

Community report

Western Downs (R)

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

AREA

Western Downs (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Family blending

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.

Family blending

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Key takeaway

In 2021, intact families was the most common family type among couple families with children in Western Downs (R), accounting for 83.9% (2,813 families). This share was higher than Regional Qld (82.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in intact families, which decreased by 199 families and 3.9 percentage points.

About this topic

Family blending classifies couple families with children according to whether the children are shared by both partners, from a previous relationship, or a mix of both. It applies only to couple families with children, not to all family types or all households.

This topic can help show patterns of repartnering and family complexity within an area. It should be interpreted with household type and households with children, because it is a specialised family-structure measure rather than a summary of all families.

Interpretation notes

- This derived family view applies only to couple families with children, not all families or all households.

- It classifies whether children are shared, step, or blended within the couple family, so it should not be compared directly with headline household totals.

Family blending

Western Downs (R) – Total couples with children (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Intact Family	2,813	83.9%	82.6%	3,012	87.8%	86.3%	-199	-3.9
Step family	322	9.6%	11.8%	194	5.7%	8.0%	+128	+3.9
Blended family	186	5.5%	4.9%	195	5.7%	5.1%	-9	-0.2
Other couple family	34	1.0%	0.7%	26	0.8%	0.6%	+8	+0.2
Total couples with children	3,353	100.0%	100.0%	3,429	100.0%	100.0%	-76	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.