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2021 Census Results
Swan Hills

Comparison year: 2016
Benchmark area: Western Australia



community profile

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Welcome to the Western Australia Parliamentary Library Electorate Profiles

This site provides Census data based on the electoral boundaries current in Western Australia for the March 2021 state election.

New information from the 2021 Census is being progressively rolled out across this site.
The ABS has released two batches of data from the Australian 2021 Census since June 2022. Most Census-based topics on this community profile include 2021 data. The remaining topics are being updated progressively. Look for the orange indicators in the menu to see which topics have been updated. [Read more about the Census.](#)

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The Western Australia Parliamentary Library Electorate Profiles provides demographic analysis for the State and smaller areas within it based on results from the 2021, 2016 and 2011 Censuses of Population and Housing. The profile is updated with population estimates when the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases new figures.

Population

2,749,864

ABS ERP 2021

Land area

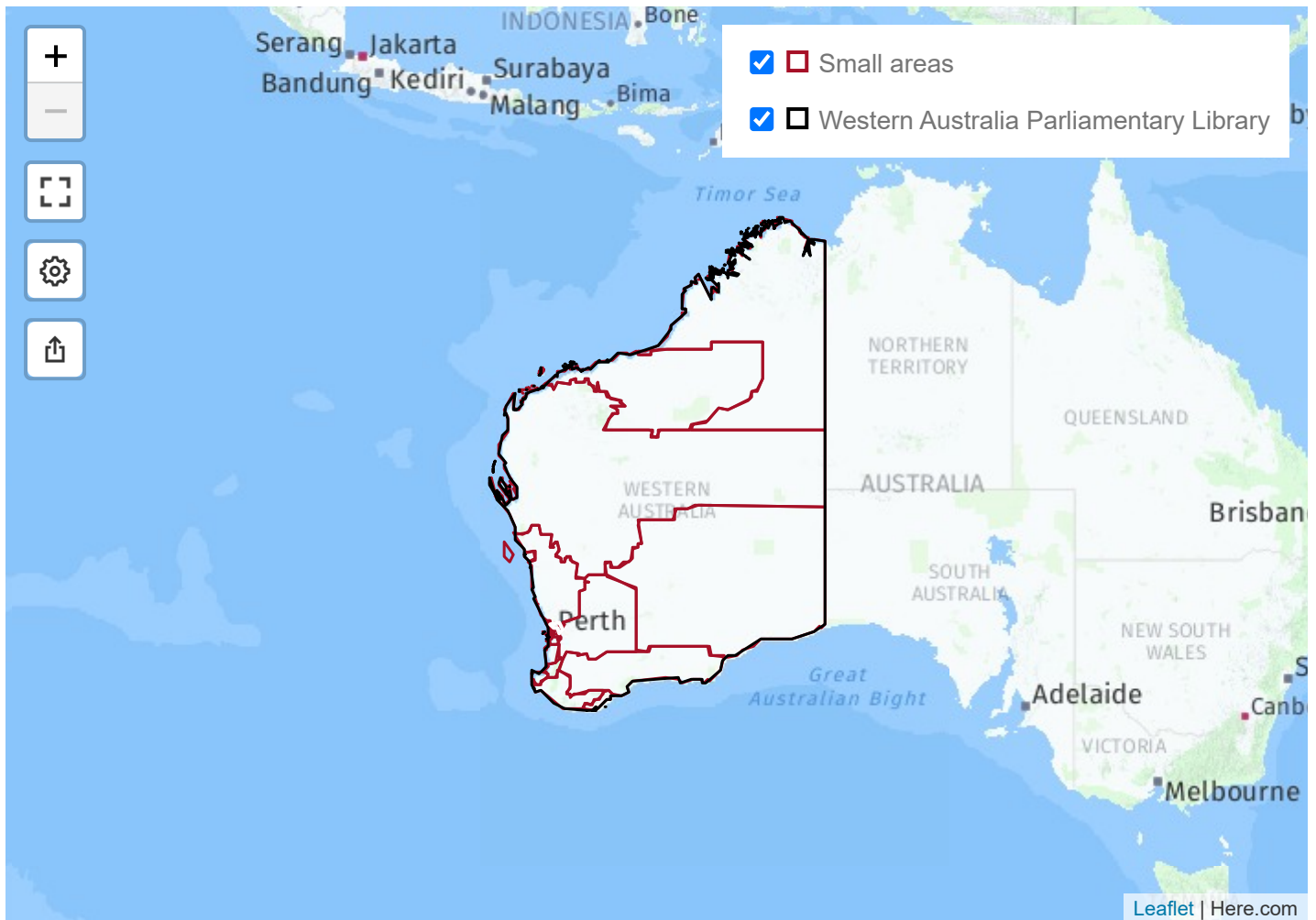
2,531,514

square km

Population density

1.09

persons per square km



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Population highlights

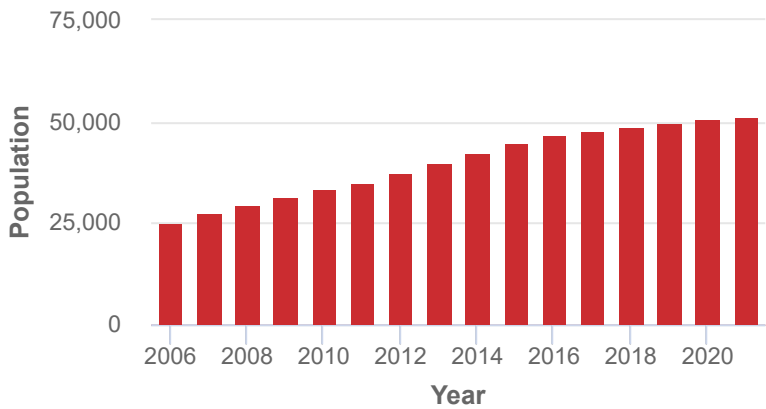
Population

51,559

ERP, 2021

▲ Grown by 675 from the previous year.

Estimated Resident Population Swan Hills



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0).
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2021 data with change from 2016 unless otherwise stated.

◀ No significant change since previous Census (less than +/-0.5%) ▲ Increased since previous Census
▼ Decreased since previous Census

Median age

35 ▲ (2)

Greater Perth	37 ▲
WA	38 ▲
Australia	38 ◀

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

3.9% ▲ (0.7%)

Greater Perth	2.0% ◀
WA	3.3% ◀
Australia	3.2% ◀

Couples with children

39% ◀ (-0.2%)

Greater Perth	32% ◀
WA	30% ▼
Australia	30% ▼

Older couples without children

9% ▲ (1.4%)

Greater Perth	10% ▲
WA	10% ▲
Australia	10% ▲

Lone person households

16% ▲ (1.4%)

Greater Perth	24% ▲
WA	24% ▲
Australia	24% ▲

Medium and high density Housing

3% ▼ (-3.3%)

Greater Perth	24% ▼
WA	21% ▼
Australia	28% ▲

Median weekly household income

\$2,015 ▲ (\$203)

Greater Perth	\$1,866 ▲
WA	\$1,834 ▲
Australia	\$1,740 ▲

Median weekly mortgage repayment

\$451 ▼ (\$-33)

Greater Perth	\$440 ▼
WA	\$425 ▼
Australia	\$432 ▲

Median weekly rent

\$360 ▼ (\$-27)

Greater Perth	\$350 ▼
WA	\$340 ▼
Australia	\$380 ▲

Households renting

17% ▲ (2%)

Greater Perth	26% ▲
WA	26% ▲
Australia	30% ▲

Households with a mortgage

55% ▼ (-1.5%)

Greater Perth	40% ▲
WA	38% ▲
Australia	33% ▲

Overseas born

28% ▼ (-0.5%)

Greater Perth	36% ◀▶
WA	32% ◀▶
Australia	28% ▲

Language at home other than English

13% ▲ (1.2%)

Greater Perth	21% ▲
WA	18% ▲
Australia	22% ▲

University attendance

3% ◀▶ (0.1%)

Greater Perth	5% ◀▶
WA	4% ◀▶
Australia	5% ◀▶

University qualification

14% ▲ (1.4%)

Greater Perth	26% ▲
WA	24% ▲
Australia	26% ▲

Trade qualification (certificate)

26% ▲ (1.8%)

Greater Perth	20% ▲
WA	21% ▲
Australia	19% ◀▶

Unemployment rate

4.7% ▼ (-2.6%)

Greater Perth	5.3% ▼
WA	5.1% ▼
Australia	5.1% ▼

Participation rate (population in labour force)

66% ▲ (0.5%)

Greater Perth	65% ▲
WA	64% ▲
Australia	61% ▲

Worked at home

8% ▲ (2.6%)

Greater Perth	8% ▲
WA	8% ▲
Australia	21% ▲

SEIFA index of disadvantage 2016

1034

Greater Perth	1026 ▲
WA	1015 ▲
Australia	1002 ▲

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About the profile areas

Important Statistics

Population

51,559

2021 ABS ERP

Land area

1,334

square km

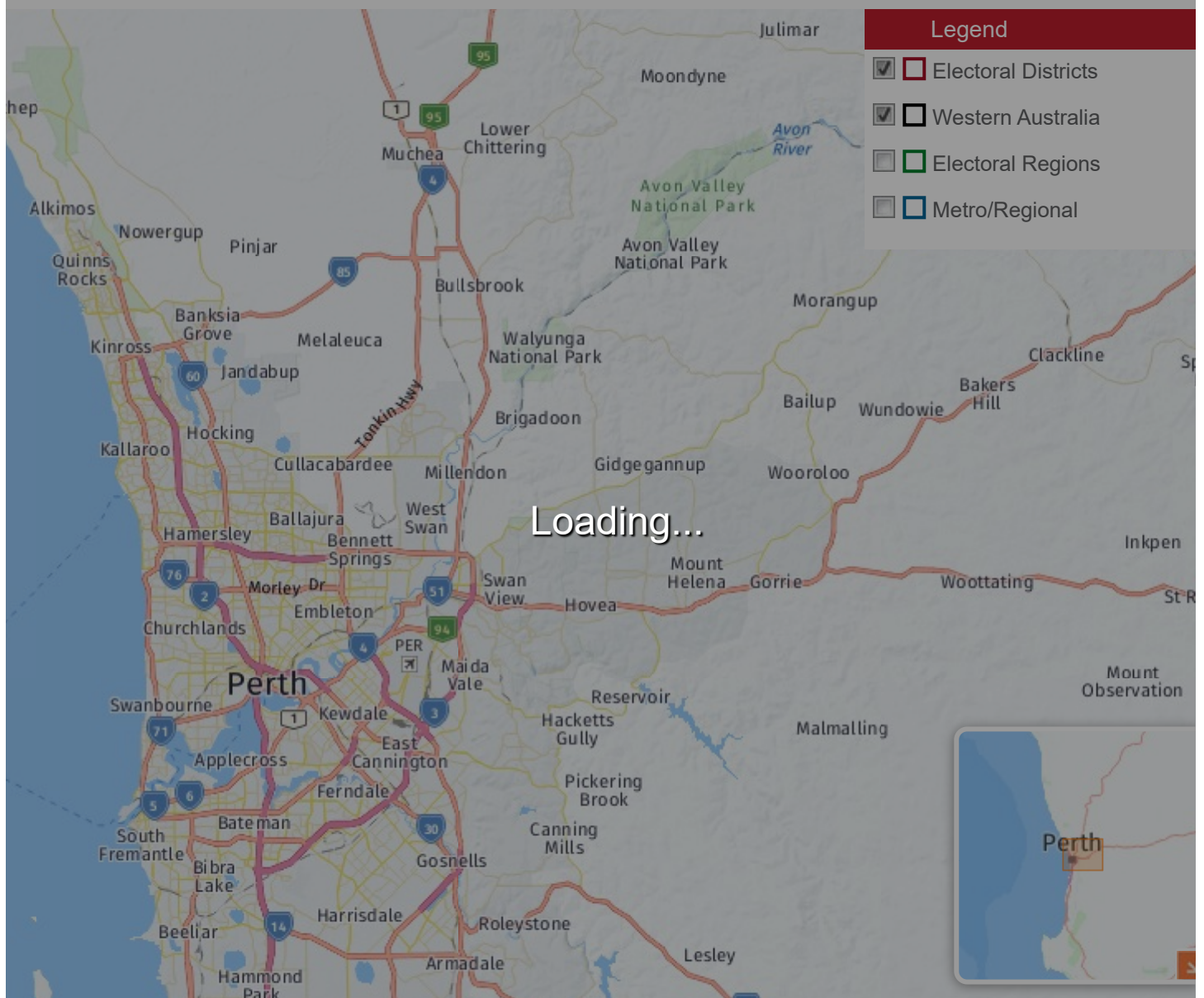
Population density

38.65

persons per square km

Profile areas

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Population and dwellings

There are a number of different ways of measuring the population of an area, all of which give an insight into the size of the place and its rate of growth over different time periods. The Census counts people where they are on the night of the Census (enumerated population) and also by where they usually live (usual residence). Both these populations are useful and form the basis for a range of characteristics collected in the Census.

However, the most accurate count of the total population is Estimated Resident Population, which factors in an estimate of those missed in the Census and those who were overseas on Census night. It is usually higher than either Census count, and is also updated annually after the Census, providing preliminary estimates for up to 5 years.

This page provides the three population counts for Swan Hills at the last Census, with comparisons to previous Census years for the Census counts only. The current estimate for Swan Hills at the most recent year available is shown at the top of the page. This figure is a preliminary estimate only and is subject to review after the next Census data are released. Please use with caution.

Also included are a range of sub-population groups and key statistics from the Census (usual resident) population, such as citizens, employed persons and Indigenous population.

These figures all provide the context for the size of the population and growth rate within Swan Hills and should be looked at in conjunction with other basic demographic information, such as **Age Structure**, **Dwelling Type** and **Household Size**.

The data on this page are sourced from a variety of different tables and designed to give a range of population and dwelling numbers for the area.

Population

Swan Hills - Total persons	2021			2016			Change
Population	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Estimated Resident Population	51,559	--	--	46,906	--	--	+4,653
Enumerated Population	48,219	--	--	45,086	--	--	+3,133
Usual Resident Population	49,692	--	--	46,077	--	--	+3,615

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

[Please refer to specific data notes for more information](#)

Selected subpopulation categories

Swan Hills - Total people (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Population group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Males	25,682	51.7	49.7	23,806	51.7	50.0	+1,876
Females	24,016	48.3	50.3	22,273	48.3	50.0	+1,743
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	1,943	3.9	3.3	1,466	3.2	3.1	+477
Australian citizens	41,019	82.5	82.8	36,025	78.2	79.0	+4,994
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	28,948	58.2	62.7	25,292	54.9	59.5	+3,656
Population over 15	38,515	77.5	81.0	35,525	77.1	80.7	+2,990
Employed Population	24,107	95.3	94.9	21,460	92.7	92.2	+2,647
Overseas visitors (enumerated)	61	--	--	343	--	--	-282

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

Dwellings

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Dwellings	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total dwellings	17,727	100.0	100.0	16,409	100.0	100.0	+1,318
Occupied private dwellings	16,487	93.0	89.5	15,121	92.2	87.4	+1,366
Population in non-private dwellings	2,141	--	--	2,202	--	--	-61
Average household size (persons per dwelling)	2.79	--	2.48	2.86	--	2.52	-0.06

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021 (Enumerated). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

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*Note that this is an estimate based on ERP at the SA1 level. It is subject to review after the next Census data release and may not match .id's population forecasts.

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Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

The Estimated Resident Population (ERP) is the Australian Bureau of Statistics' official 2021 population figure for all Local Government Areas (LGAs) - but is subject to review after the next Census release. For areas smaller than LGAs, the ERP is derived from SA1 geographies based on population distribution from the previous Census. As such, these smaller geographies are subject to a greater level of revision each Census due to the change in actual numbers and in population distributions.

Populations are counted and estimated in various ways. The most comprehensive population count available in Australia is derived from the Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics every five years. However the Census count is generally an under-estimate of the actual population, due to people missed in the Census and people overseas on Census night. To provide a more accurate population figure more frequently, the ABS also produces ERP numbers.

See **data notes** for a detailed explanation of different population types, how they are calculated and when to use each one.

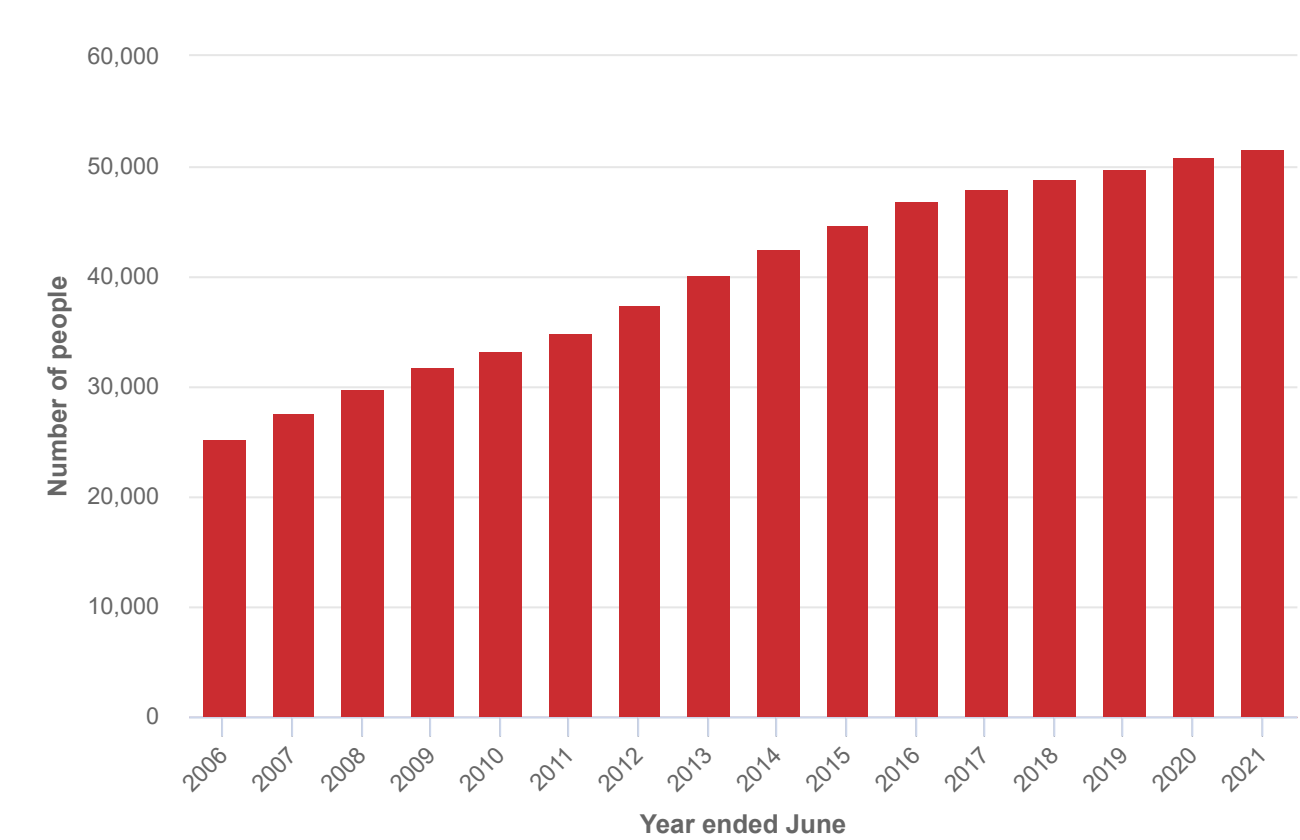
Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

Year (ending June 30)	Number	Change in number	Change in percent	Western Australia change in percent
2006	25,232	--	--	--
2007	27,635	+2,403	+9.52	+2.71
2008	29,730	+2,095	+7.58	+3.11
2009	31,773	+2,043	+6.87	+3.16
2010	33,325	+1,552	+4.88	+2.26
2011	34,831	+1,506	+4.52	+2.73
2012	37,438	+2,607	+7.48	+3.06
2013	40,102	+2,664	+7.12	+2.53
2014	42,457	+2,355	+5.87	+1.23
2015	44,695	+2,238	+5.27	+0.92
2016	46,906	+2,211	+4.95	+0.60
2017	48,030	+1,124	+2.40	+1.24
2018	48,908	+878	+1.83	+1.29
2019	49,818	+910	+1.86	+1.63
2020	50,884	+1,066	+2.14	+2.05
2021	51,559	+675	+1.33	+1.16

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed

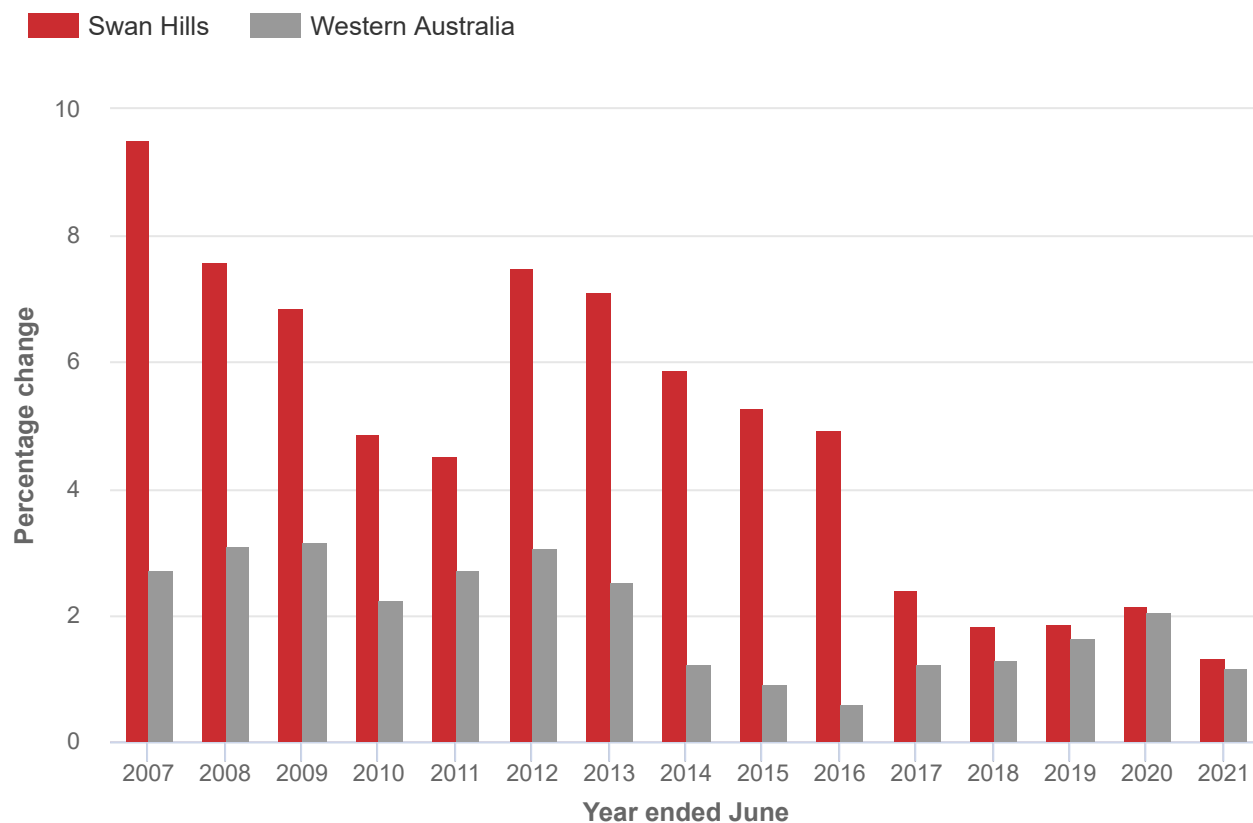
Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

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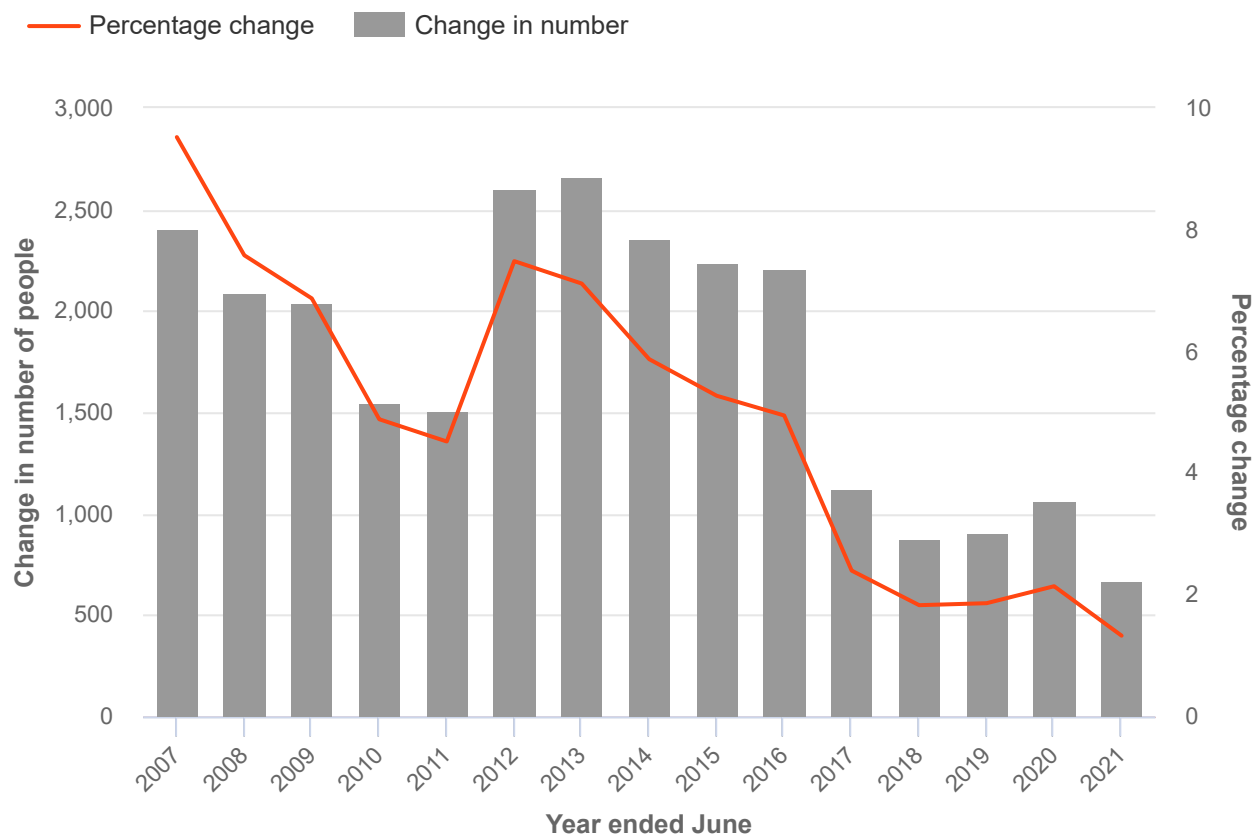
Percentage change in ERP - Swan Hills compared to Western Australia



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0). Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions)

Annual change in Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

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Service age groups

The Age Structure of Swan Hills provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities such as child care. It is an indicator of Swan Hills's residential role and function and how it is likely to change in the future.

