

Community report

Whitsunday (R)

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

AREA

Whitsunday (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

31 March 2026

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, 57.7% of households in Whitsunday (R) were purchasing or had fully paid off their home, while 31.1% 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

Whitsunday (R) – Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Fully owned	5,026	32.5%	31.0%	3,960	28.6%	29.2%	+1,066	+3.9
Mortgage	3,900	25.2%	30.2%	3,447	24.9%	29.1%	+453	+0.3
Renting – Total	4,804	31.1%	29.5%	4,349	31.4%	31.4%	+455	-0.3
Renting – Social housing	529	3.4%	3.1%	435	3.1%	3.3%	+94	+0.3
Renting – Private	4,247	27.5%	26.2%	3,797	27.4%	27.4%	+450	+0.1
Renting – Not stated	36	0.2%	0.2%	115	0.8%	0.7%	-79	-0.6
Other tenure type	334	2.2%	2.3%	90	0.6%	1.0%	+244	+1.6
Not stated	1,385	9.0%	7.0%	2,015	14.5%	9.2%	-630	-5.5
Total households	15,451	100.0%	100.0%	13,860	100.0%	100.0%	+1,591	0.0

Data basis: enumerated.