

# 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** 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 Western Downs (R), accounting for 35.8% (4,264 households). This share was lower than Regional Qld (36.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in 1 person, which increased by 329 households and 1.6 percentage points.

## 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

Western Downs (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
1 person	3,238	27.2%	25.6%	2,909	25.6%	24.9%	+329	+1.6
2 persons	4,264	35.8%	36.9%	4,109	36.2%	36.8%	+155	-0.4
3 persons	1,606	13.5%	14.9%	1,568	13.8%	15.2%	+38	-0.3
4 persons	1,493	12.5%	13.6%	1,514	13.3%	14.0%	-21	-0.8
5 persons	802	6.7%	5.8%	829	7.3%	6.0%	-27	-0.6
6 or more persons	496	4.2%	3.2%	418	3.7%	3.2%	+78	+0.5
<b>Total classifiable households</b>	<b>11,901</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>+551</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Data basis: enumerated.