Service age groups divide the population into age categories that reflect typical life-stages. They indicate the level of demand for services that target people at different stages in life and how that demand is changing.

To get a more complete picture Swan Hills's Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with **Household Types** and **Dwelling Types**.

Age structure - Service age groups

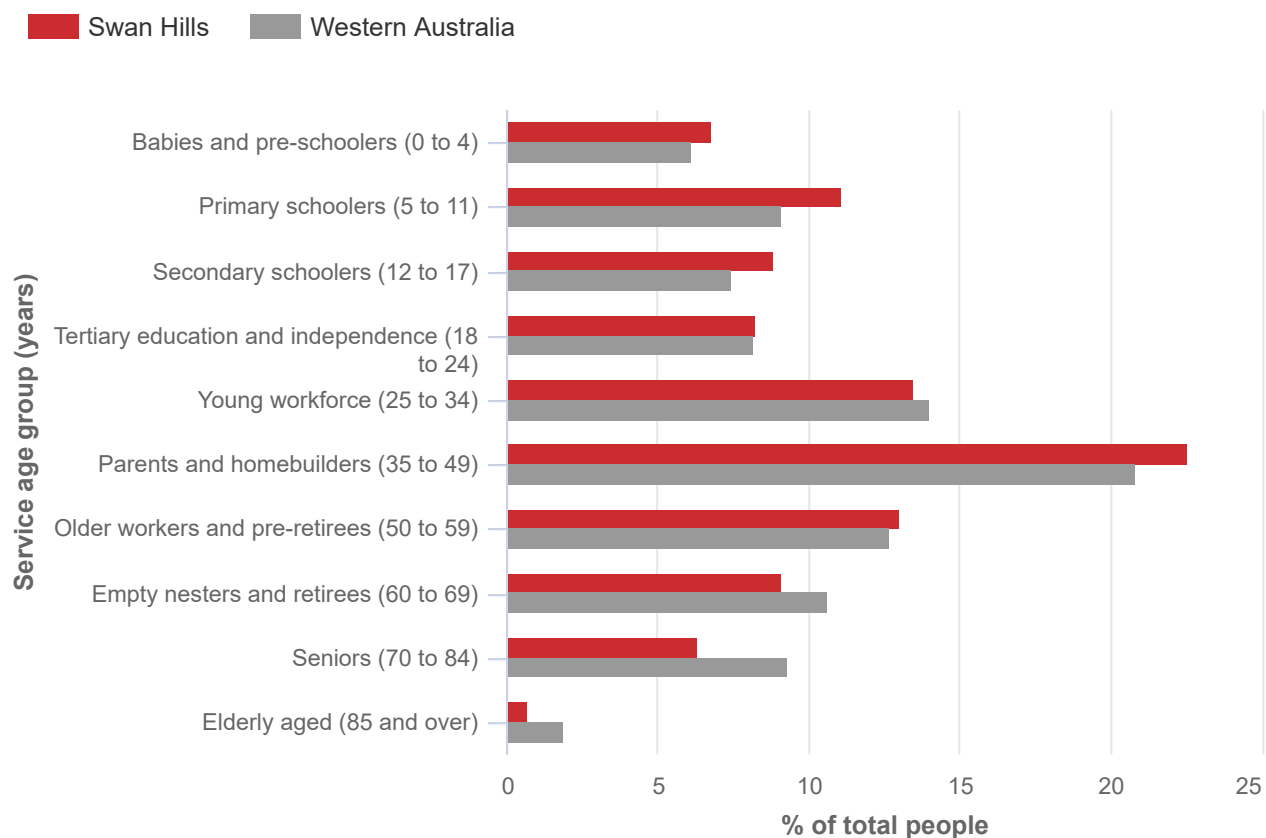
Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Service age group (years)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	3,363	6.8	6.1	3,581	7.8	6.5	-218
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	5,516	11.1	9.1	4,998	10.8	9.1	+518
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	4,383	8.8	7.4	3,837	8.3	7.2	+546
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	4,103	8.3	8.2	4,097	8.9	8.9	+6
Young workforce (25 to 34)	6,695	13.5	14.0	7,301	15.8	15.3	-606
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	11,199	22.5	20.8	10,527	22.8	20.9	+672
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	6,470	13.0	12.6	5,551	12.0	12.6	+919
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	4,521	9.1	10.6	3,774	8.2	10.1	+747
Seniors (70 to 84)	3,128	6.3	9.3	2,176	4.7	7.6	+952
Elderly aged (85 and over)	321	0.6	1.9	245	0.5	1.7	+76
Total	49,699	100.0	100.0	46,087	100.0	100.0	+3,612

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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Age structure - service age groups, 2021

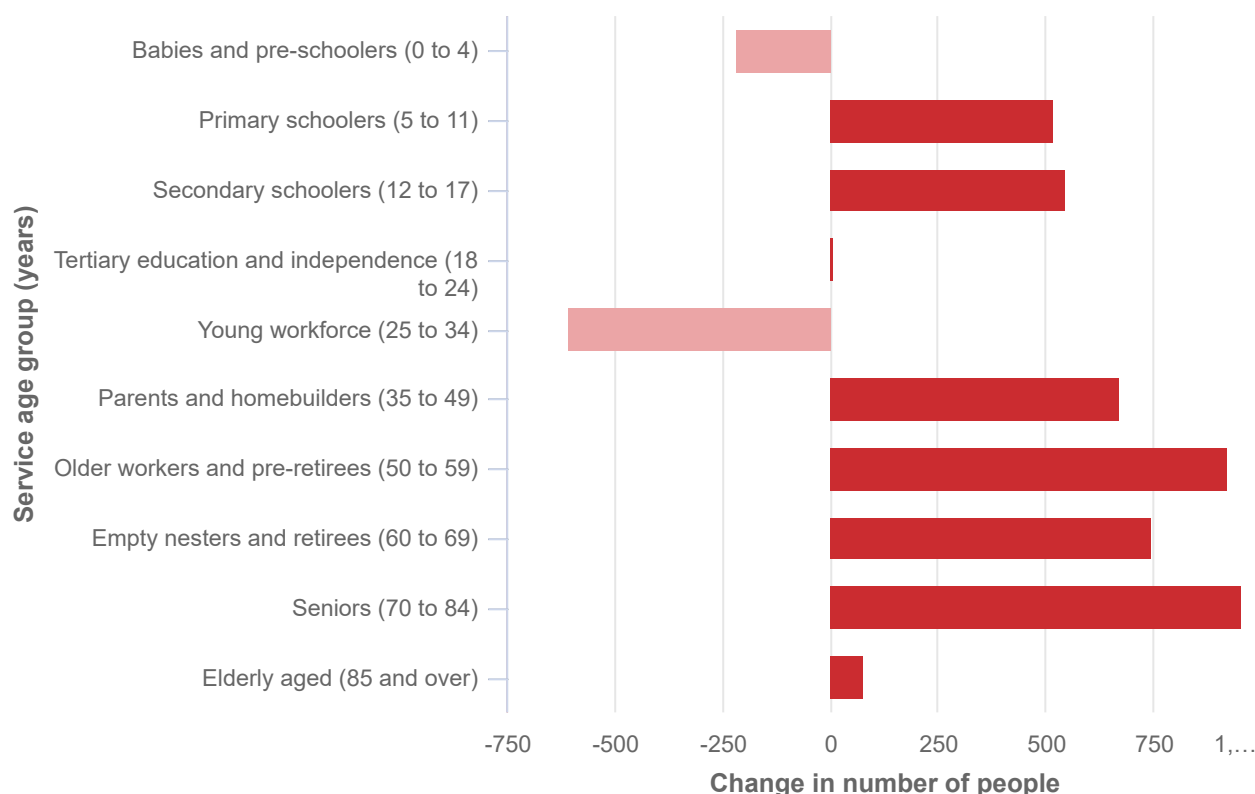
Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Change in age structure - service age groups, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the service age groups of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17 years) and a lower proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years).

Overall, 26.7% of the population was aged between 0 and 17, and 16.0% were aged 60 years and over, compared with 22.6% and 21.8% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between the age structure of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of 'Primary schoolers' (11.1% compared to 9.1%)
- A *larger* percentage of 'Parents and homebuilders' (22.5% compared to 20.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 'Seniors' (6.3% compared to 9.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 'Empty nesters and retirees' (9.1% compared to 10.6%)

Emerging groups

From 2016 to 2021, Swan Hills's population increased by 3,612 people (7.8%). This represents an average annual population change of 1.52% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the age structure in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in the age groups:

- Seniors (70 to 84) (+952 people)
- Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59) (+919 people)
- Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69) (+747 people)
- Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49) (+672 people)

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Five year age groups

The Age Structure of Swan Hills provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities such as child care. It is also an indicator of Swan Hills's residential role and function and how it is likely to change in the future.

Five year age groups present a classic age profile of the population. Each age group covers exactly five years, which enables direct comparison between each group.

To get a more complete picture Swan Hills's Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with Household Types and Dwelling Types.

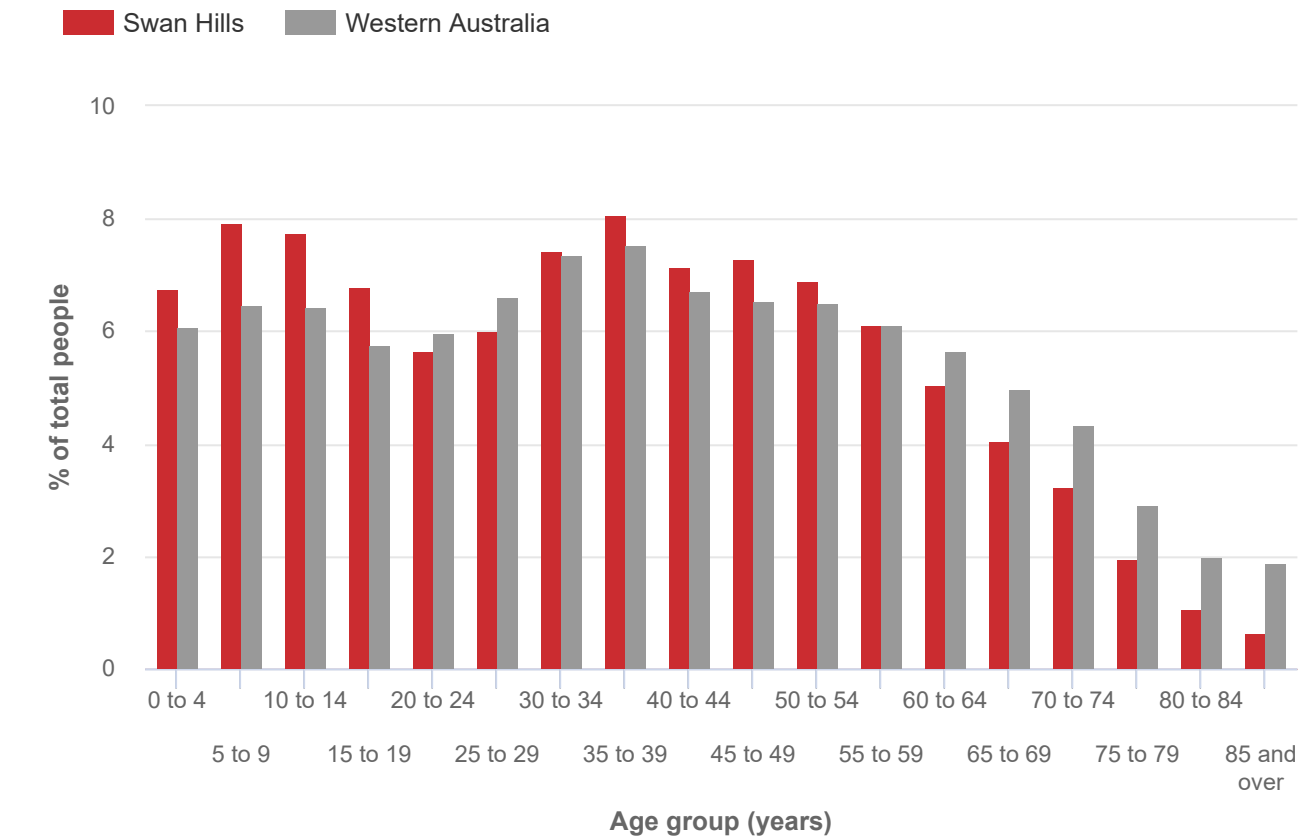
Age structure - Five year age groups

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Five year age groups (years)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
0 to 4	3,363	6.8	6.1	3,581	7.8	6.5	-218
5 to 9	3,948	7.9	6.5	3,644	7.9	6.6	+304
10 to 14	3,859	7.8	6.4	3,327	7.2	6.1	+532
15 to 19	3,378	6.8	5.8	2,936	6.4	6.1	+442
20 to 24	2,815	5.7	6.0	3,026	6.6	6.5	-211
25 to 29	2,993	6.0	6.6	3,503	7.6	7.5	-510
30 to 34	3,703	7.5	7.4	3,791	8.2	7.9	-88
35 to 39	4,005	8.1	7.6	3,495	7.6	7.0	+510
40 to 44	3,558	7.2	6.7	3,612	7.8	7.0	-54
45 to 49	3,629	7.3	6.6	3,424	7.4	7.0	+205
50 to 54	3,431	6.9	6.5	3,001	6.5	6.6	+430
55 to 59	3,037	6.1	6.1	2,547	5.5	6.1	+490
60 to 64	2,505	5.0	5.7	2,036	4.4	5.3	+469
65 to 69	2,015	4.1	5.0	1,741	3.8	4.7	+274
70 to 74	1,610	3.2	4.3	1,143	2.5	3.4	+467
75 to 79	981	2.0	2.9	663	1.4	2.5	+318
80 to 84	534	1.1	2.0	362	0.8	1.7	+172
85 and over	321	0.6	1.9	245	0.5	1.7	+76
Total population	49,685	100.0	100.0	46,077	100.0	100.0	+3,608

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

Age structure - five year age groups, 2021

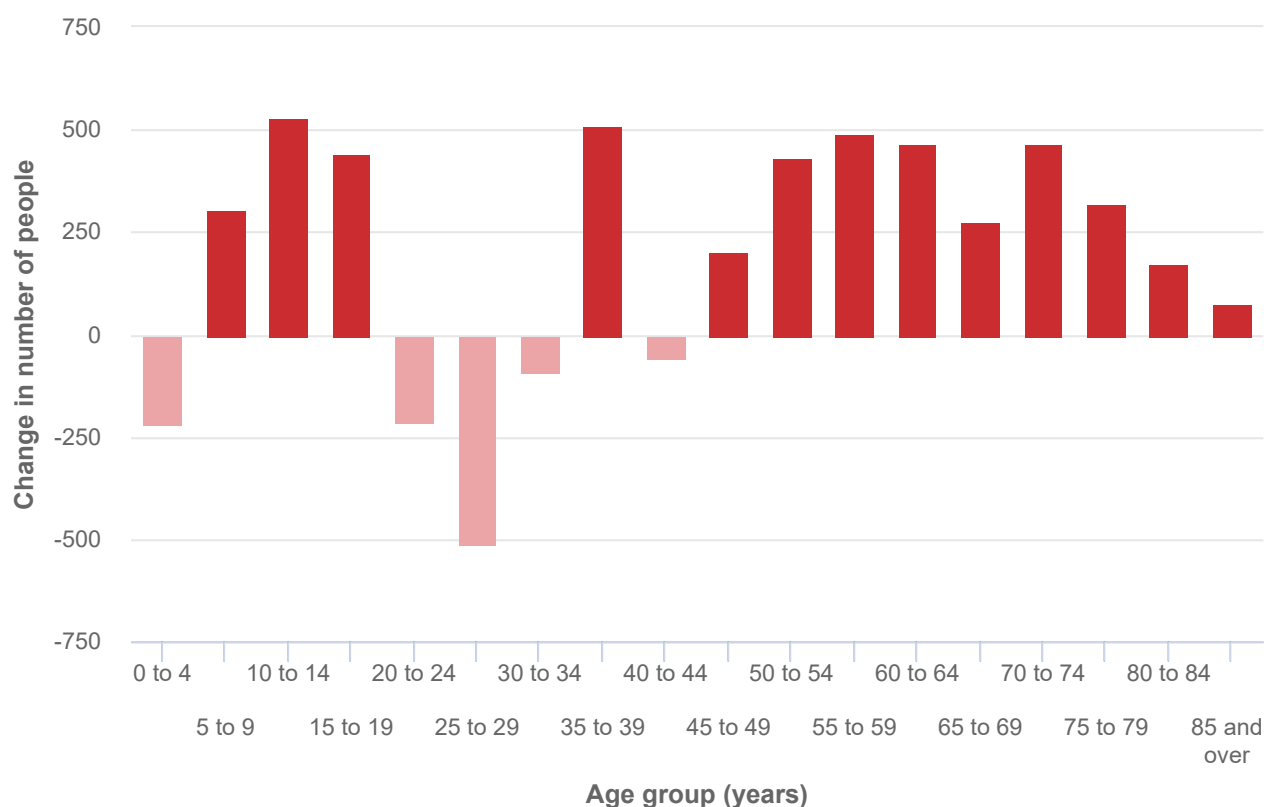
Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Change in age structure - five year age groups, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the five year age groups of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 15) and a lower proportion of people in the older age groups (65+).

Overall, 22.5% of the population was aged between 0 and 15, and 11.0% were aged 65 years and over, compared with 19.0% and 16.1% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between the age structure of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 5 to 9 (7.9% compared to 6.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 10 to 14 (7.8% compared to 6.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 85 and over (0.6% compared to 1.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 70 to 74 (3.2% compared to 4.3%)

Emerging groups

From 2016 to 2021, Swan Hills's population increased by 3,608 people (7.8%). This represents an average annual population change of 1.52% per year over the period.

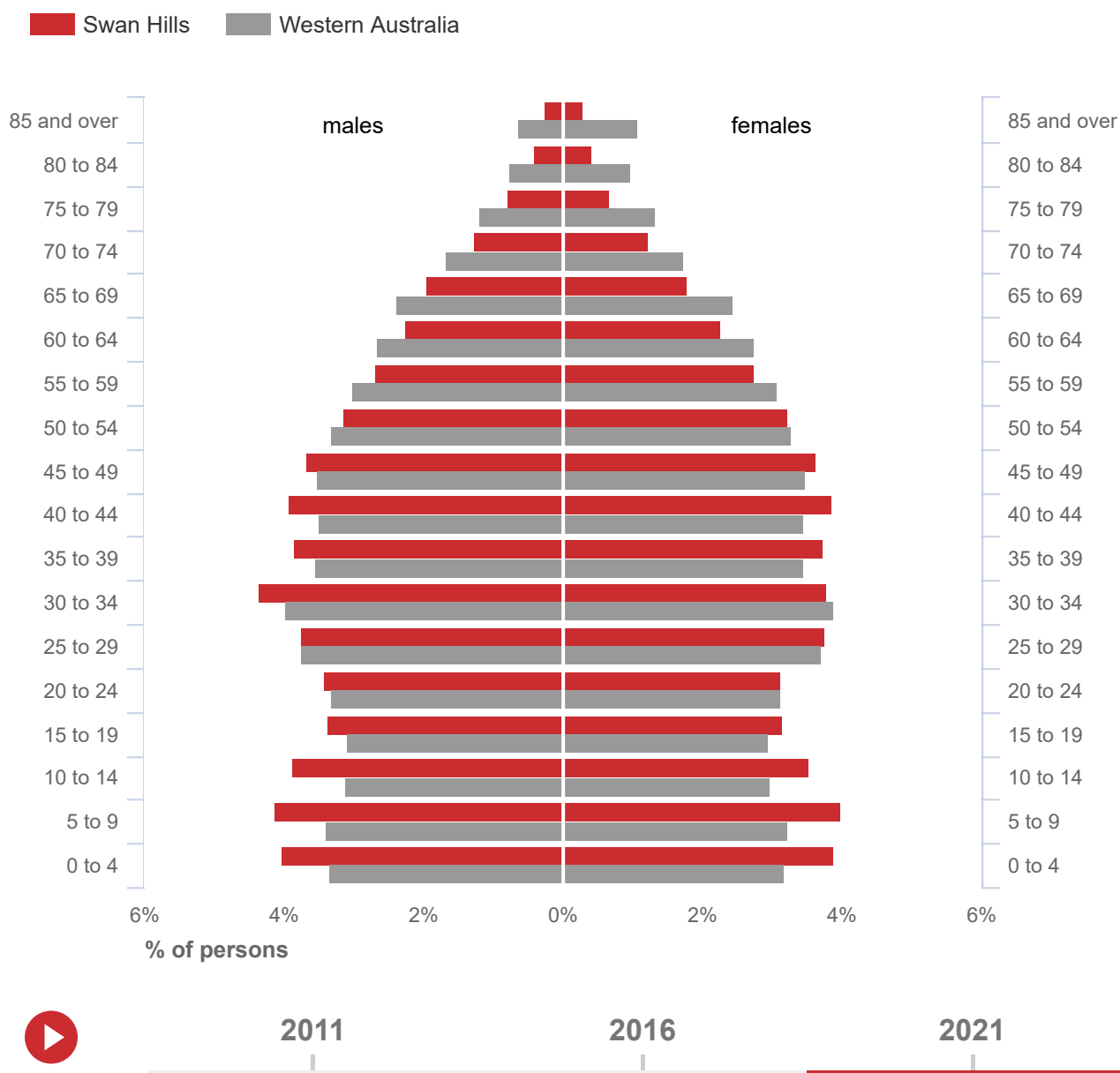
The largest changes in age structure in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in the age groups:

- 10 to 14 (+532 persons)
- 25 to 29 (-510 persons)
- 35 to 39 (+510 persons)
- 55 to 59 (+490 persons)

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Age-sex pyramid

Age-sex pyramid, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), selected years between 1991-2021 (Enumerated data).
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The age-sex pyramid is a demographic tool which shows patterns of change in the age structure and sex ratio of an area over time. Its name comes from the traditional pyramid shape of an area which indicates a lot of children in large families, with a lower life expectancy and relatively few elderly. This shape is quite rare in developed nations like Australia. As nations and areas transition over time this shape turns into a column where there are less children a mix of ages including many elderly. Older areas with a lot of retirees or relatively few births may have a "reverse" pyramid formation where the largest proportion of the population is at the top of the chart. The sex ratio of males to females can also be seen - young areas are likely to have more males, while elderly areas generally have more females due to longer life expectancy.

The age-sex pyramid should be used in conjunction with [Household Types](#) and [Dwelling Types](#) information to build up a picture of who is living in the area and how it is changing over time.

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Ancestry

Ancestry defines the cultural association and ethnic background of an individual going back three generations. Ancestry is a good measure of the total size of cultural groups in Swan Hills regardless of where they were born or what language they speak.

Ancestry data, should be combined with data on **Birthplace**, **Language Spoken at Home** and **Religion** for a more complete picture of Swan Hills's ethnic characteristics.

Please note that the "Australian Aboriginal" and "Torres Strait Islander" categories in this topic are not directly comparable from 2021 to previous years, due to a change in the wording of the question. In 2021, these options were marked boxes on the question rather than write-in options. The "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin" question is still considered a more reliable count for this group, and can be found on the **Population summary** page.

Please note: Due to changes in ABS rules around perturbation and additivity of data to protect the confidentiality of individuals, counts of ancestry groups and totals derived from them may differ slightly from those published by the ABS. For more information see notes on data confidentiality.

Ancestry - Ranked by size

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Ancestry	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
English	20,013	40.3	37.6	18,592	40.3	37.6	+1,421
Australian	16,319	32.8	29.7	15,421	33.5	30.7	+898
Scottish	4,405	8.9	8.7	4,209	9.1	8.7	+196
Irish	3,852	7.8	8.8	3,762	8.2	9.1	+90
Italian	2,324	4.7	5.2	2,007	4.4	5.0	+317
German	1,477	3.0	2.9	1,430	3.1	3.0	+47
Australian Aboriginal	1,291	2.6	3.0	151	0.3	0.8	+1,140
Indian	1,289	2.6	2.9	1,133	2.5	2.8	+156
Dutch	1,054	2.1	2.0	927	2.0	1.9	+127
Maori	945	1.9	1.2	672	1.5	1.1	+273

Excludes ancestries with fewer than 10 responses (multi-response).

