

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 Households with children

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.

Households with children

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Key takeaway

In 2021, households with children was the most common household life-stage group among households in Western Downs (R), accounting for 34.8% (4,695 households). This share was lower than Regional Qld (36%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in single parents with children, which increased by 155 households and 0.8 percentage points.

About this topic

Households with children groups households according to whether children are present and the life stage of those children. In this topic, life stage is based on the ages of the children in the household rather than the age of the parents.

This topic is useful for understanding likely demand for childcare, schools, youth services, and family housing. It should be read with household size, age structure, and dwelling type to build a fuller picture of family life in an area.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived subset of households that classifies households by whether children are present and by the ages of those children.
- The life-stage labels describe the ages of children in the household, not the ages of parents or carers.

Households with children by life stage

Western Downs (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Couples with children	3,332	24.7%	25.2%	3,413	26.3%	26.1%	-81	-1.6
Couples with young children	1,946	14.4%	14.2%	2,081	16.1%	14.9%	-135	-1.7
Couples with mixed-age children	584	4.3%	3.9%	508	3.9%	3.9%	+76	+0.4
Couples with older children	824	6.1%	7.4%	837	6.5%	7.4%	-13	-0.4
Single parents with children	1,363	10.1%	10.8%	1,208	9.3%	10.5%	+155	+0.8
Single parents with young children	671	5.0%	4.7%	615	4.7%	4.9%	+56	+0.3
Single parents with mixed-age children	190	1.4%	1.4%	162	1.3%	1.4%	+28	+0.1
Single parents with older children	551	4.1%	5.0%	465	3.6%	4.7%	+86	+0.5
Total households with children	4,695	34.8%	36.0%	4,621	35.7%	36.6%	+74	-0.9
Total households	13,484	100.0%	100.0%	12,954	100.0%	100.0%	+530	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.