.0%	667	12.9%	13.2%	+5	-0.7
5 persons	361	6.6%	5.8%	354	6.9%	6.0%	+7	-0.3
6 or more persons	130	2.4%	2.8%	123	2.4%	2.8%	+7	0.0
<b>Total classifiable households</b>	<b>5,499</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+338</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.