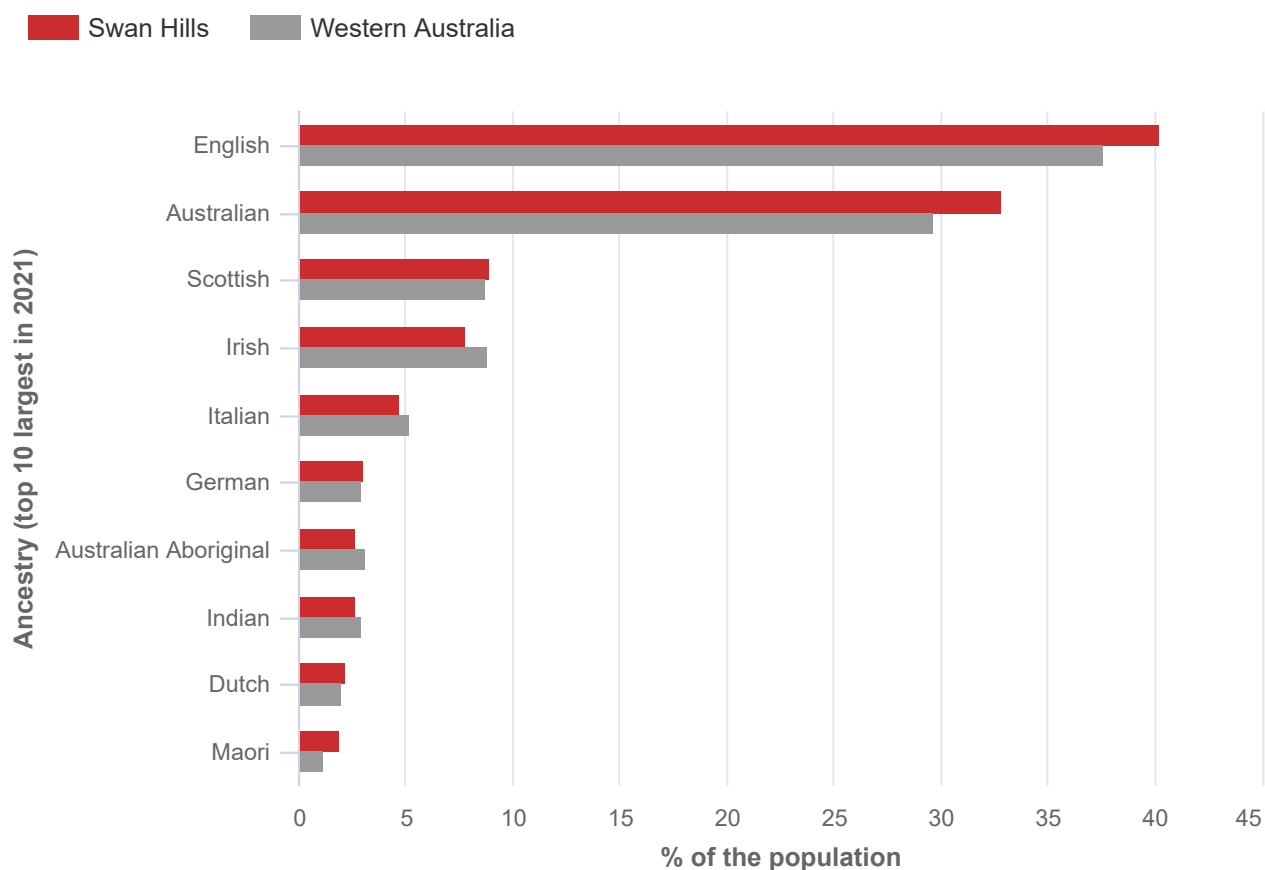
Ancestry - Totals

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Ancestry totals	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Not stated	4,469	6.8	5.0	5,064	8.7	6.0	-595
Total responses	65,449	--	--	58,202	--	--	+7,247
Total people	49,699	--	--	46,087	--	--	+3,612

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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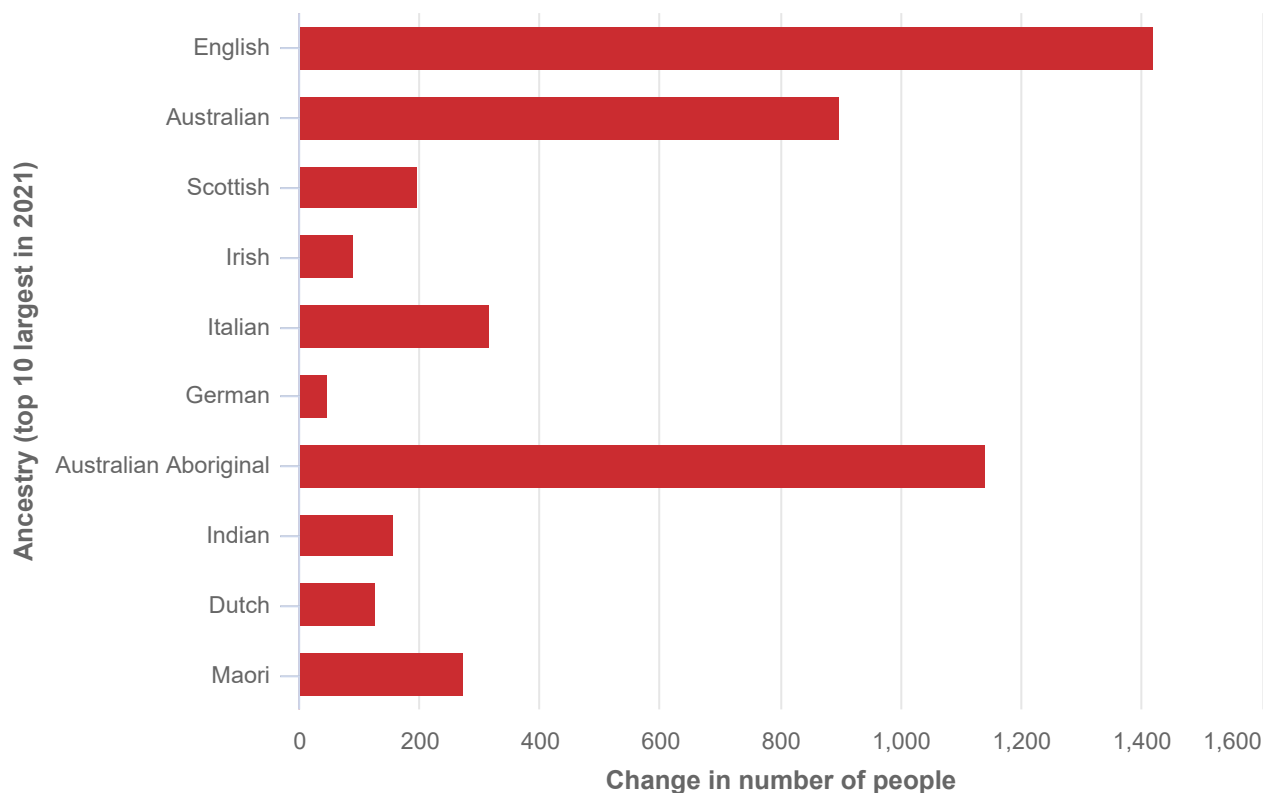
Ancestry, 2021



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Change in ancestry, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the ancestry responses of the population in Swan Hills in 2021 shows that the top five ancestries nominated were:

- English (20,013 people or 40.3%)
- Australian (16,319 people or 32.8%)
- Scottish (4,405 people or 8.9%)
- Irish (3,852 people or 7.8%)
- Italian (2,324 people or 4.7%)

In combination these five ancestries account for 46,913 responses in total, or 94.39% of all responses.

The major differences between the ancestries of the population in Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of people with Australian ancestry (32.8% compared to 29.7%)
- A *larger* percentage of people with English ancestry (40.3% compared to 37.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people with Chinese ancestry (1.1% compared to 4.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people with Irish ancestry (7.8% compared to 8.8%)

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the reported ancestries of the population in this area between 2016 and 2021 were:

- English (+1,421 persons)
- Australian Aboriginal (+1,140 persons)
- Australian (+898 persons)
- Italian (+317 persons)

Swan Hills

Birthplace

Country of Birth data identifies where people were born and is indicative of the level of cultural diversity in Swan Hills. The mix of Country of Birth groups is also indicative of historical settlement patterns, as source countries for Australia's immigration program have varied significantly over time.

To get a more complete picture of cultural and ethnic characteristics, Swan Hills's Country of Birth data should be viewed together with Ancestry, Language Spoken at Home and Religion.

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Birthplace - Summary

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Birthplace	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total overseas born	13,791	27.8	32.2	13,032	28.3	32.2	+759
Australia	33,469	67.4	62.0	29,784	64.6	60.3	+3,685
Not stated	2,423	4.9	5.8	3,264	7.1	7.5	-841
Total Population	49,683	100.0	100.0	46,080	100.0	100.0	+3,603

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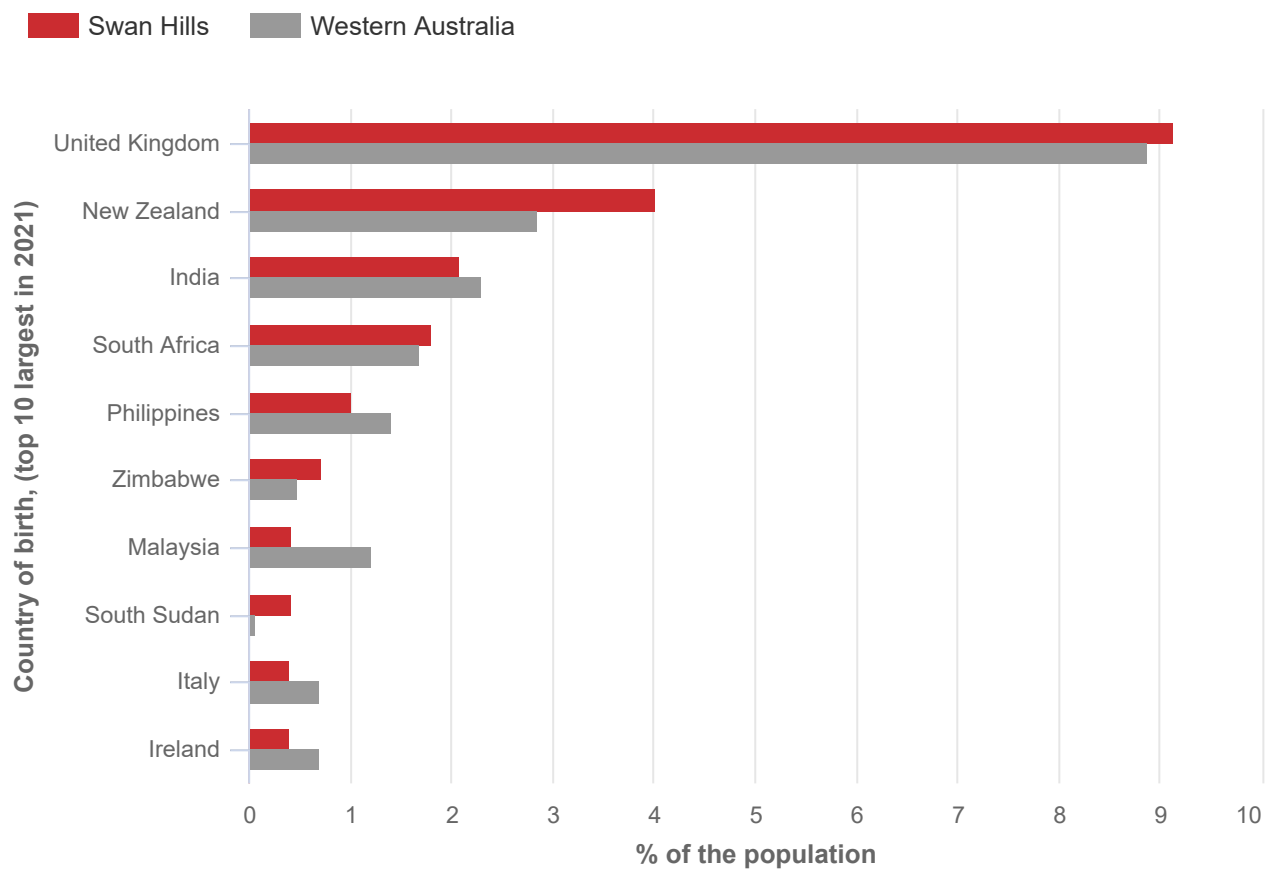
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Birthplace - Ranked by size

Swan Hills - Overseas born (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Birthplace	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
United Kingdom	4,532	9.1	8.9	4,629	10.0	9.4	-97
New Zealand	1,997	4.0	2.8	2,012	4.4	3.2	-15
India	1,029	2.1	2.3	804	1.7	2.0	+225
South Africa	893	1.8	1.7	869	1.9	1.7	+24
Philippines	505	1.0	1.4	385	0.8	1.2	+120
Zimbabwe	355	0.7	0.5	351	0.8	0.5	+4
Malaysia	209	0.4	1.2	209	0.5	1.2	0
South Sudan	203	0.4	0.0	113	0.2	0.0	+90
Italy	199	0.4	0.7	187	0.4	0.8	+12
Ireland	195	0.4	0.7	181	0.4	0.7	+14

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

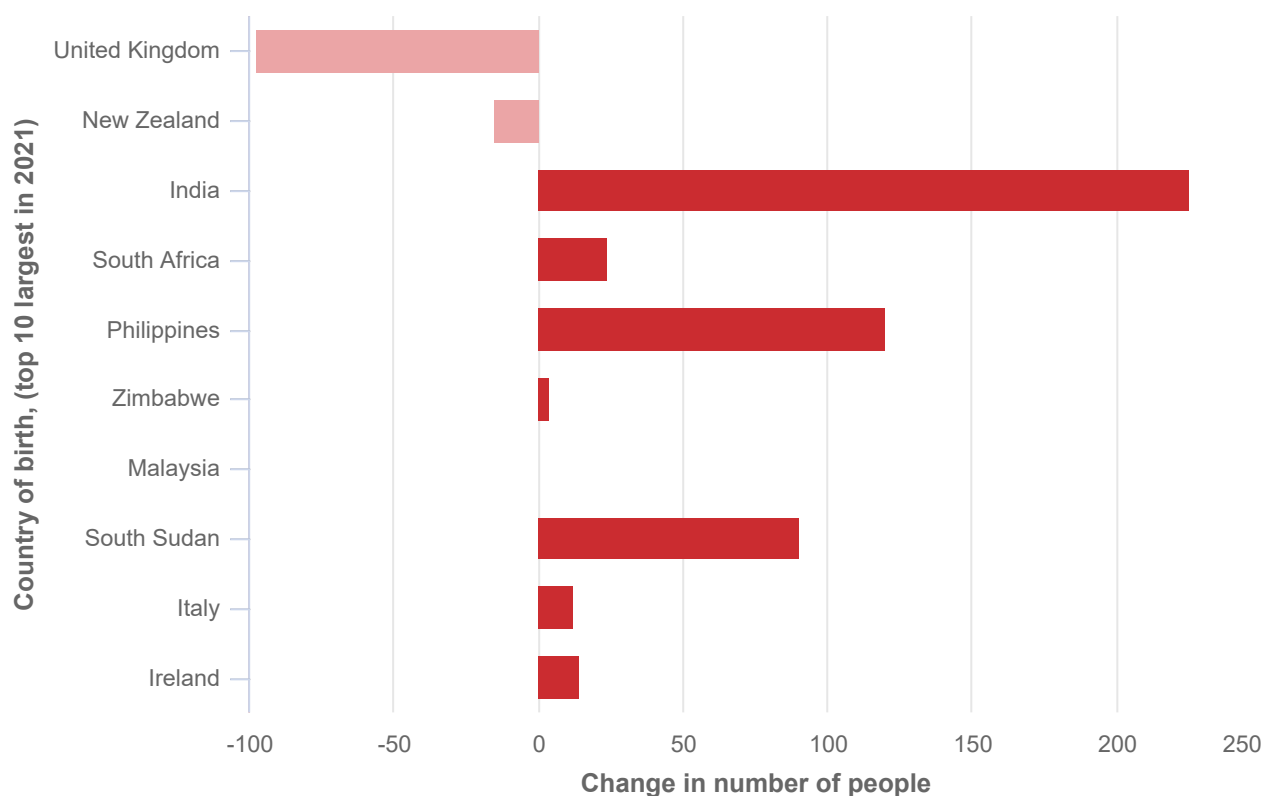
Birthplace, 2021



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Change in birthplace, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the country of birth of the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of people born overseas.

Overall, 27.8% of the population was born overseas, compared with 32.2% for Western Australia.

The largest non-English speaking country of birth in Swan Hills was India, where 2.1% of the population, or 1,029 people, were born.

The major difference between the countries of birth of the population in Swan Hills and Western Australia was:

- A *larger* percentage of people born in New Zealand (4.0% compared to 2.8%)

Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people born overseas increased by 759 or 5.8%.

The largest changes in birthplace countries of the population in this area between 2016 and 2021 were for those born in:

- India (+225 persons)
- Philippines (+120 persons)
- United Kingdom (-97 persons)
- South Sudan (+90 persons)

Swan Hills

Overseas arrivals

The Year of Arrival data records when the overseas born population arrived in Australia. The data shows the degree to which areas are 'ports' for new overseas arrivals and reveals the role of Swan Hills in housing the overseas-born. The number of recent overseas arrivals in an area is often determined by housing affordability, employment opportunities and pre-existing communities located in the area.

Swan Hills's Year of Arrival data, when used with Birthplace, Religion and Language Spoken at Home data, is a good indicator of the likely need for services in migrant communities.

Overseas arrivals

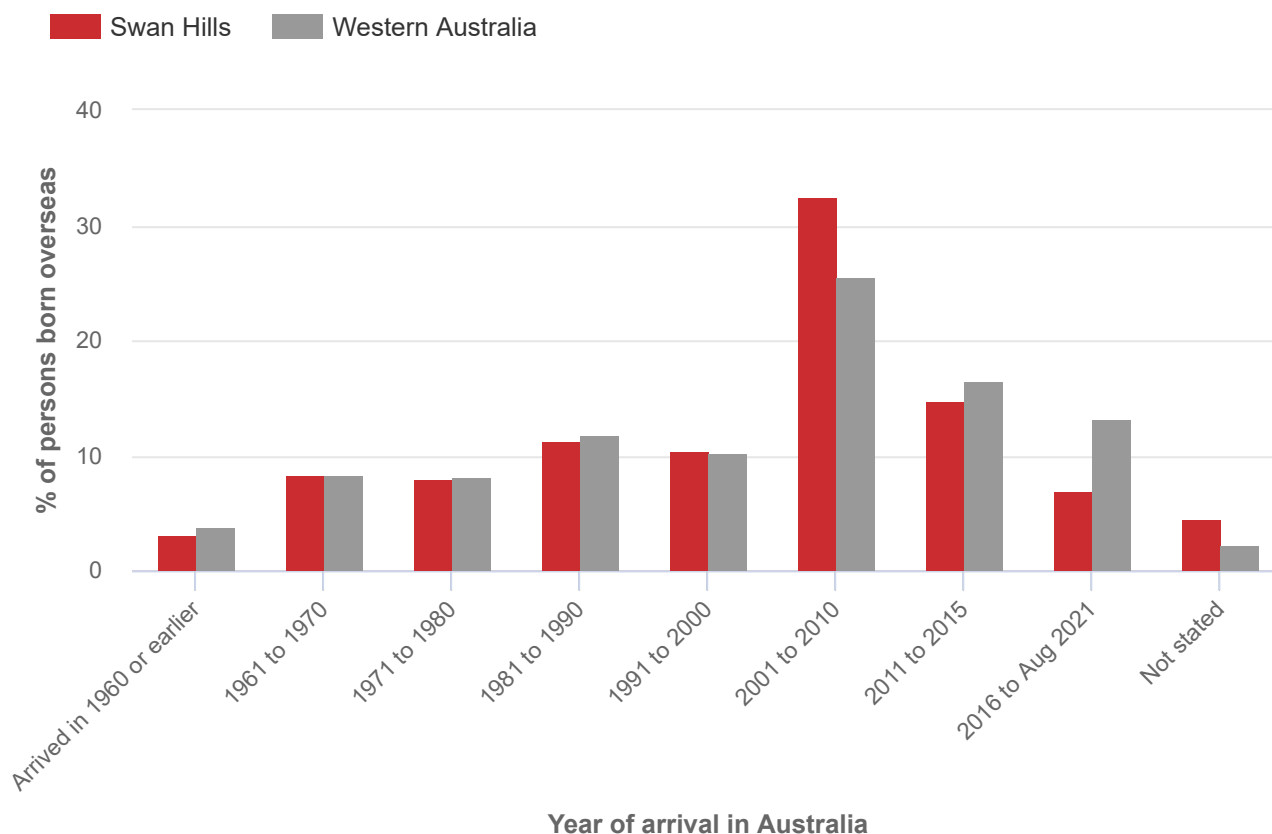
Swan Hills - Overseas born (Usual residence)	2021		
Year of arrival in Australia	Number	%	Western Australia %
Arrived in 1960 or earlier	424	3.1	3.8
1961 to 1970	1,158	8.4	8.4
1971 to 1980	1,104	8.0	8.1
1981 to 1990	1,564	11.3	11.9
1991 to 2000	1,433	10.4	10.2
2001 to 2010	4,491	32.6	25.5
2011 to 2015	2,027	14.7	16.6
2016 to Aug 2021	963	7.0	13.2
Not stated	627	4.5	2.3
Total	13,791	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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Overseas arrivals, 2021

Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the year of arrival for the overseas born population of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of people who arrived before 2001, as well as a smaller proportion of recent overseas arrivals (those who arrived between 2016 to Aug 2021).

Overall, 41.2% of the overseas born population arrived before 2001, and 7% arrived during or after 2016, compared with 42.4% and 13.2% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences in year of arrival data in the population between Swan Hills and Western Australia are:

- A *larger* percentage of arrivals between 2001 to 2010 (32.6% compared to 25.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of arrivals between 2016 to Aug 2021 (7.0% compared to 13.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of arrivals between 2011 to 2015 (14.7% compared to 16.6%)

Swan Hills

Proficiency in English

Proficiency in English measures the self-assessed proficiency in spoken English of people who speak a language other than English at home. The data, when viewed with other ethnic and cultural indicators, such as **Ancestry**, **Country of Birth**, **Language Spoken at Home** and **Religion**, reflects Swan Hills's ethnic composition and how long the overseas born have been in Australia. This helps service providers determine whether they need to communicate with the local population in languages other than English.

Proficiency in English

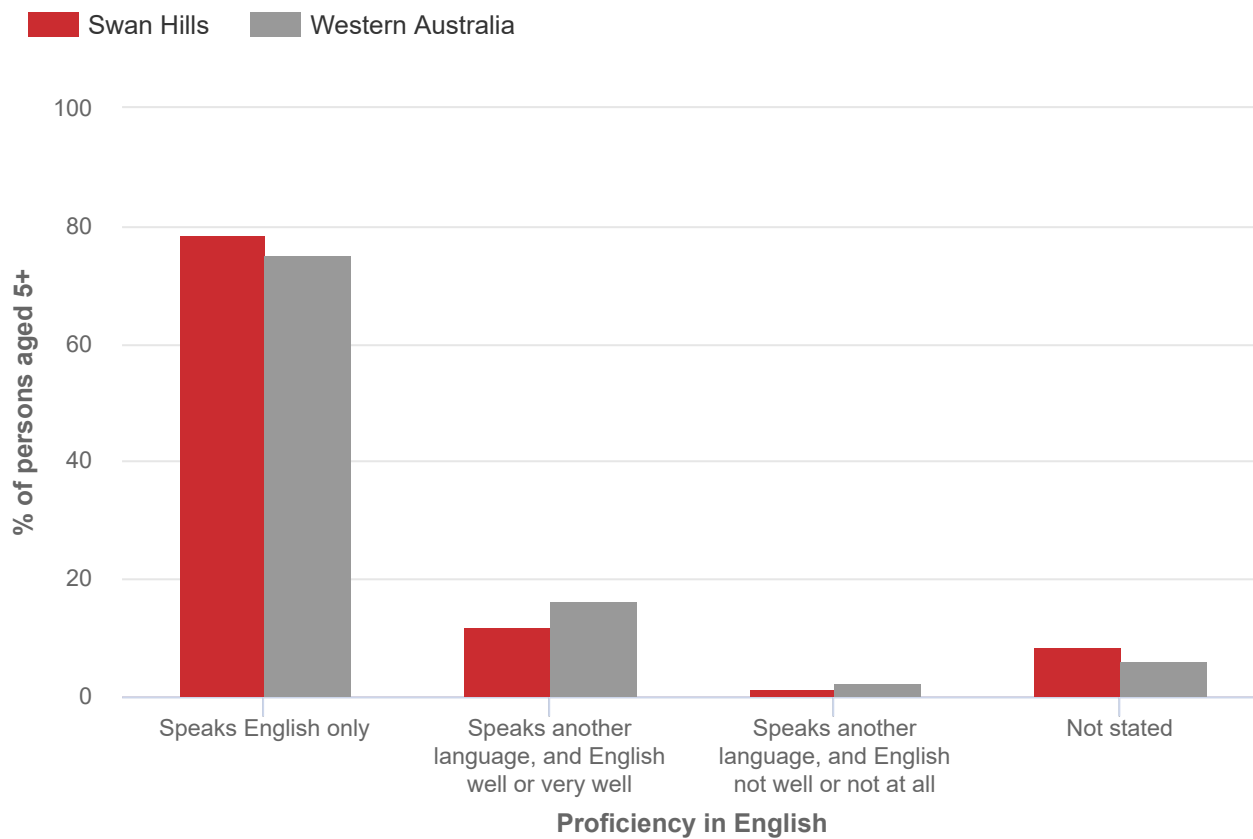
Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
English proficiency	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Speaks English only	39,078	78.6	75.3	35,883	77.9	75.2	+3,195
Speaks another language, and English well or very well	5,847	11.8	16.4	4,798	10.4	15.2	+1,049
Speaks another language, and English not well or not at all	599	1.2	2.3	580	1.3	2.5	+19
Not stated	4,173	8.4	6.0	4,819	10.5	7.1	-646
Total population	49,697	100.0	100.0	46,080	100.0	100.0	+3,617

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Proficiency in English, 2021

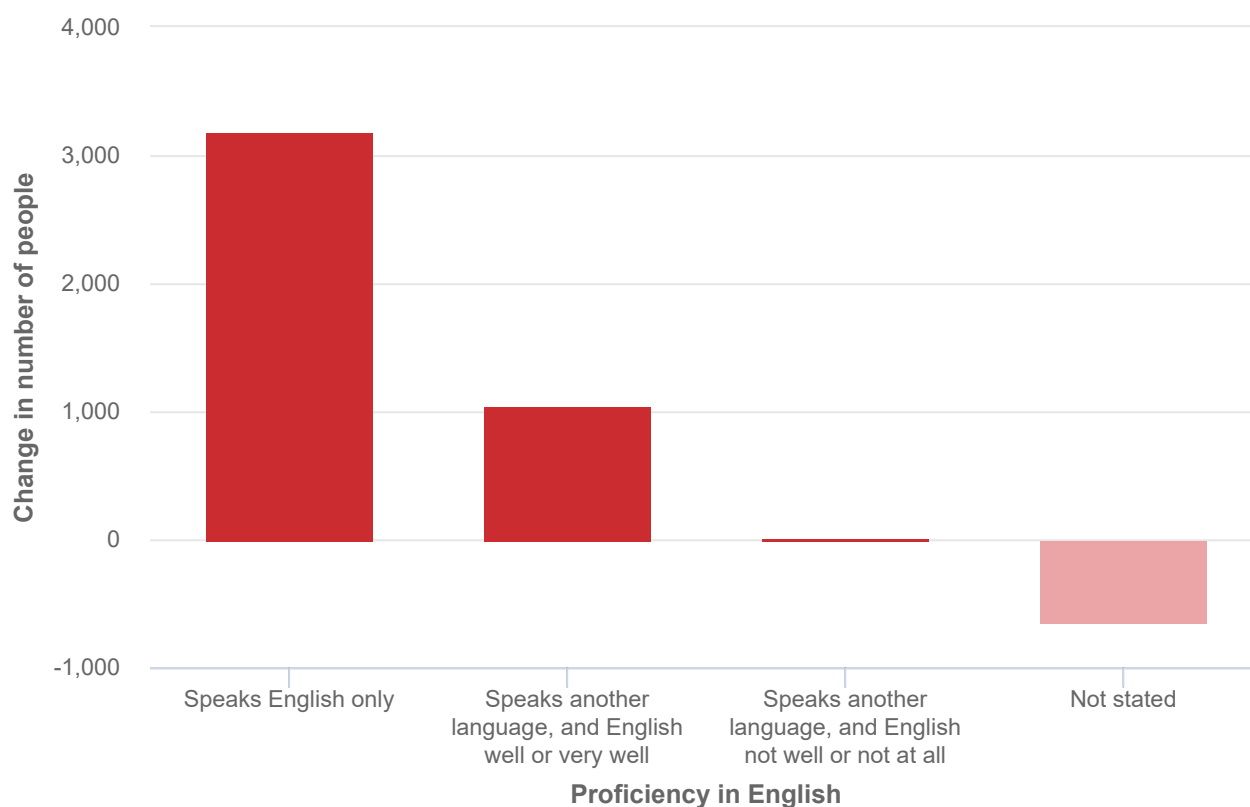
Total persons



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Change in Proficiency in English, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the proficiency in English data of the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people who spoke English only, and a lower proportion of people who spoke another language and English not well or not at all.

