

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 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, 56% of households in Western Downs (R) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 30.3% were renting. The mortgage share was lower than Regional Qld (30.2%).

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

Western Downs (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Fully owned	4,248	31.5%	31.0%	3,826	29.5%	29.2%	+422	+2.0
Mortgage	3,310	24.5%	30.2%	3,092	23.9%	29.1%	+218	+0.6
Renting – Total	4,092	30.3%	29.5%	4,259	32.9%	31.4%	-167	-2.6
Renting – Social housing	295	2.2%	3.1%	306	2.4%	3.3%	-11	-0.2
Renting – Private	3,761	27.9%	26.2%	3,755	29.0%	27.4%	+6	-1.1
Renting – Not stated	35	0.3%	0.2%	199	1.5%	0.7%	-164	-1.2
Other tenure type	622	4.6%	2.3%	119	0.9%	1.0%	+503	+3.7
Not stated	1,225	9.1%	7.0%	1,658	12.8%	9.2%	-433	-3.7
Total households	13,484	100.0%	100.0%	12,954	100.0%	100.0%	+530	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.