Overall, 78.6% of people spoke English only, and 1.2% spoke another language and English not well or not at all, compared with 75.3% and 2.3% respectively for Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The most significant changes in the proficiency in English of the population in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in those speaking:

- Speaks English only (+3,195 persons)
- Speaks another language, and English well or very well (+1,049 persons)

Swan Hills

Language spoken at home

Swan Hills's language statistics show the proportion of the population who speak a language at home other than English. They indicate how culturally diverse a population is and the degree to which different ethnic groups and nationalities are retaining their language.

Swan Hills's language statistics should be analysed in conjunction with **Country of Birth** and **Proficiency in English** to assist in identifying specific cultural and ethnic groups in the area and the services required by the multicultural community.

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Language spoken at home - Summary

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Language summary	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Speaks English only	39,078	78.6	75.3	35,883	77.9	75.2	+3,195
Non-English total	6,309	12.7	18.4	5,277	11.5	17.5	+1,032
Not stated	4,305	8.7	6.3	4,918	10.7	7.3	-613
Total Population	49,692	100.0	100.0	46,078	100.0	100.0	+3,614

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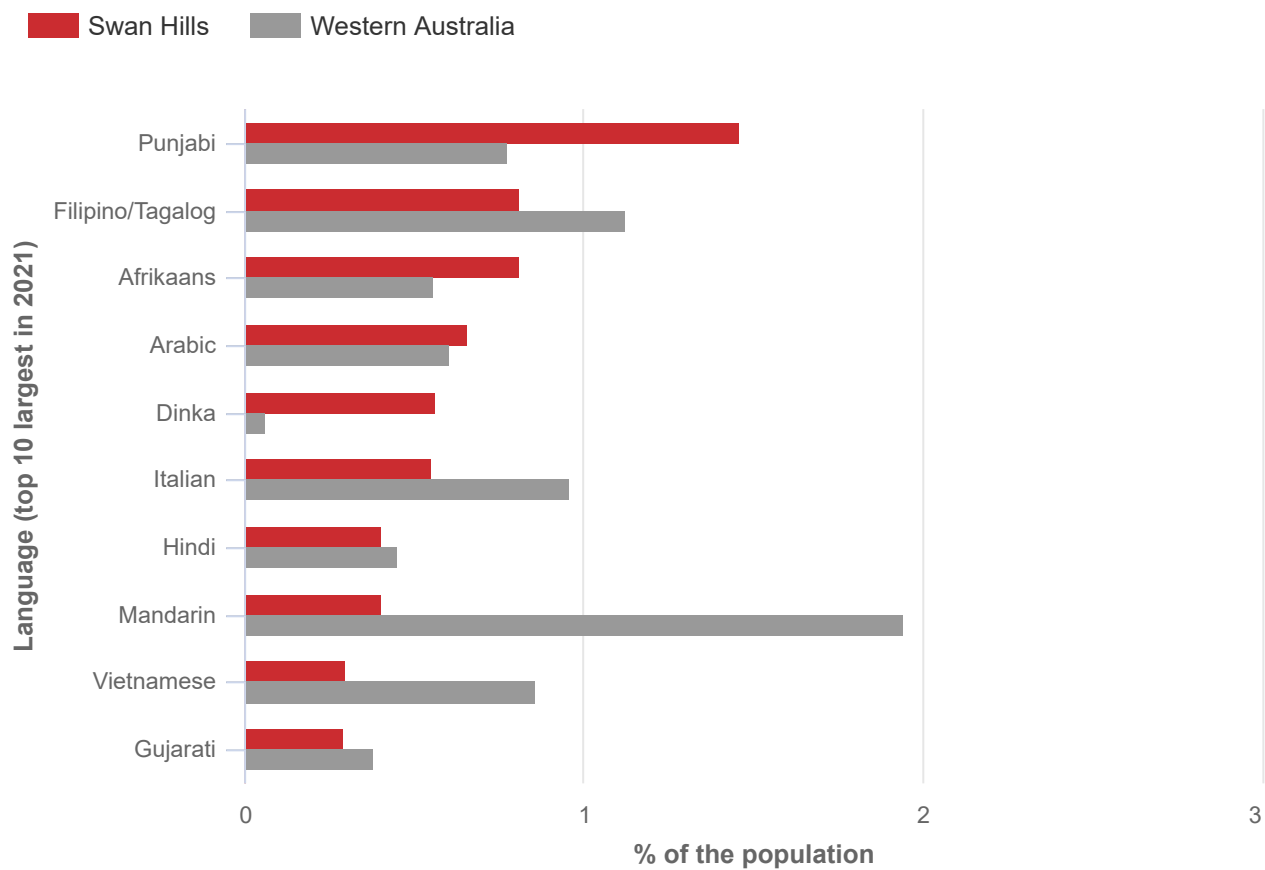
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Language spoken at home - Ranked by size

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Language (excludes English)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Punjabi	726	1.5	0.8	399	0.9	0.5	+327
Filipino/Tagalog	402	0.8	1.1	296	0.6	1.0	+106
Afrikaans	402	0.8	0.6	423	0.9	0.6	-21
Arabic	325	0.7	0.6	234	0.5	0.6	+91
Dinka	279	0.6	0.1	210	0.5	0.1	+69
Italian	272	0.5	1.0	313	0.7	1.2	-41
Hindi	201	0.4	0.4	196	0.4	0.4	+5
Mandarin	201	0.4	1.9	203	0.4	1.9	-2
Vietnamese	148	0.3	0.9	107	0.2	0.8	+41
Gujarati	143	0.3	0.4	110	0.2	0.3	+33

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

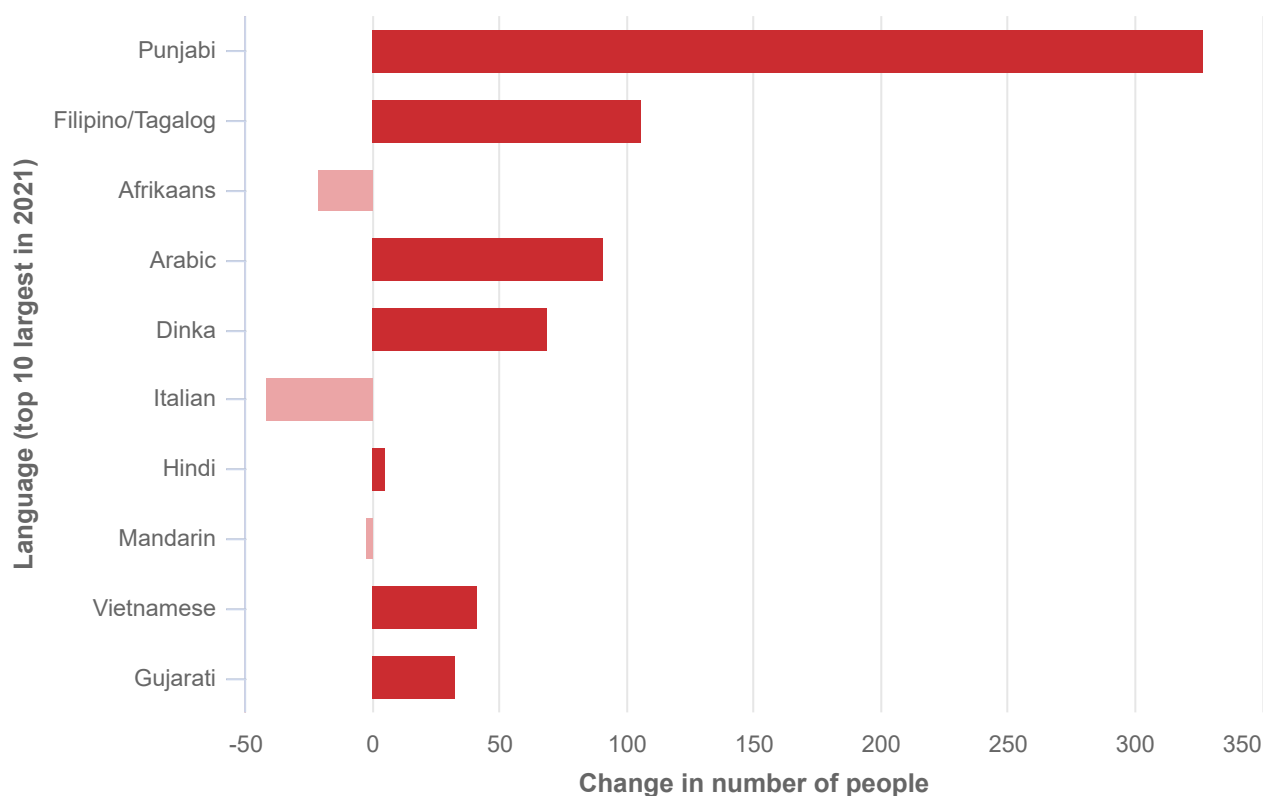
Language spoken at home, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing, 2021](#) (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Change in language spoken at home, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the language spoken at home by the population of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a larger proportion of people who spoke English only, and a smaller proportion of those speaking a non-English language (either exclusively, or in addition to English).

Overall, 78.6% of the population spoke English only, and 12.7% spoke a non-English language, compared with 75.3% and 18.4% respectively for Western Australia.

The dominant language spoken at home, other than English, in Swan Hills was Punjabi, with 1.5% of the population, or 726 people speaking this language at home.

The major difference between the languages spoken at home for the population of Swan Hills and Western Australia in 2021 was:

- A *smaller* percentage speaking Mandarin at home (0.4% compared to 1.9%)

Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people who spoke a language other than English at home increased by 1,032 or 19.6%, and the number of people who spoke English only increased by 3,195 or 8.9%.

The largest changes in the spoken languages of the population in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were for those speaking:

- Punjabi (+327 persons)
- Filipino/Tagalog (+106 persons)
- Arabic (+91 persons)
- Dinka (+69 persons)

Swan Hills

Religion

Swan Hills's religion statistics provide an indicator of cultural identity and ethnicity when observed in conjunction with other key variables. Religion data reveal the major concentrations of religions as well as revealing the proportion of people with no religious affiliation. There are a number of reasons for different religious compositions across areas including the country of birth and ethnic background of the population, the age of the population (belief in religion is generally stronger, the older the population) and changes in values and belief systems.

Swan Hills's religion statistics should be analysed in conjunction with other ethnicity statistics such as **Country of Birth** data and **Language Spoken** data to assist in identifying specific cultural and ethnic groups.

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Religion - Summary

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Religion totals	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Christian total	18,914	38.1	41.1	21,845	47.4	49.8	-2,931
Non Christian total	2,847	5.7	8.0	2,158	4.7	6.9	+689
Non-classifiable religious belief	342	0.7	0.6	300	0.7	0.7	+42
No Religion/secular beliefs	22,672	45.6	42.8	15,751	34.2	32.8	+6,921
Not stated	4,914	9.9	7.5	6,032	13.1	9.9	-1,118
Total Population	49,689	100.0	100.0	46,086	100.0	100.0	+3,603

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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Religion - Ranked by size

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Religion	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Western (Roman) Catholic	7,861	15.8	18.6	8,620	18.7	21.4	-759
Anglican	5,363	10.8	10.1	7,243	15.7	14.3	-1,880
Christian,nfd	1,840	3.7	3.4	1,705	3.7	3.4	+135
Islam	786	1.6	2.5	483	1.0	2.0	+303
Baptist	749	1.5	1.6	730	1.6	1.7	+19
Hinduism	705	1.4	2.0	534	1.2	1.6	+171
Sikhism	618	1.2	0.7	393	0.9	0.5	+225
Pentecostal	596	1.2	1.0	600	1.3	1.1	-4
Presbyterian and Reformed	569	1.1	1.3	752	1.6	1.8	-183
Uniting Church	554	1.1	1.6	779	1.7	2.3	-225

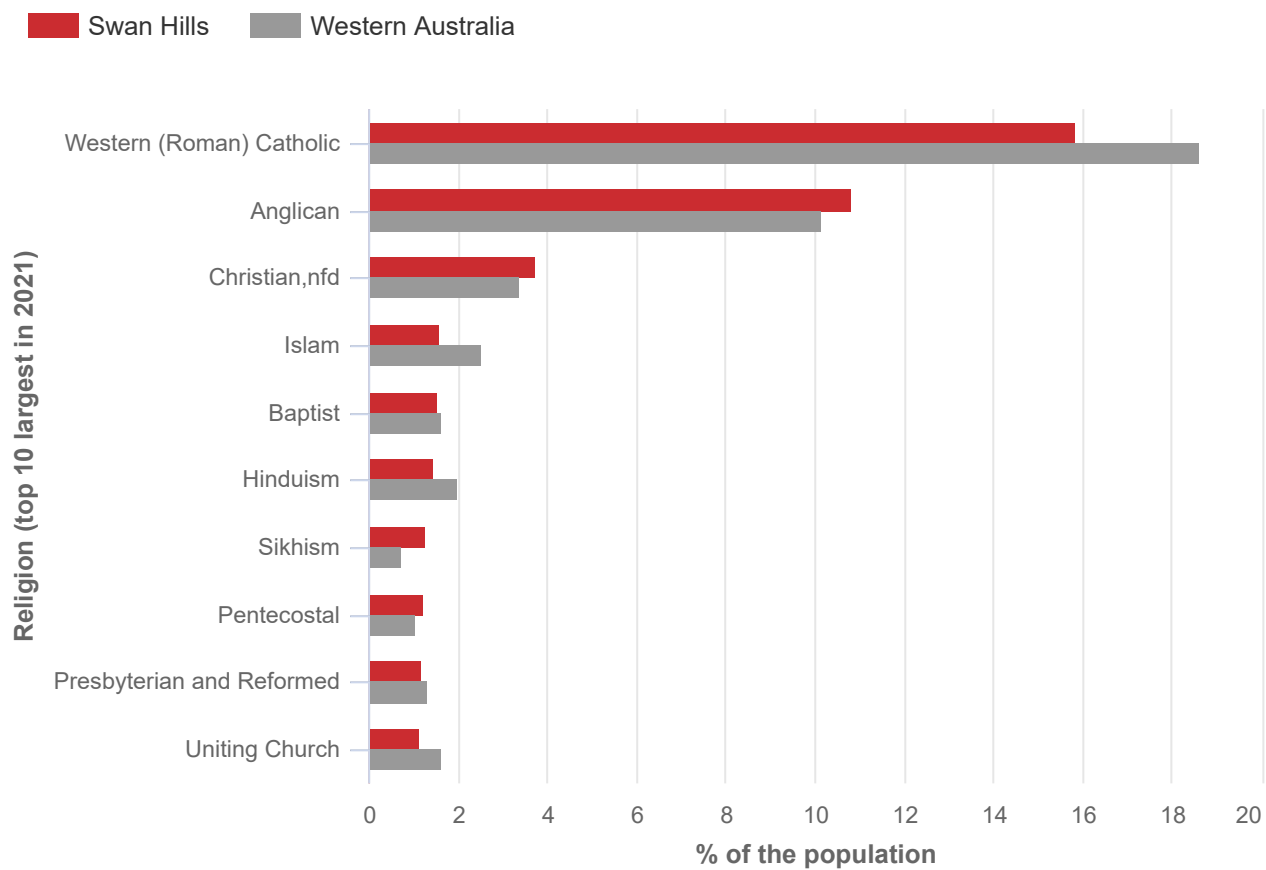
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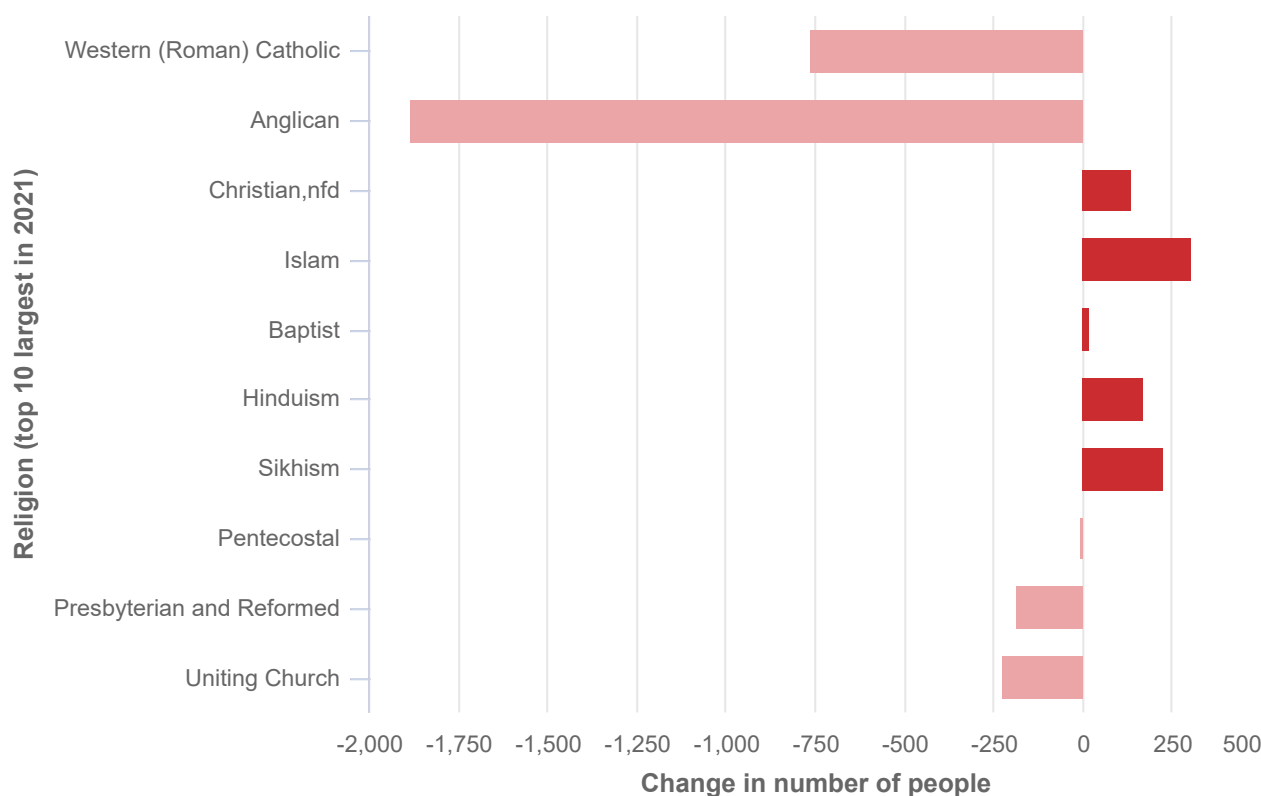
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Change in religion, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the religious affiliation of the population of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people who professed a religion and a higher proportion who stated they had no religion.

Overall, 43.8% of the population nominated a religion, and 45.6% said they had no religion, compared with 49.1% and 42.8% respectively for Western Australia.

The largest single religion in Swan Hills was Western (Roman) Catholic, with 15.8% of the population or 7,861 people as adherents.

The major differences between the religious affiliation for the population of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *smaller* percentage who nominated Western (Roman) Catholic (15.8% compared to 18.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage who nominated Buddhism (1.1% compared to 2.2%)

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the religious affiliation of the population in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were for those who nominated:

- Anglican (-1,880 persons)
- Western (Roman) Catholic (-759 persons)
- Islam (+303 persons)
- Sikhism (+225 persons)

Swan Hills

Qualifications

Educational Qualifications relate to education outside of primary and secondary school and are one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as **Employment Status**, **Income and Occupation**, Swan Hills's Educational Qualifications help to evaluate the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of the area and identify skill gaps in the labour market.

Learn more about planning education provision [here](#).

Highest qualification achieved

Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Qualification level	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Bachelor or Higher degree	5,543	14.4	23.8	4,606	13.0	20.5	+937
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	3,686	9.6	9.3	3,310	9.3	8.9	+376
Vocational	10,206	26.5	21.1	8,772	24.7	20.4	+1,434
No qualification	16,116	41.8	36.5	13,581	38.2	38.9	+2,535
Not stated	2,965	7.7	9.2	5,260	14.8	11.2	-2,295
Total persons aged 15+	38,516	100.0	100.0	35,529	100.0	100.0	+2,987

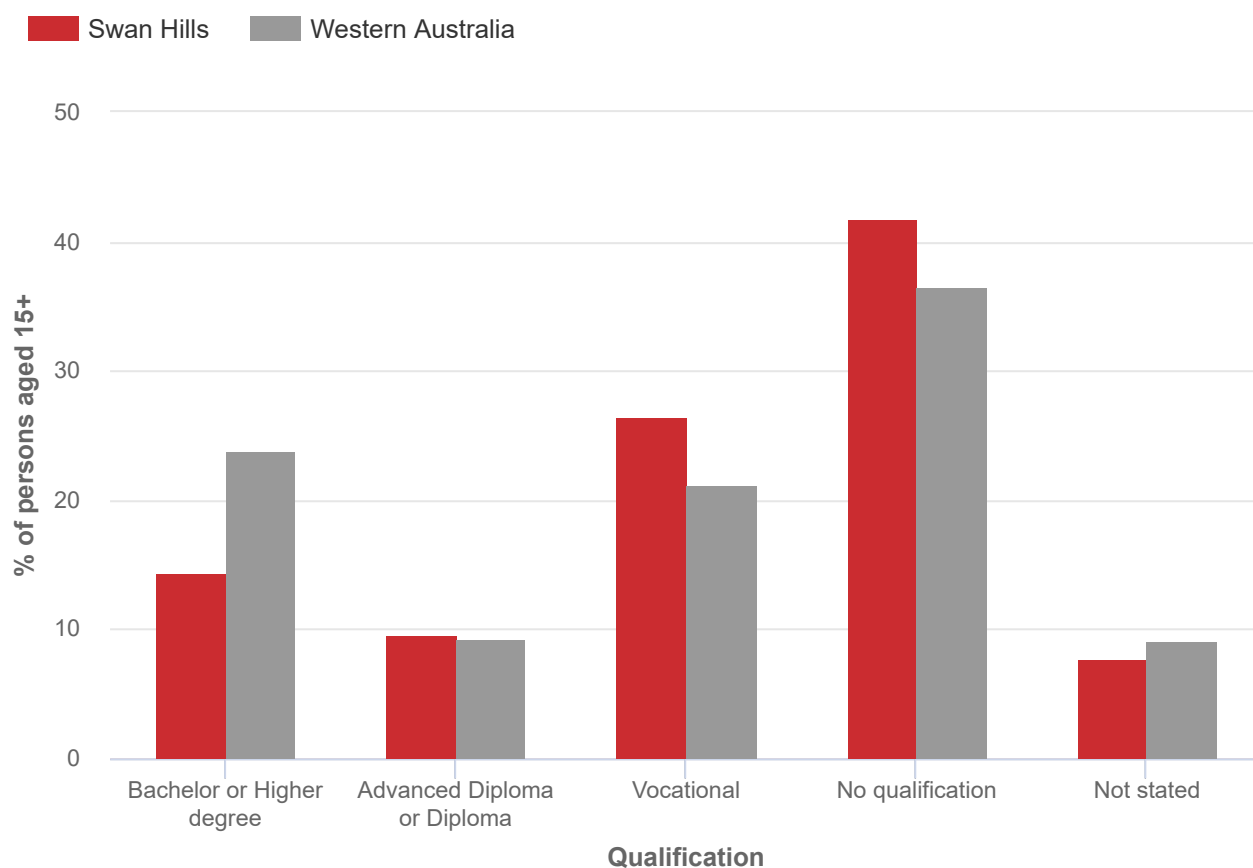
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[a](#) People with university qualifications

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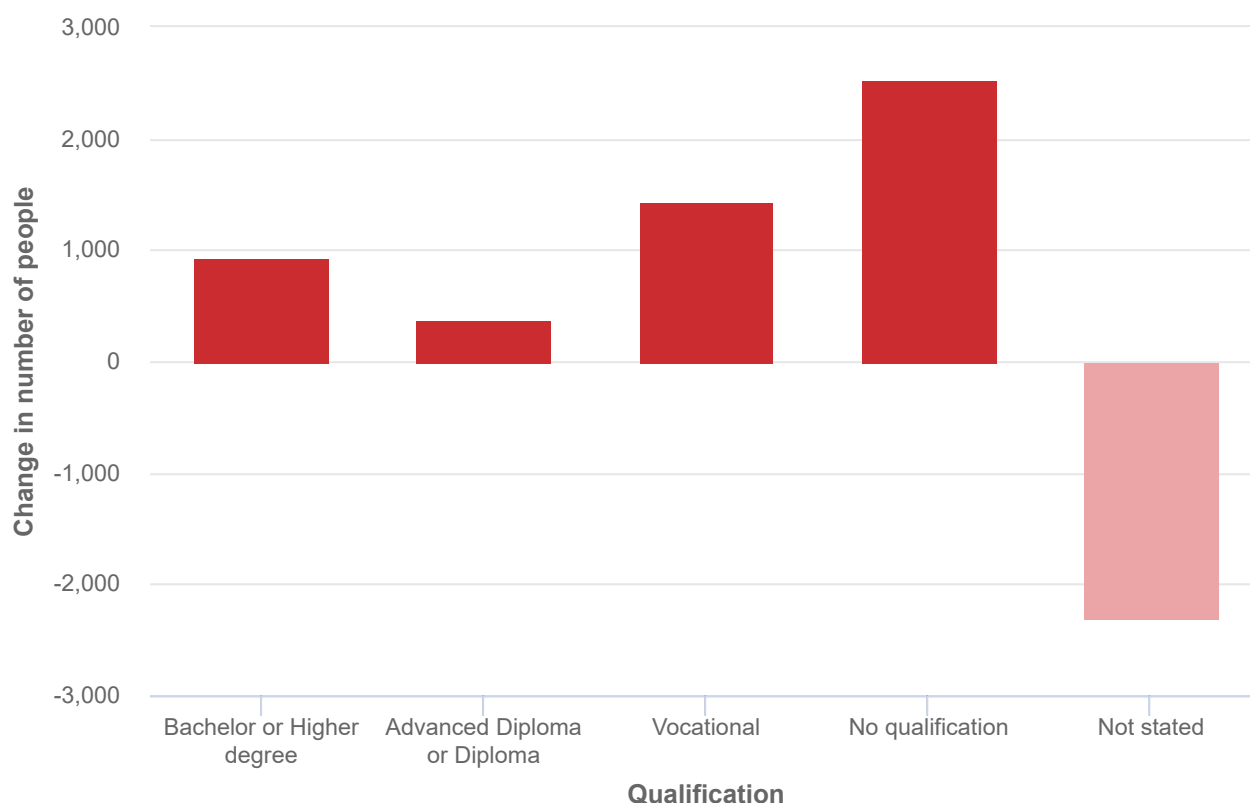
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Change in highest qualification achieved, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the qualifications of the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people holding formal qualifications (Bachelor or higher degree; Advanced Diploma or Diploma; or Vocational qualifications), and a higher proportion of people with no formal qualifications.

Overall, 50.5% of the population aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, and 41.8% had no qualifications, compared with 54.3% and 36.5% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between qualifications held by the population of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons with Vocational qualifications (26.5% compared to 21.1%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons with No qualifications (41.8% compared to 36.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons with Bachelor or Higher degrees (14.4% compared to 23.8%)

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the qualifications of the population in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were in those with:

- No qualifications (+2,535 persons)
- Vocational qualifications (+1,434 persons)
- Bachelor or Higher degrees (+937 persons)
- Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (+376 persons)

Swan Hills

Highest level of schooling

Swan Hills's school completion data is a useful indicator of socio-economic status. With other indicators, such as Proficiency in English, the data informs planners and decision-makers about people's ability to access services. Combined with Educational Qualifications it also allows assessment of the skill base of the population.

Learn more about planning education provision [here](#).

Highest level of secondary schooling completed

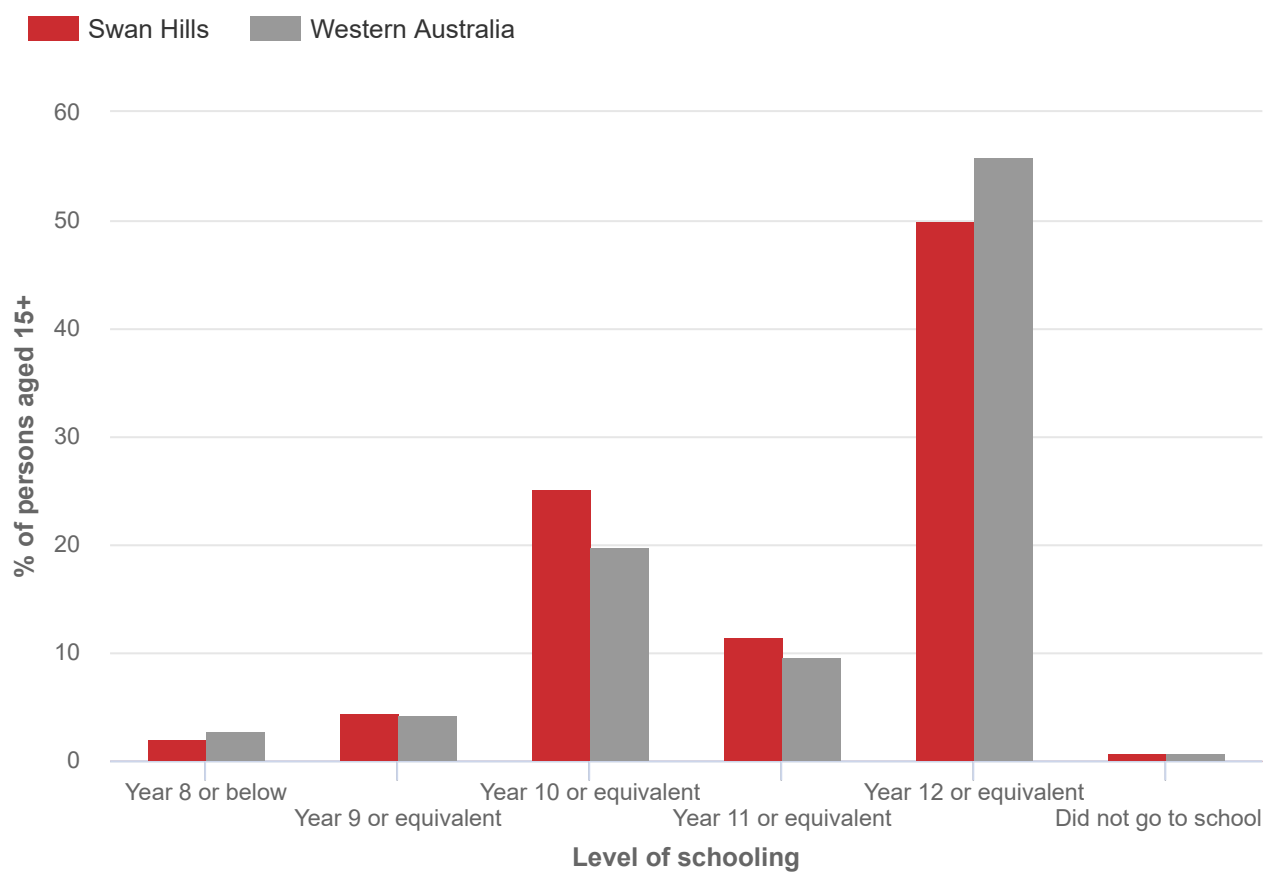
Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Level of schooling	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Year 8 or below	758	2.0	2.7	774	2.2	3.2	-16
Year 9 or equivalent	1,710	4.4	4.2	1,477	4.2	4.5	+233
Year 10 or equivalent	9,701	25.2	19.7	8,074	22.7	20.6	+1,627
Year 11 or equivalent	4,428	11.5	9.6	4,124	11.6	10.0	+304
Year 12 or equivalent	19,246	50.0	56.0	16,266	45.8	51.7	+2,980
Did not go to school	302	0.8	0.7	131	0.4	0.6	+171
Not stated	2,382	6.2	7.1	4,682	13.2	9.4	-2,300
Total persons aged 15+	38,527	100.0	100.0	35,528	100.0	100.0	+2,999

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a People with below Year 11 schooling

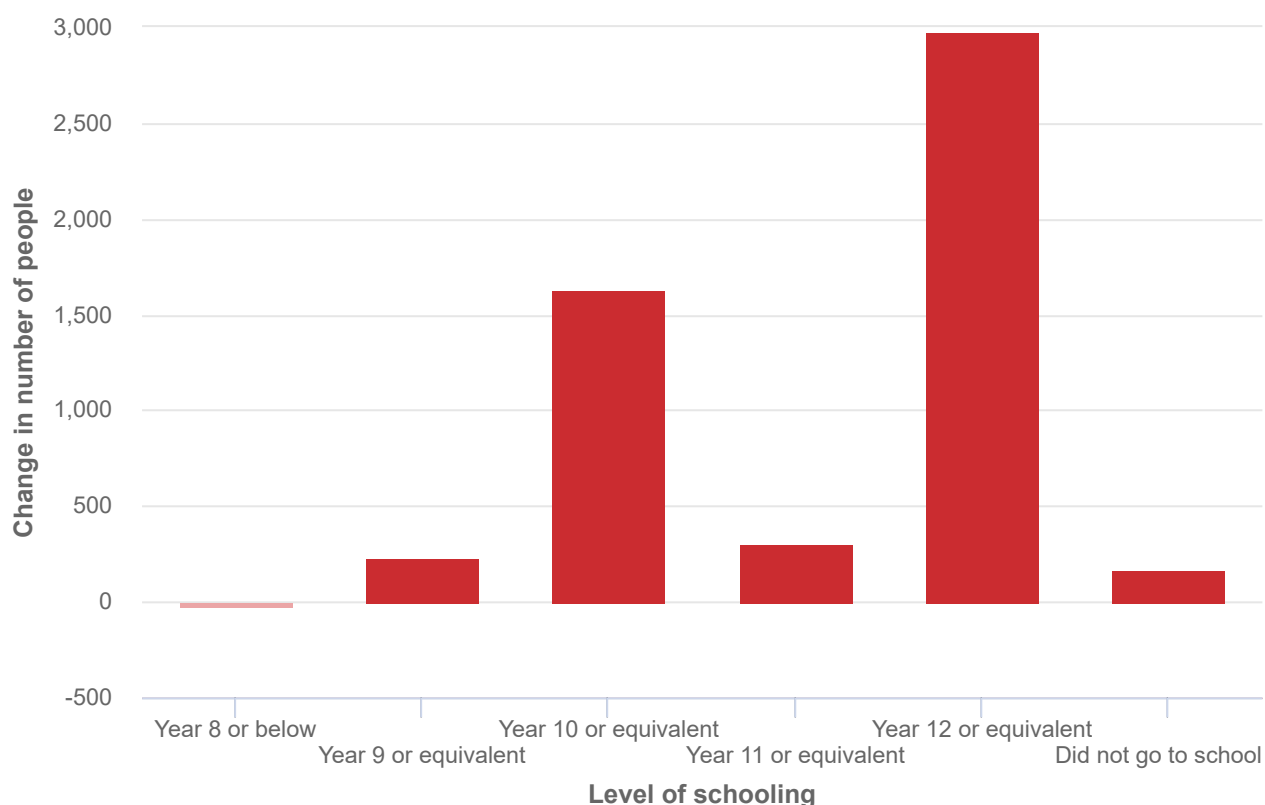
Highest level of schooling completed, 2021



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Change in highest level of schooling completed, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people who had left school at an early level (Year 10 or less) and a lower proportion of people who completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Overall, 32.4% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 50.0% went on to complete Year 12 or equivalent, compared with 27.3% and 56.0% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between the level of schooling attained by the population in Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 10 or equivalent (25.2% compared to 19.7%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 11 or equivalent (11.5% compared to 9.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 12 or equivalent (50.0% compared to 56.0%)

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the level of schooling attained by the population in Swan Hills, between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Year 12 or equivalent (+2,980 persons)
- Year 10 or equivalent (+1,627 persons)
- Year 11 or equivalent (+304 persons)
- Year 9 or equivalent (+233 persons)

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Education institution attending

The share of Swan Hills's population attending educational institutions reflects the age structure of the population, as it is influenced by the number of children attending school; proximity to tertiary education, which can mean young adults leaving home to be nearer to educational facilities and; the degree to which people are seeking out educational opportunities in adulthood, especially in their late teens and early twenties.

This data is often combined with **Age Structure** to identify areas with significant university student populations.

Learn more about planning education provision [here](#).

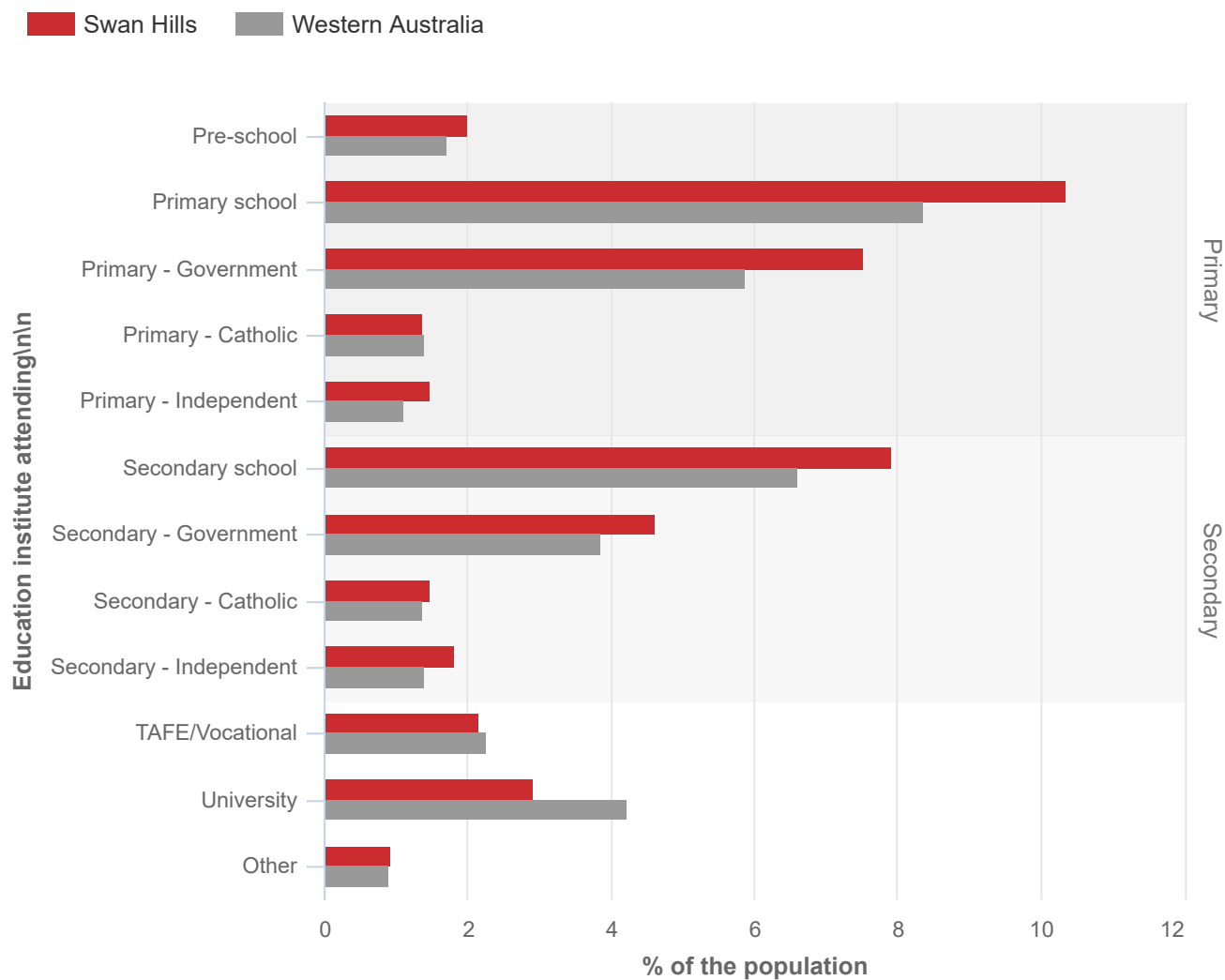
Education institution attending

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Type of institution	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Pre-school	984	2.0	1.7	643	1.4	1.2	+341
Primary school	5,143	10.3	8.4	4,619	10.2	8.5	+524
Primary - Government	3,737	7.5	5.9	3,180	7.1	5.9	+557
Primary - Catholic	683	1.4	1.4	646	1.4	1.5	+37
Primary - Independent	723	1.5	1.1	793	1.8	1.1	-70
Secondary school	3,930	7.9	6.6	3,300	7.3	6.3	+630
Secondary - Government	2,296	4.6	3.8	1,728	3.8	3.6	+568
Secondary - Catholic	731	1.5	1.4	707	1.6	1.4	+24
Secondary - Independent	903	1.8	1.4	865	1.9	1.4	+38
TAFE/Vocational	1,066	2.1	2.3	766	1.7	1.9	+300
University	1,439	2.9	4.2	1,258	2.8	4.3	+181
Other	458	0.9	0.9	297	0.7	0.7	+161
Not attending	32,315	65.0	69.7	29,392	65.2	69.0	+2,923
Not stated	4,360	8.8	6.3	4,814	10.7	8.0	-454
Total	49,695	100.0	100.0	45,089	100.0	100.0	+4,606

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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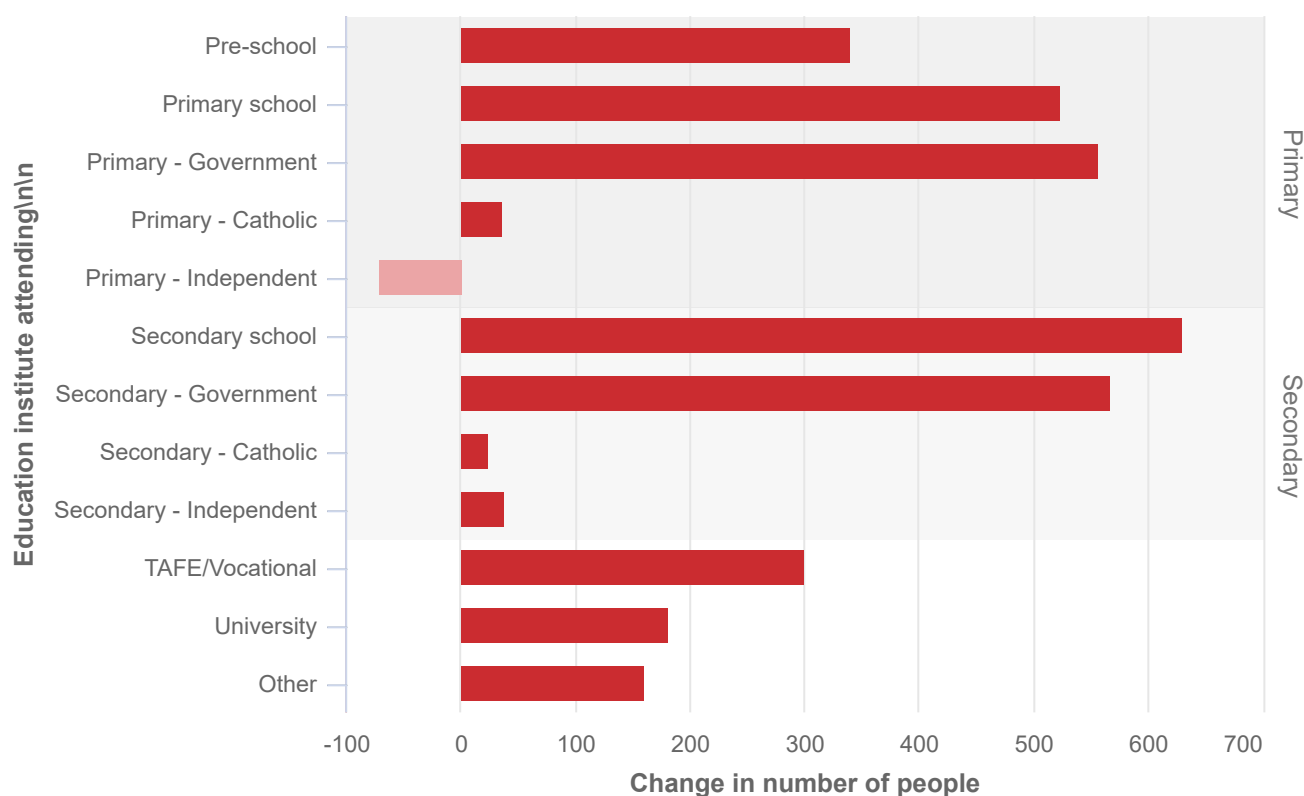
Education institution attending, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing, 2021](#) (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Change in education institution attending, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the share of the population attending educational institutions in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion attending primary school, a higher proportion attending secondary school, and a lower proportion engaged in tertiary level education.

Overall, 10.3% of the population were attending primary school, 7.9% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 5.0% were learning at a tertiary level, compared with 8.4%, 6.6% and 6.5% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between the share of the population attending learning institutions in Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons attending a primary school (any type) (10.3% compared to 8.4%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons attending a Government primary school (7.5% compared to 5.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons not attending (65.0% compared to 69.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons attending University (2.9% compared to 4.2%)

Emerging groups

From 2016 to 2021, Swan Hills's population increased by 4,606 people (+10.2%). This represents an average annual change of 1.96% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the number of persons attending education institutions in Swan Hills, between 2016 and 2021 were in those who nominated:

- Secondary school (+630 persons)
- Secondary - Government (+568 persons)
- Primary - Government (+557 persons)
- Primary school (+524 persons)

Swan Hills

Need for assistance

Swan Hills's disability statistics relate directly to need for assistance due to a severe or profound disability. The information may be used in the planning of local facilities, services such as day-care and occasional care and in the provision of information and support to carers. Swan Hills's disability statistics help in understanding the prevalence of people who need support in the community, and along with information on **Unpaid Care** to a person with a disability, how that support is provided.

*Please note: A person's reported need for assistance is based on a subjective assessment and should therefore be treated with caution. See the **specific data notes** for further detail.*

Need for assistance with core activities by age

Swan Hills - Persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Assistance needed by age group (years)	Number	% of total age group	Western Australia %	Number	% of total age group	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
0 to 4	64	1.9	1.2	42	1.2	1.0	+22
5 to 9	177	4.5	3.6	107	2.9	2.5	+70
10 to 19	314	4.3	3.4	182	2.9	2.4	+132
20 to 59	533	2.0	2.1	402	1.5	1.9	+131
60 to 64	125	5.0	4.9	91	4.5	4.8	+34
65 to 69	122	6.1	6.1	72	4.1	6.2	+50
70 to 74	118	7.3	8.9	94	8.2	8.7	+24
75 to 79	140	14.2	14.3	98	14.8	13.9	+42
80 to 84	123	22.9	24.4	79	21.5	23.3	+44
85 and over	143	43.9	45.6	90	37.2	42.7	+53
Total persons needing assistance	1,849	3.7	4.6	1,240	2.7	3.9	+609

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

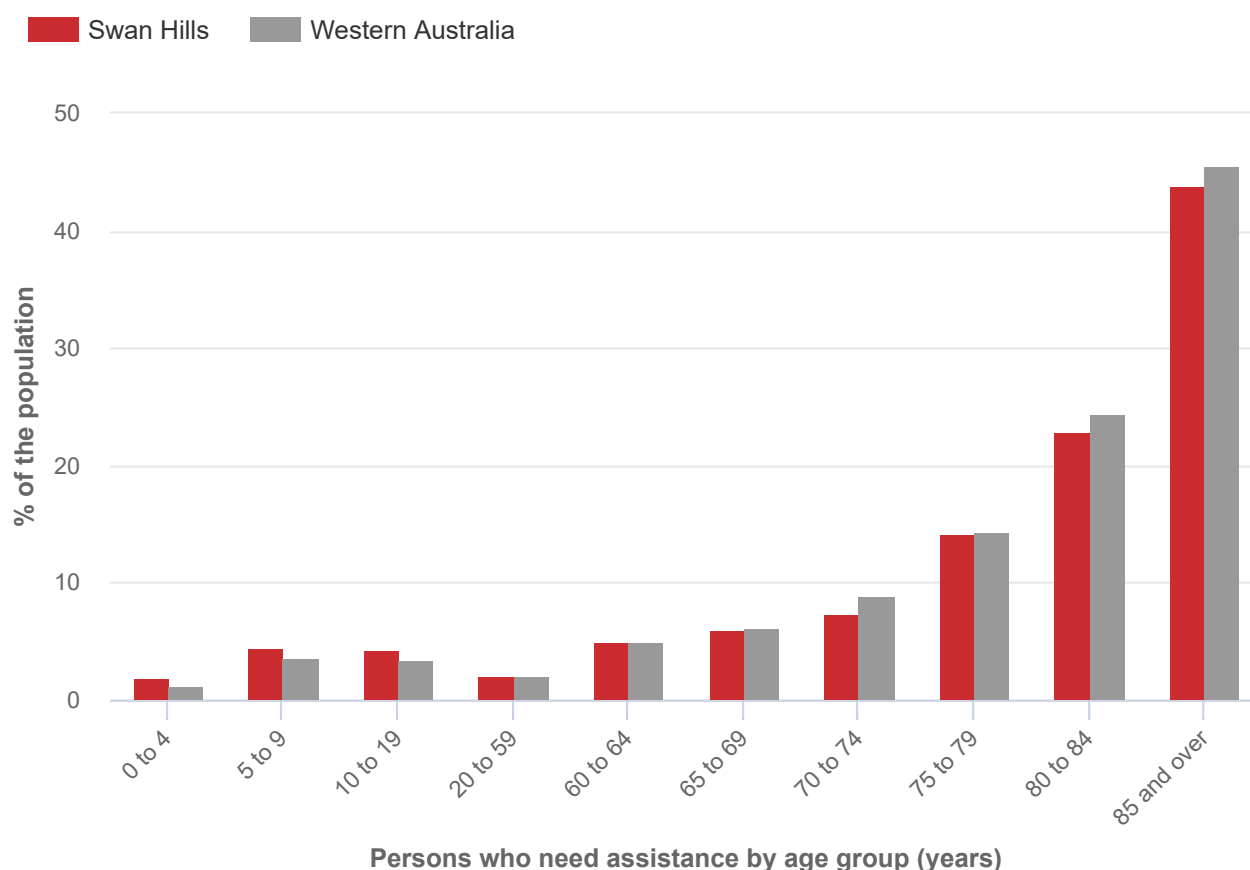
Need for assistance with core activities summary

Swan Hills - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Assistance needed by age group (years)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total persons needing assistance	1,849	3.7	4.6	1,240	2.7	3.9	+609
Total persons not needing assistance	43,483	87.5	89.0	39,690	86.1	88.3	+3,793
Not stated	4,369	8.8	6.4	5,149	11.2	7.8	-780
Total Population	49,701	100.0	100.0	46,079	100.0	100.0	+3,622

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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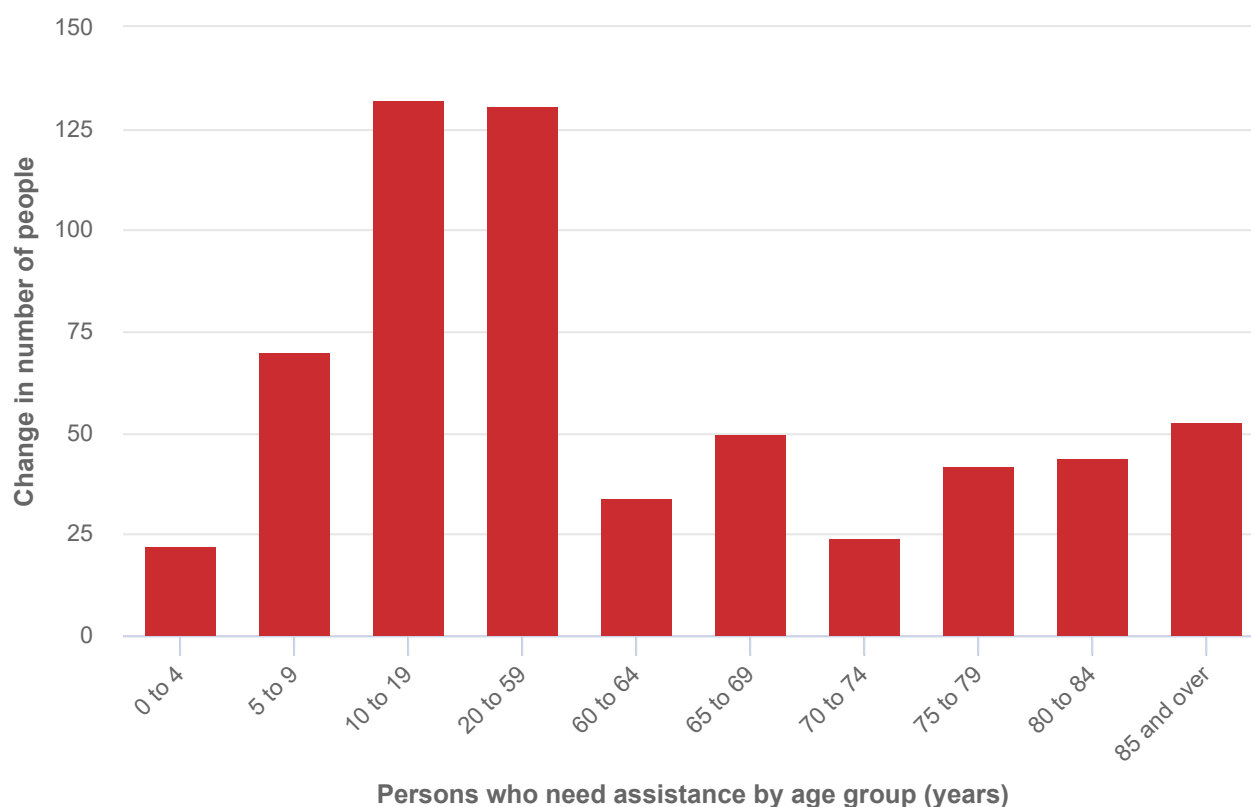
Need for assistance with core activities, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Change in need for assistance with core activities, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the need for assistance of people in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people who reported needing assistance with core activities.

Overall, 3.7% of the population reported needing assistance with core activities, compared with 4.6% for Western Australia.

The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance in Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 85 and over (43.9% compared to 45.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 70 to 74 (7.3% compared to 8.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 80 to 84 (22.9% compared to 24.4%)

Emerging groups

The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance between 2016 and 2021 in Swan Hills were in the age groups:

- 10 to 19 (+132 persons)
- 20 to 59 (+131 persons)
- 5 to 9 (+70 persons)
- 85 and over (+53 persons)

Swan Hills

The 2021 Census looked for the first time at the level of incidence of selected long-term health conditions in the community. The Census question asked respondents if they have been diagnosed with a specific condition (or other condition) from a list of ten conditions plus "other". Combined, these ten conditions comprise approximately 60% of Australia's deaths, and even those which are not deadly contribute substantially to the burden of disease.

It is well known that socio-economic factors also contribute to morbidity and health outcomes, with lower-socio economic characteristics correlated with higher incidence of some health conditions. The inclusion of this topic in the Census enables these factors to be explored in more detail.

Also, in society, health conditions tend to increase with age. For these reasons, it is recommended that long-term health conditions data be viewed in conjunction with age structure, household income, educational qualifications, and need for assistance datasets, along with the SEIFA index of disadvantage.

Long term health conditions

Swan Hills - Persons (Usual residence)	2021		
Long-term health conditions	Number	%	Western Australia %
Arthritis	3,185	6.4	7.6
Asthma	3,878	7.8	7.3
Cancer (including remission)	1,076	2.2	2.7
Dementia (including Alzheimer's)	124	0.2	0.7
Diabetes	1,864	3.8	4.4
Heart disease	1,369	2.8	3.6
Kidney disease	260	0.5	0.8
Lung condition	594	1.2	1.6
Mental health condition	4,107	8.3	8.3
Stroke	313	0.6	0.8
Other long-term health condition	3,430	6.9	7.4

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

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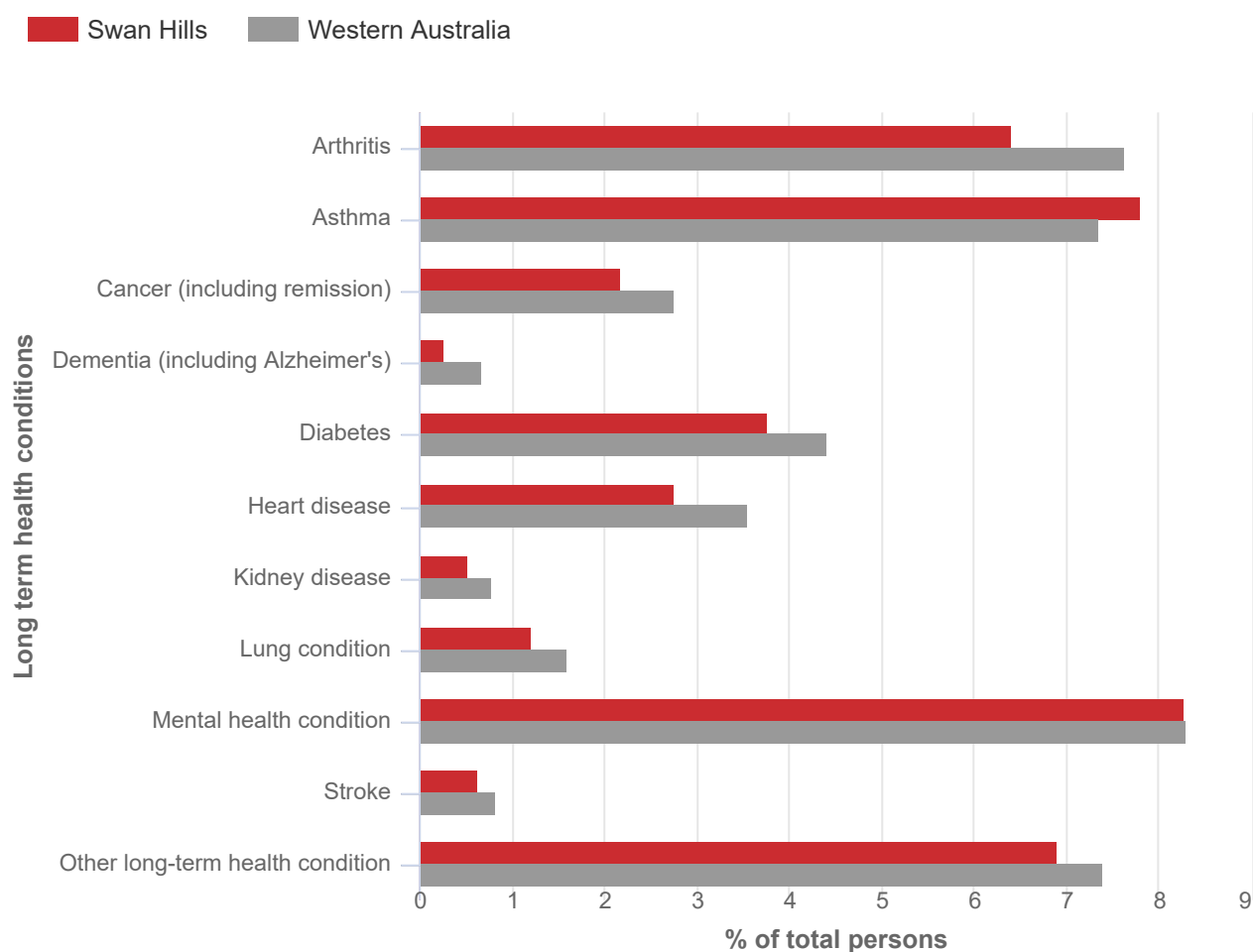
Long term health conditions - Summary

Swan Hills - Persons (Usual residence)	2021		
Long-term health conditions - Summary	Number	%	Western Australia %
Population with at least one long-term health condition	13,867	27.9	29.9
No long-term health conditions	30,124	60.6	61.2
Not stated	5,708	11.5	8.9
Total persons	49,699	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

Long term health conditions, all persons, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the long term health conditions of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people with a long-term health condition 27.9% compared to 29.9% in Western Australia.

The major differences in the long-term health conditions between Swan Hills and Western Australia are:

- A *smaller* percentage with arthritis (6.4% compared to 7.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage with heart disease (2.8% compared to 3.6%)

Swan Hills

Employment status

Swan Hills's employment statistics are an important indicator of socio-economic status. The levels of full or part-time employment, unemployment and labour force participation indicate the strength of the local economy and social characteristics of the population. Employment status is linked to a number of factors including **Age Structure**, which influences the number of people in the workforce; the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area and; the education and skill base of the population (**Occupations, Industries, Qualifications**).

The two most important measures are:

- Unemployment rate - the number of people looking for work, as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed over 15)
- Participation rate - the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population over 15

Please note that in the 2021 Census, due to the COVID pandemic and lockdowns in many areas, the proportion of people who were employed but away from work in the week before Census has increased. We have no information on whether these people were normally employed full or part time so this is shown separately.

Labour force status

Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Labour force status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total labour force (Participation rate)	25,283	65.6	63.9	23,142	65.1	62.9	+2,141
Not in the labour force	11,254	29.2	29.8	10,047	28.3	29.8	+1,207
Labour force status not stated	1,981	5.1	6.3	2,340	6.6	7.3	-359
Total persons aged 15+	38,518	100.0	100.0	35,533	100.0	100.0	+2,985

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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Employment status

Swan Hills - Persons in the labour force (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Employment status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Employed	24,107	95.3	94.9	21,460	92.7	92.2	+2,647
Employed full-time	14,829	58.7	57.1	13,657	59.0	57.0	+1,172
Employed part-time	7,666	30.3	32.0	6,574	28.4	30.0	+1,092
Employed, away from work	1,612	6.4	5.8	1,229	5.3	5.2	+383
Unemployed (Unemployment rate)	1,176	4.7	5.1	1,682	7.3	7.8	-506
Looking for full-time work	625	2.5	2.7	1,020	4.4	4.7	-395
Looking for part-time work	551	2.2	2.4	662	2.9	3.1	-111
Total labour force	25,283	100.0	100.0	23,142	100.0	100.0	+2,141

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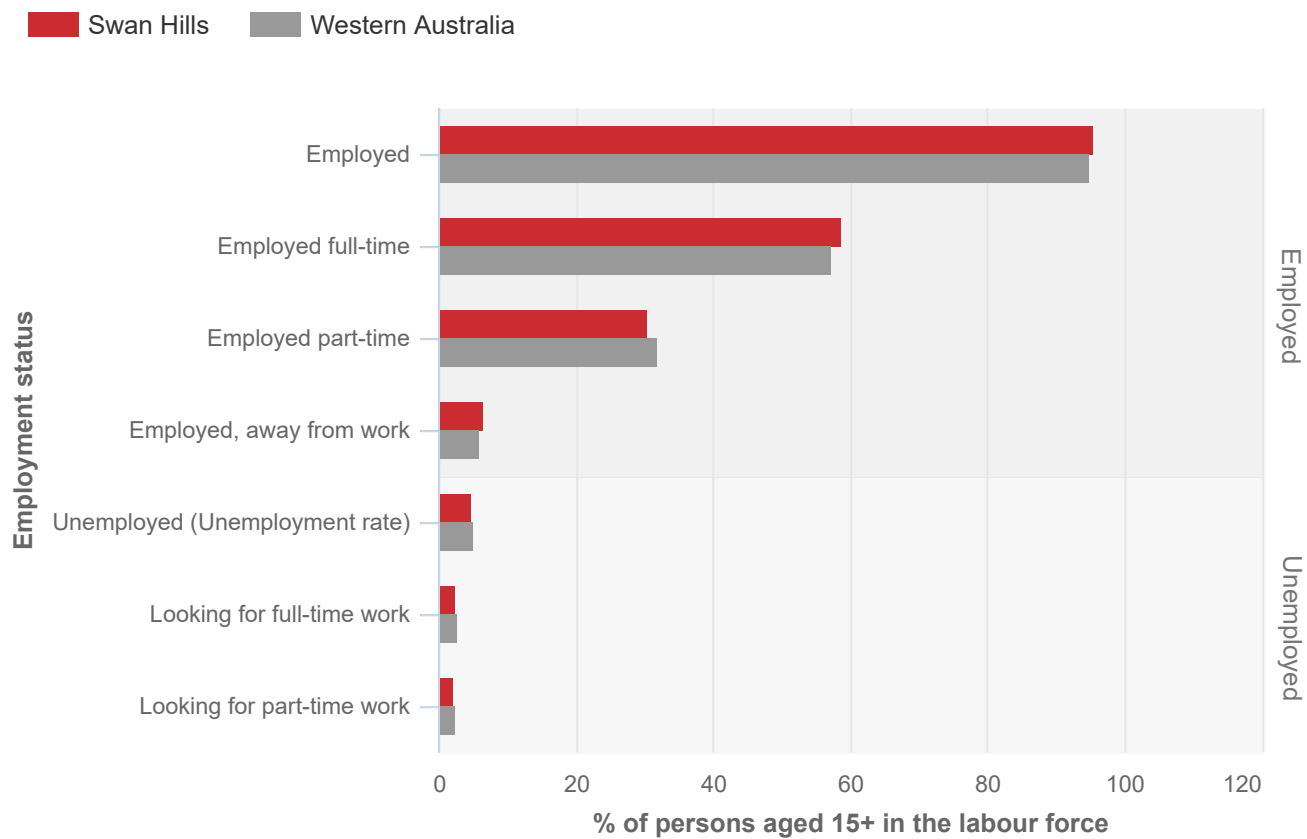
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- [a Youth unemployment rate \(persons aged 15-24\)](#)
- [a Seniors unemployment rate \(persons aged 55 or more\)](#)
- [a Disengaged youth \(aged 15-24 not employed or in education\)](#)
- [a People employed part-time](#)

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Employment status, 2021

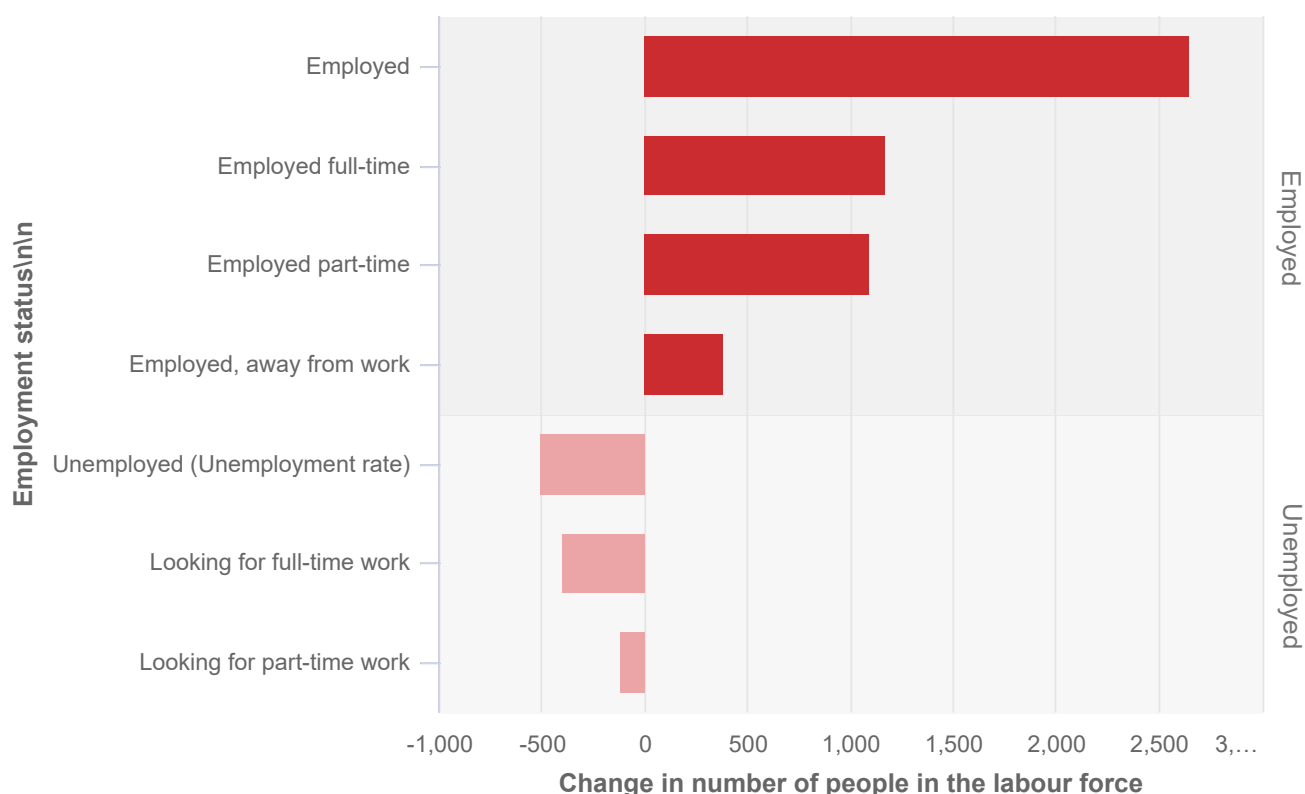
Total persons in the labour force



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Change in employment status, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons in the labour force



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

The size of Swan Hills's labour force in 2021 was 25,283, of which 7,666 were employed part-time and 14,829 were full time workers.

Analysis of the employment status (as a percentage of the labour force) in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a similar proportion in employment, as well as a similar proportion unemployed. Overall, 95.3% of the labour force was employed, and 4.7% unemployed, compared with 94.9% and 5.1% respectively for Western Australia.

Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the population in Swan Hills in 2021 shows that there was a higher proportion in the labour force (65.6%) compared with Western Australia (63.9%).

Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people employed in Swan Hills showed an increase of 2,647, and the number unemployed showed a decrease of 506. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed an increase of 2,141 or 9.3%.

Swan Hills

Industry sector of employment

Swan Hills's industry statistics identify the industry sectors in which the residents work (which may be within the residing area or elsewhere). This will be influenced by the skill base and socio-economic status of the residents as well as the industries and employment opportunities present in the region.

When viewed in conjunction with **Residents Place of Work** data and **Method of Travel to Work**, industry sector statistics provide insights into the relationship between the economic and residential role of the area.

Industry sector of employment

Swan Hills - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Industry sector	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	437	1.8	2.3	404	1.9	2.5	+33
Mining	2,101	8.7	7.5	1,363	6.3	6.3	+738
Manufacturing	1,456	6.0	5.3	1,461	6.8	5.6	-5
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	262	1.1	1.2	227	1.1	1.2	+35
Construction	2,401	10.0	8.8	2,388	11.1	9.8	+13
Wholesale trade	879	3.6	2.5	709	3.3	2.5	+170
Retail Trade	2,289	9.5	8.8	2,081	9.7	9.5	+208
Accommodation and Food Services	1,304	5.4	6.5	1,128	5.3	6.4	+176
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,449	6.0	4.5	1,381	6.4	4.6	+68
Information Media and Telecommunications	167	0.7	0.8	171	0.8	1.0	-4
Financial and Insurance Services	403	1.7	2.2	448	2.1	2.4	-45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	363	1.5	1.4	385	1.8	1.7	-22
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,087	4.5	6.9	979	4.6	6.4	+108
Administrative and Support Services	730	3.0	3.1	687	3.2	3.3	+43
Public Administration and Safety	1,562	6.5	5.9	1,491	6.9	6.2	+71
Education and Training	1,750	7.3	8.8	1,531	7.1	8.7	+219
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,766	11.5	13.6	2,204	10.3	11.7	+562
Arts and Recreation Services	322	1.3	1.6	318	1.5	1.6	+4
Other Services	1,137	4.7	3.9	1,053	4.9	4.0	+84
Inadequately described or not stated	1,255	5.2	4.6	1,053	4.9	4.6	+202
Total employed persons aged 15+	24,120	100.0	100.0	21,465	100.0	100.0	+2,655

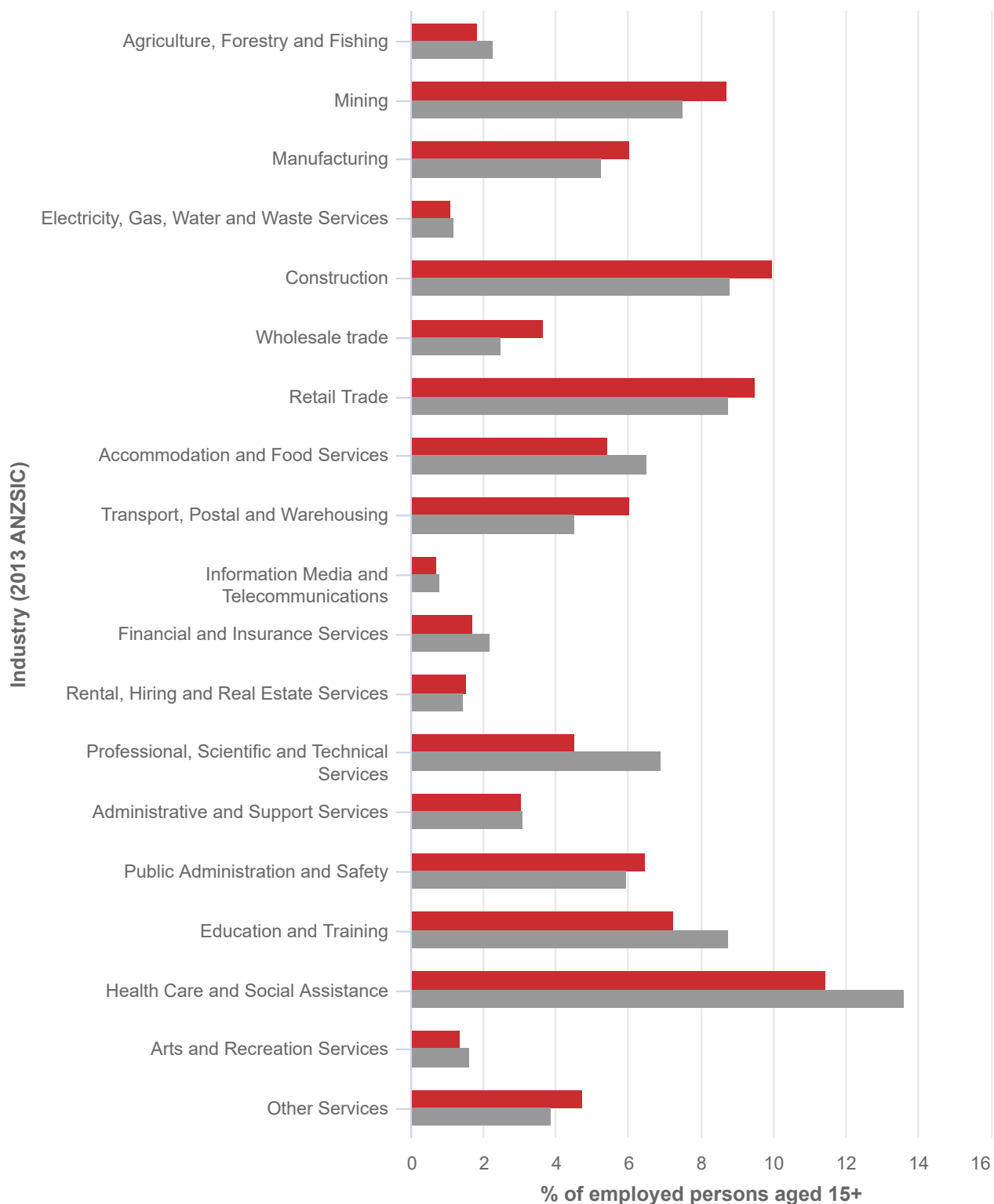
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Industry sector of employment, 2021

Total employed persons

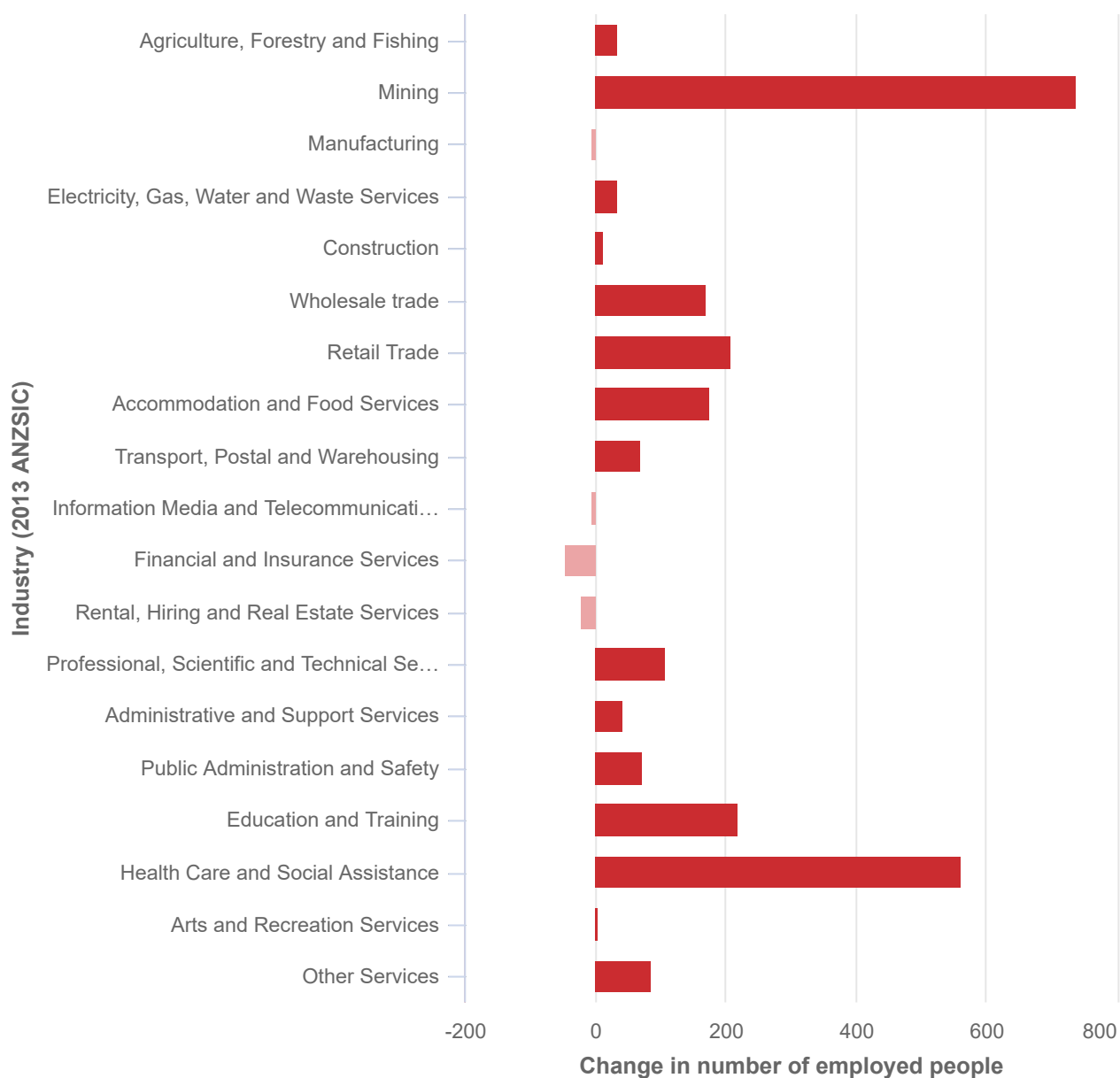
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Change in industry sector of employment, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

An analysis of the jobs held by the resident population in Swan Hills in 2021 shows the three most popular industry sectors were:

- Health Care and Social Assistance (2,766 people or 11.5%)
- Construction (2,401 people or 10.0%)
- Retail Trade (2,289 people or 9.5%)

In combination, these three industries employed 7,456 people in total or 30.9% of the total employed resident population.

In comparison, Western Australia employed 13.6% in Health Care and Social Assistance; 8.8% in Construction; and 8.8% in Retail Trade.

The major differences between the jobs held by the population of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed in transport, postal and warehousing (6.0% compared to 4.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in professional, scientific and technical services (4.5% compared to 6.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in health care and social assistance (11.5% compared to 13.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in education and training (7.3% compared to 8.8%)

Emerging groups

The number of employed people in Swan Hills increased by 2,655 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the jobs held by the resident population between 2016 and 2021 in Swan Hills were for those employed in:

- Mining (+738 persons)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (+562 persons)
- Education and Training (+219 persons)
- Retail Trade (+208 persons)

Swan Hills

Occupation of employment

Swan Hills's occupation statistics quantify the occupations in which the residents work (which may be within the residing area or elsewhere). This will be influenced by the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area, education levels, and the working and social aspirations of the population. When viewed with other indicators, such as **Educational Qualifications** and **Individual Income**, Occupation is a key measure for evaluating Swan Hills's socio-economic status and skill base.

Occupation of employment

Swan Hills - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Occupation	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Managers	2,814	11.7	12.3	2,523	11.8	12.0	+291
Professionals	3,430	14.2	22.0	3,058	14.2	20.5	+372
Technicians and Trades Workers	4,339	18.0	15.3	3,950	18.4	16.2	+389
Community and Personal Service Workers	3,041	12.6	11.8	2,440	11.4	10.6	+601
Clerical and Administrative Workers	3,285	13.6	12.1	3,206	14.9	13.0	+79
Sales Workers	2,057	8.5	7.8	1,899	8.8	8.8	+158
Machinery Operators And Drivers	2,419	10.0	7.7	1,995	9.3	7.5	+424
Labourers	2,258	9.4	9.4	2,006	9.3	9.7	+252
Not stated or inadequately described	470	1.9	1.7	393	1.8	1.7	+77
Total employed persons aged 15+	24,114	100.0	100.0	21,465	100.0	100.0	+2,649

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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a People employed as Managers or Professionals

Occupation of employment, 2021

Total employed persons



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Change in occupation of employment, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total employed persons



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Dominant groups

An analysis of the jobs held by the resident population in Swan Hills in 2021 shows the three most popular occupations were:

- Technicians and Trades Workers (4,339 people or 18.0%)
- Professionals (3,430 people or 14.2%)
- Clerical and Administrative Workers (3,285 people or 13.6%)

In combination these three occupations accounted for 11,054 people in total or 45.8% of the employed resident population.

In comparison, Western Australia employed 15.3% in Technicians and Trades Workers; 22.0% in Professionals; and 12.1% in Clerical and Administrative Workers.

The major differences between the jobs held by the population of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Technicians and Trades Workers (18.0% compared to 15.3%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Machinery Operators And Drivers (10.0% compared to 7.7%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Clerical and Administrative Workers (13.6% compared to 12.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed as Professionals (14.2% compared to 22.0%)

Emerging groups

The number of employed people in Swan Hills increased by 2,649 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the occupations of residents between 2016 and 2021 in Swan Hills were for those employed as:

- Community and Personal Service Workers (+601 persons)
- Machinery Operators And Drivers (+424 persons)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (+389 persons)
- Professionals (+372 persons)

Swan Hills

Method of travel to work

Swan Hills's commuting statistics reveal the main modes of transport by which residents get to work. There are a number of reasons why people use different modes of transport to get to work including the availability of affordable and effective public transport options, the number of motor vehicles available within a household, and the distance travelled to work.

Commuting data is very useful in transport planning as it informs decision-makers about the availability, effectiveness and utilisation of local transport options, particularly when analysed with **Residents Place of Work** data and **Car Ownership**.

WARNING: Method of travel to work relates to Census day, which for the 2021 Census occurred during COVID-19 lockdowns for large parts of Australia. In lockdown, many occupations were required to work from home if possible, and some industries were closed, so people did not go to work. For this reason, these categories may have increased, with corresponding declines in other methods of travel. Use the data with caution when comparing over time. For more details, please refer to the **data notes**.

Method of travel to work

Swan Hills - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Main method of travel	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Train	488	2.0	4.0	1,119	5.2	4.9	-631
Bus	433	1.8	3.3	470	2.2	4.3	-37
Tram	0	--	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	-3
Ferry	0	--	0.0	4	0.0	0.0	-4
Taxi/ride-share	30	0.1	0.3	19	0.1	0.2	+11
Car - as driver	15,795	65.5	62.1	14,560	67.8	63.3	+1,235
Car - as passenger	1,030	4.3	4.6	880	4.1	4.9	+150
Truck	269	1.1	0.6	299	1.4	0.7	-30
Motorbike	51	0.2	0.3	97	0.5	0.5	-46
Bicycle	35	0.1	0.7	67	0.3	1.0	-32
Walked only	340	1.4	2.2	359	1.7	2.8	-19
Other	633	2.6	2.2	0	--	2.0	+633
Worked at home	1,860	7.7	7.5	1,092	5.1	4.3	+768
Did not go to work	3,031	12.6	11.7	2,269	10.6	10.1	+762
Not stated	108	0.4	0.5	230	1.1	1.1	-122
Total employed persons aged 15+	24,103	100.0	100.0	21,468	100.0	100.0	+2,635

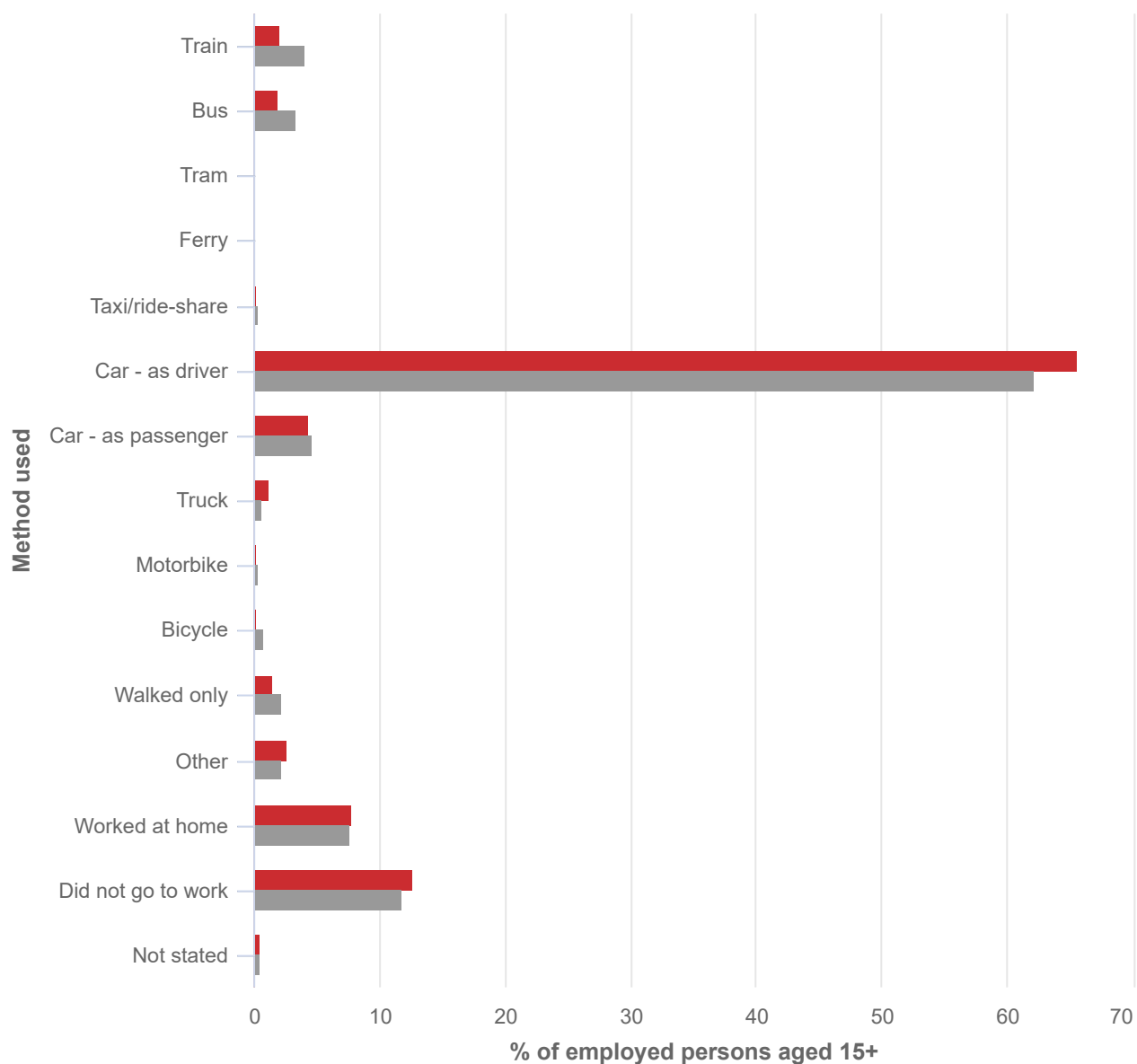
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- a People who travelled to work by car
- a People who travelled to work on public transport

Method of travel to work, 2021

Total employed persons

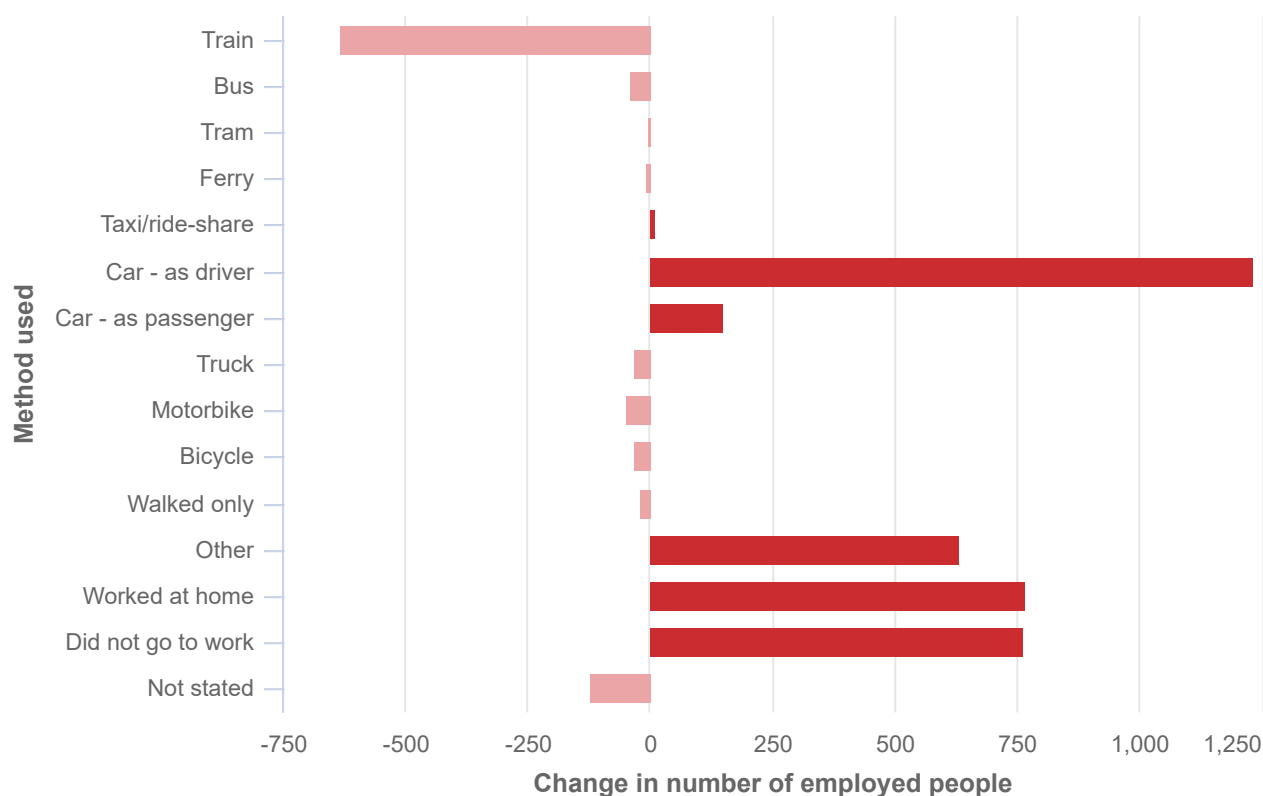
Swan Hills Western Australia



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Change in method of travel to work, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

In 2021, there were 921 people who caught public transport to work (train, bus, tram or ferry) in Swan Hills, compared with 17,145 who drove in private vehicles (car – as driver, car – as passenger, motorbike, or truck).

Analysis of the method of travel to work of the residents in Swan Hills in 2021, compared to Western Australia, shows that 3.8% used public transport, while 69.8% used a private vehicle, compared with 7.4% and 66.7% respectively in Western Australia.

The major differences in persons between the method of travel to work of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who travelled by car (as driver) (65.5% compared to 62.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who travelled by train (2.0% compared to 4.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who travelled by bus (1.8% compared to 3.3%)

Emerging groups

The number of employed people in Swan Hills increased by 2,635 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the method of travel to work by resident population in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were for those nominated:

- Car - as driver (+1,235 persons)
- Worked at home (+768 persons)
- Did not go to work (+762 persons)
- Other (+633 persons)

Swan Hills

Disengagement by age

Engagement in employment and education looks at the level of participation by age and sex of the population in the labour market, or full or part-time education. A full time employed or full-time student would be "Fully engaged", while part-time students may be fully engaged if they are also employed, or partly engaged if they are not working. Engagement in the labour and education market is highly dependent on age. Retirees are generally disengaged, while stay-at-home parents are also likely to be disengaged. The rate of engagement, particularly in the younger and working age groups can be affected by access to strong employment and education markets and is a measure of socio-economic status and the level of welfare dependency in an area. For more detail on employment and educational characteristics associated with disengagement, please look at [Employment Status](#), [Qualifications](#) and [Educational Institution Attending](#).

Further reading: [Using demographics to inform gender equality](#)

Workforce and educational engagement by age

Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)		2021			2016			Change
Age group	Engagement status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
15 to 24 years	Fully engaged	4,328	69.8	72.5	3,965	66.5	70.7	+363
15 to 24 years	Partially engaged	863	13.9	13.0	731	12.3	12.3	+132
15 to 24 years	Disengaged	548	8.8	8.8	640	10.7	10.5	-92
15 to 24 years	Undetermined/Not stated	460	7.4	5.7	622	10.4	6.5	-162
15 to 24 years	Total	6,199	100.0	100.0	5,958	100.0	100.0	+241
25 to 54 years	Fully engaged	11,117	52.2	55.6	10,583	50.8	53.7	+534
25 to 54 years	Partially engaged	4,839	22.7	23.6	4,415	21.2	22.1	+424
25 to 54 years	Disengaged	2,701	12.7	13.6	3,022	14.5	16.4	-321
25 to 54 years	Undetermined/Not stated	2,657	12.5	7.2	2,802	13.5	7.9	-145
25 to 54 years	Total	21,314	100.0	100.0	20,822	100.0	100.0	+492
55 to 64 years	Fully engaged	2,404	43.5	41.0	1,790	39.0	37.9	+614
55 to 64 years	Partially engaged	1,326	24.0	25.2	1,140	24.8	23.9	+186
55 to 64 years	Disengaged	1,394	25.2	27.8	1,245	27.1	30.9	+149
55 to 64 years	Undetermined/Not stated	405	7.3	5.9	413	9.0	7.3	-8
55 to 64 years	Total	5,529	100.0	100.0	4,588	100.0	100.0	+941
65 years and over	Fully engaged	519	9.5	6.5	358	8.6	5.7	+161
65 years and over	Partially engaged	635	11.6	9.4	460	11.1	8.6	+175
65 years and over	Disengaged	3,929	71.9	76.2	2,880	69.2	74.4	+1,049
65 years and over	Undetermined/Not stated	382	7.0	7.9	462	11.1	11.2	-80
65 years and over	Total	5,465	100.0	100.0	4,160	100.0	100.0	+1,305
Total aged 15+	Fully engaged	18,368	47.7	46.2	16,696	47.0	45.8	+1,672
Total aged 15+	Partially engaged	7,663	19.9	19.5	6,746	19.0	18.5	+917

Workforce and educational engagement by age

Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)		2021			2016			Change
Age group	Engagement status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total aged 15+	Disengaged	8,572	22.3	27.4	7,787	21.9	27.6	+785
Total aged 15+	Undetermined/Not stated	3,904	10.1	6.9	4,299	12.1	8.2	-395
Total aged 15+	Total	38,507	100.0	100.0	35,528	100.0	100.0	+2,979

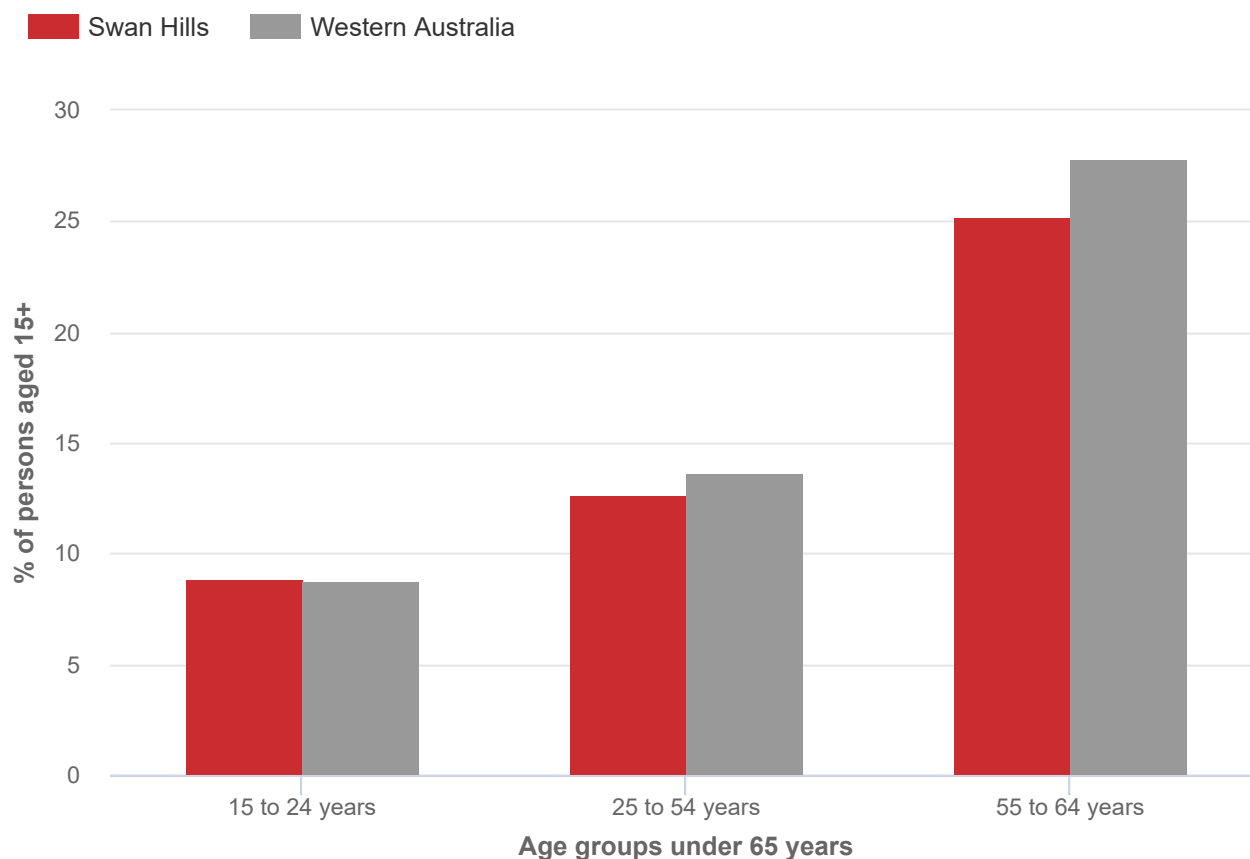
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a Disengaged youth (aged 15-24 not employed or in education)

Disengaged persons by age, 2021

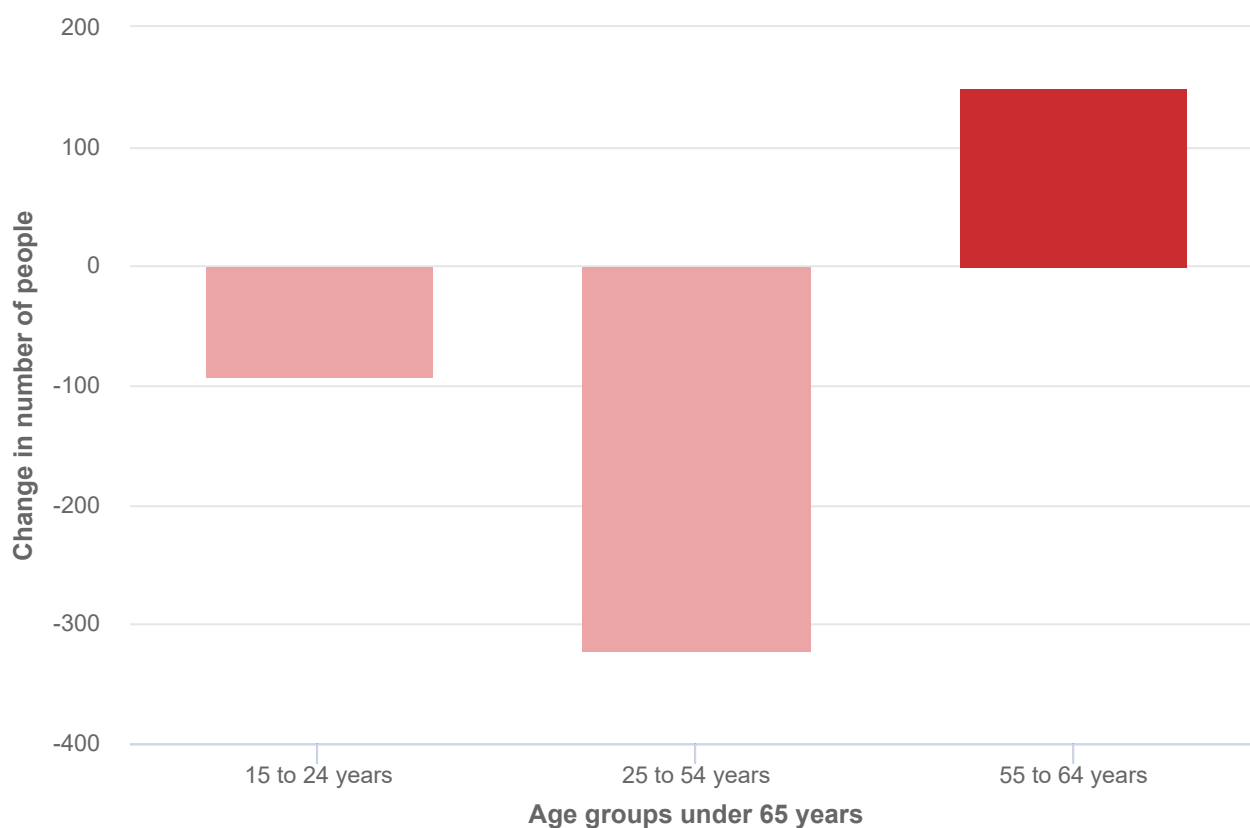
Total disengaged persons under 65 years



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Change in disengaged persons by age, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total disengaged persons under 65 years



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Dominant groups

The number of people aged 15 to 24 years in Swan Hills in 2016 was 6,199, of this, 8.8% were disengaged and 13.9% were partially engaged, compared to 8.8% and 13.0% respectively for Western Australia.

Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people 15 to 24 years in Swan Hills showed an increase of 241.

The number of disengaged people aged 15 to 24 years showed a decrease of 92 or 14.4%.

Swan Hills

Volunteer work

The voluntary work sector is an important part of Australia's economy. The level of volunteering can indicate the cohesiveness of the community and how readily individuals are able to contribute to that community. Factors impacting on the level of volunteering in Swan Hills include the **Age Structure** of the population, the level of **Proficiency in English**, **Income** and **Education** levels.

Volunteer numbers for the 2021 Census declined in many parts of Australia due to lockdowns and COVID-19 distancing measures.

Volunteer work

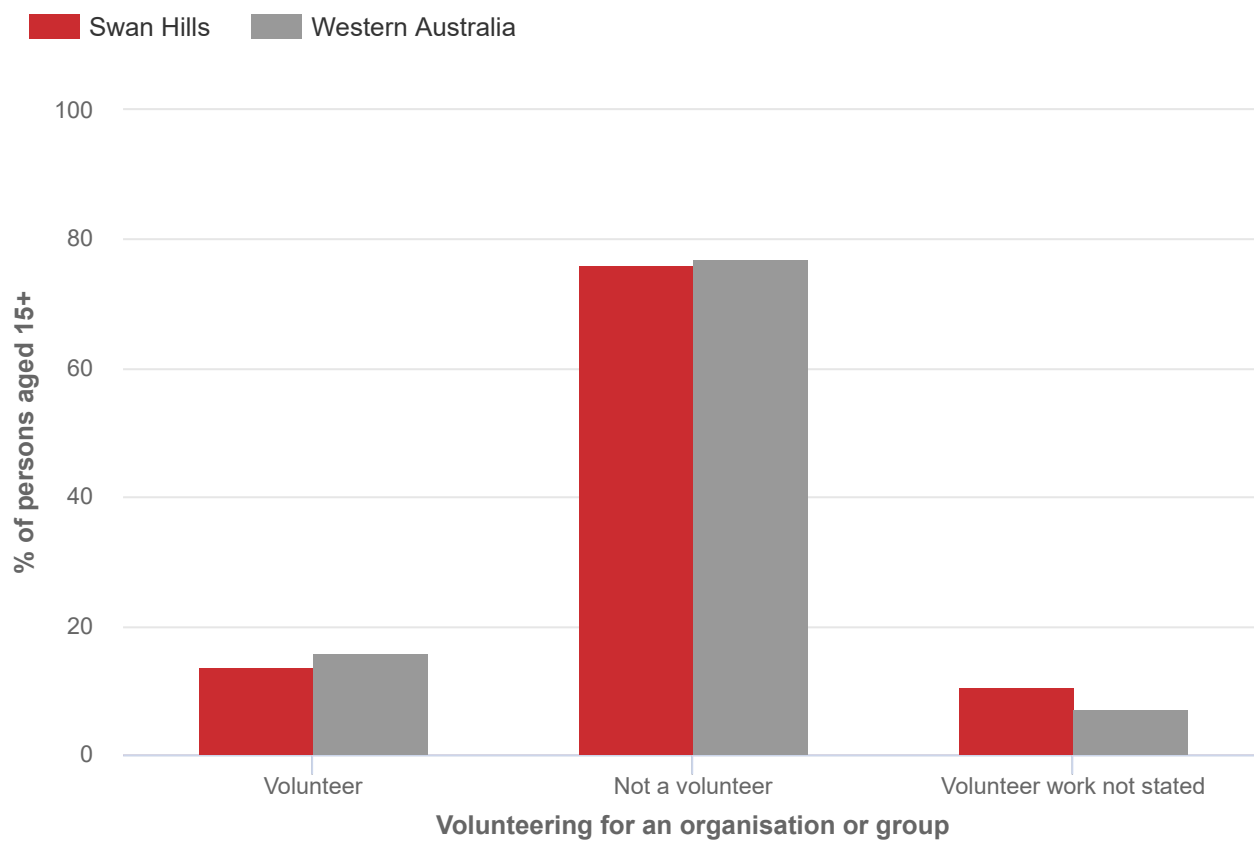
Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Volunteer status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Volunteer	5,232	13.6	15.9	5,755	16.2	19.0	-523
Not a volunteer	29,286	76.0	77.0	25,237	71.0	72.1	+4,049
Volunteer work not stated	4,011	10.4	7.1	4,541	12.8	8.9	-530
Total persons aged 15+	38,529	100.0	100.0	35,533	100.0	100.0	+2,996

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Volunteer work, 2021

Total persons



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Change in volunteer work, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the voluntary work performed by the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people who volunteered for an organisation or group.

Overall, 13.6% of the population reported performing voluntary work, compared with 15.9% for Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The number of volunteers in Swan Hills decreased by 523 people between 2016 and 2021.

Swan Hills

Unpaid domestic work

There has been increased interest in identifying, acknowledging and valuing the unpaid work that supports home and community life. The changing amount of time spent on unpaid housework in different **Household Types** and, particularly the distribution of this work within the household, can indicate the changing roles of males, females and older children in society. The level of unpaid domestic work in Swan Hills may also be related to **Household Income**, as higher income households are able to outsource some of these tasks.

Unpaid domestic work

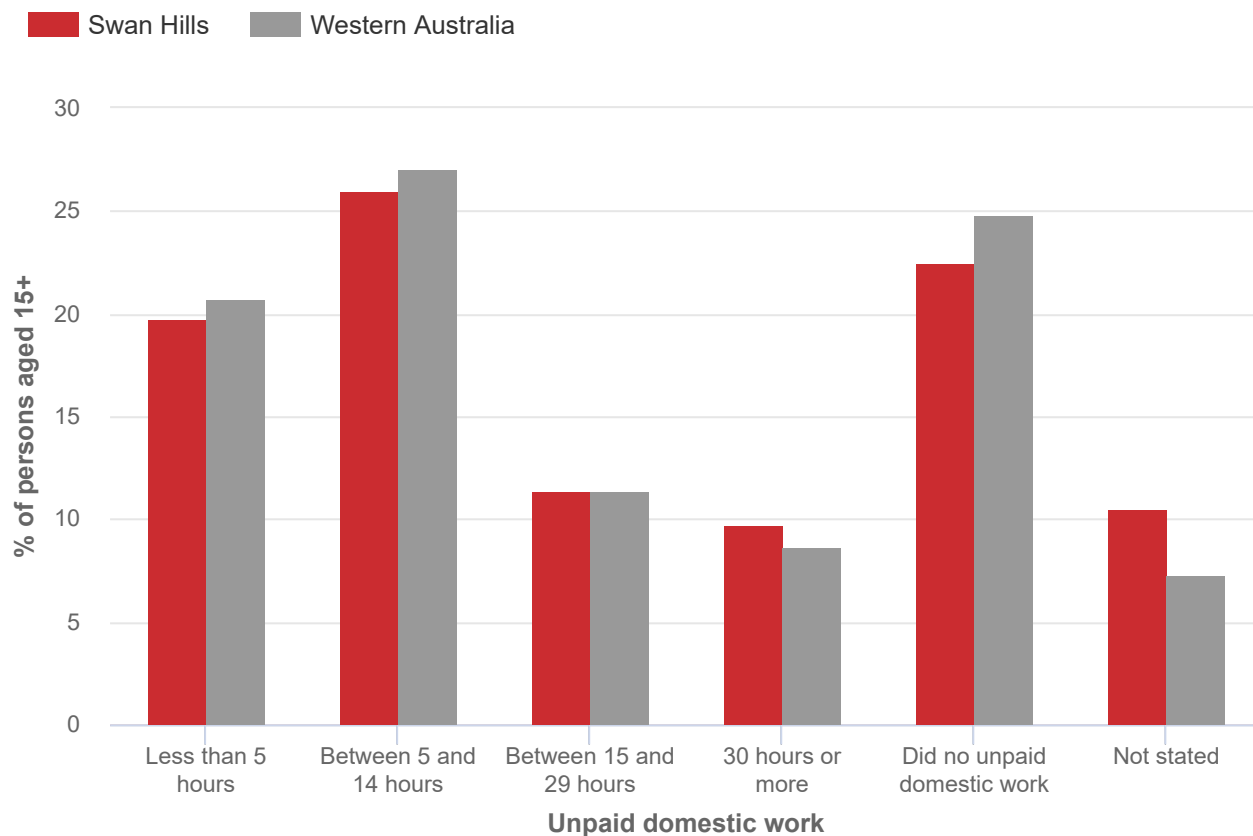
Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Hours spent on unpaid domestic work	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Did unpaid domestic work	25,784	66.9	67.9	24,541	69.1	69.4	+1,243
Less than 5 hours	7,627	19.8	20.8	7,508	21.1	22.4	+119
Between 5 and 14 hours	10,004	26.0	27.1	9,207	25.9	26.1	+797
Between 15 and 29 hours	4,406	11.4	11.4	4,061	11.4	11.4	+345
30 hours or more	3,747	9.7	8.7	3,765	10.6	9.5	-18
Did no unpaid domestic work	8,680	22.5	24.8	6,295	17.7	21.2	+2,385
Not stated	4,061	10.5	7.3	4,693	13.2	9.4	-632
Total persons aged 15+	38,525	100.0	100.0	35,529	100.0	100.0	+2,996

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Unpaid domestic work, 2021

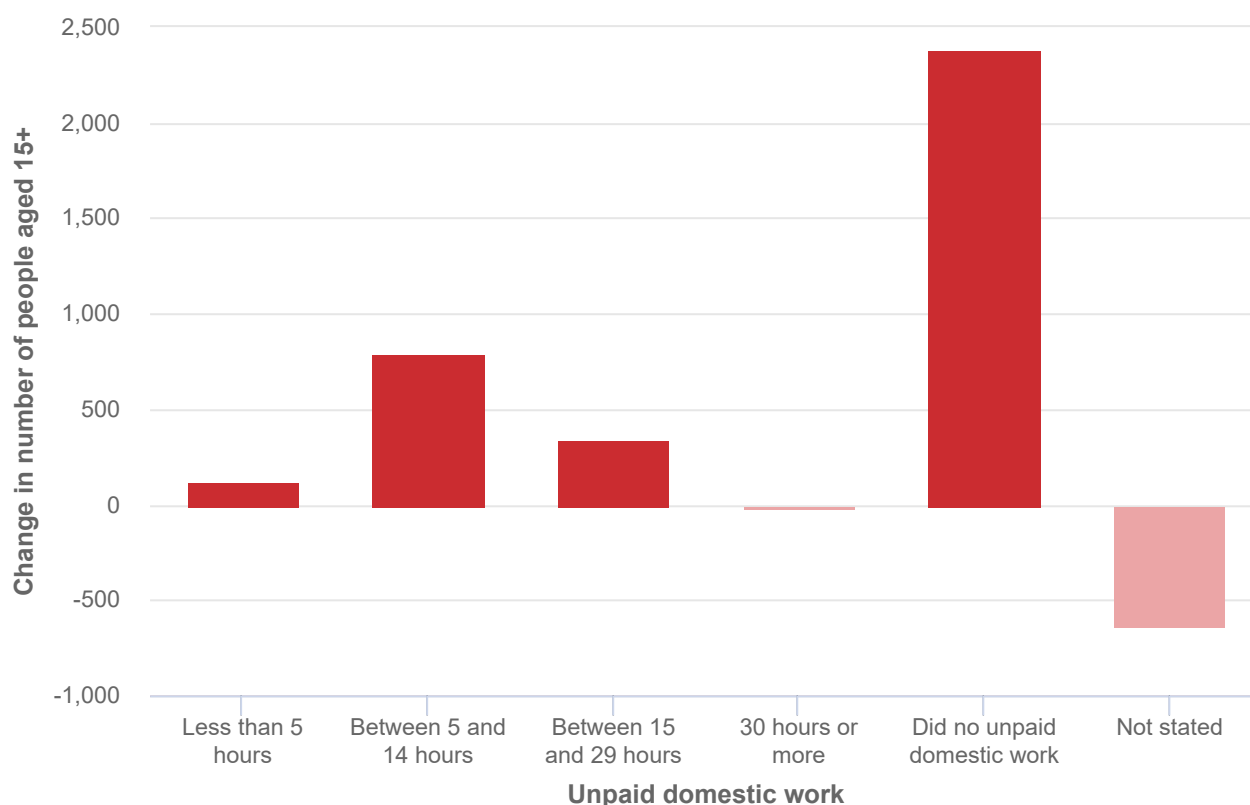
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Change in unpaid domestic work, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid domestic work performed by the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of persons who performed 15 hours or more of unpaid domestic work per week.

Overall, 21% of the population reported performing 15 hours or more of unpaid domestic work, compared with 20.1% for Western Australia.

The major differences between the share of the population performing unpaid domestic work in Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who did 30 hours or more of domestic work (9.7% compared to 8.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did no unpaid domestic work (22.5% compared to 24.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did between 5 and 14 hours of domestic work (26.0% compared to 27.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did unpaid domestic work (total) (66.9% compared to 67.9%)

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the number of people performing unpaid domestic work in Swan Hills, between 2016 and 2021 were those who:

- Did no unpaid domestic work (+2,385 persons)
- Did unpaid domestic work (+1,243 persons)
- Between 5 and 14 hours (+797 persons)
- Between 15 and 29 hours (+345 persons)

Swan Hills

Unpaid care

The proportion of people providing unpaid care for the aged and disabled in Swan Hills can be an important indicator of the level of demand for aged care services and facilities by local and state governments. An increasing proportion of carers among the population may indicate inadequate aged care provision, or the need for in-home support, or support for the carers themselves. The level of care provided by individuals is likely to be affected by Household Income, Age Structure and the ethnic makeup of the community (Language Spoken), as well as the sense of community cohesiveness.

Unpaid care

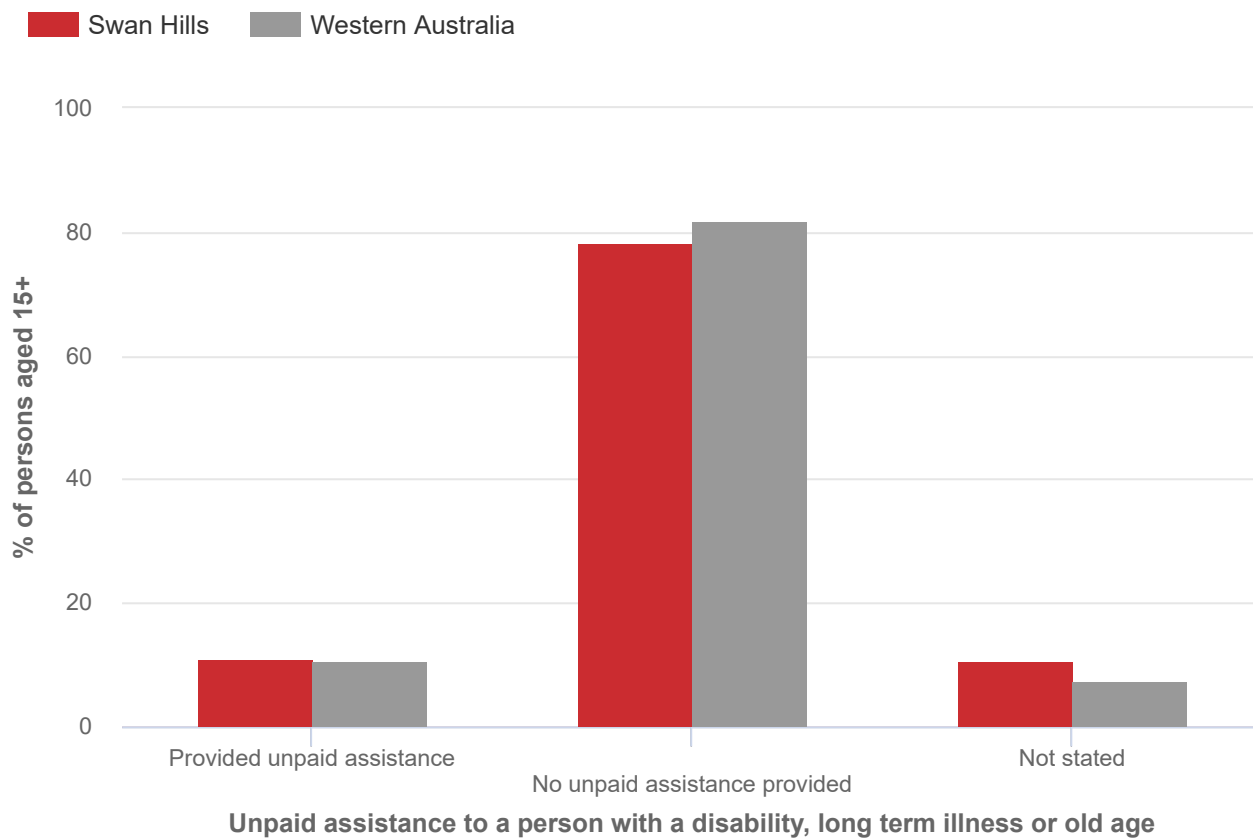
Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Provided unpaid assistance	4,196	10.9	10.7	3,211	9.0	9.8	+985
No unpaid assistance provided	30,223	78.5	81.9	27,595	77.7	80.7	+2,628
Not stated	4,104	10.7	7.3	4,724	13.3	9.5	-620
Total persons aged 15+	38,523	100.0	100.0	35,530	100.0	100.0	+2,993

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Unpaid care, 2021

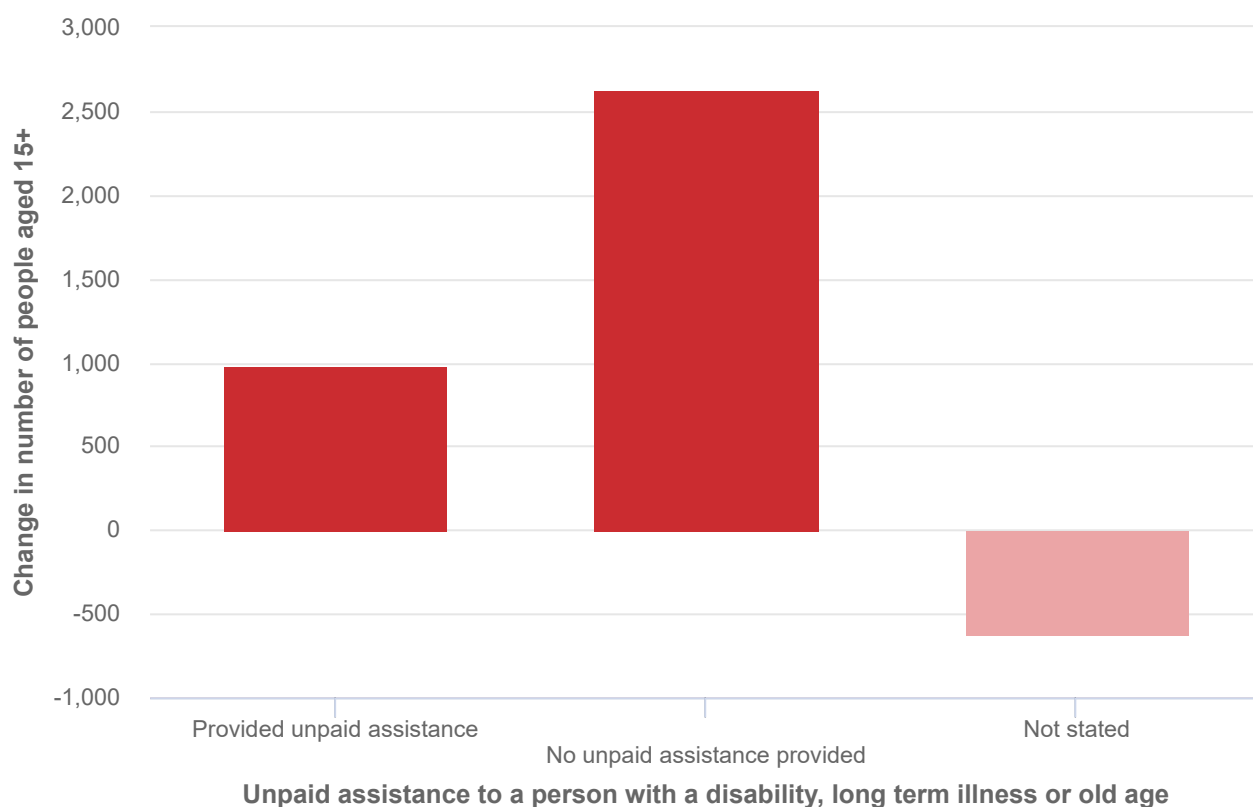
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Change in unpaid care, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid care provided by the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a similar proportion of people who provided unpaid care either to family members or others.

Overall, 10.9% of the population provided unpaid care, compared with 10.7% for Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The number of people who provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age in Swan Hills increased by 985 between 2016 and 2021.

Swan Hills

Unpaid childcare

The role of unpaid childcare in Swan Hills is determined by many different factors. For example areas with high levels of unpaid child care may have a dominance of single income families with one significant earner, or there could be a lack of provision of paid child care in the area. The level to which people care for others children can also indicate the role of extended family (eg. grandparents caring for grandchildren, family day care).

The role of unpaid child care is a complex one so this topic should be viewed in conjunction with several others, including Household Type, Employment, Household Income and Educational Attendance.

Unpaid childcare

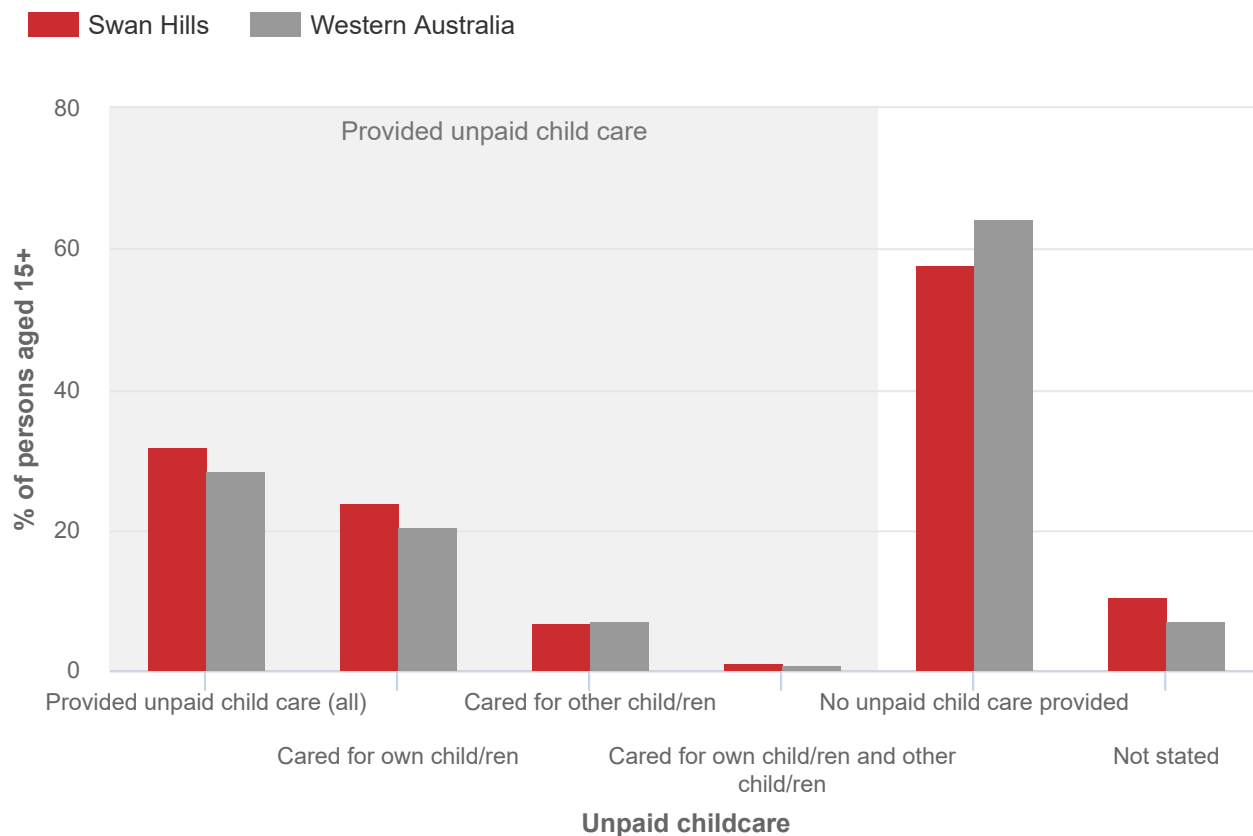
Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Unpaid child care	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Provided unpaid child care (all)	12,232	31.8	28.5	11,412	32.1	28.5	+820
Cared for own child/ren	9,185	23.8	20.5	8,769	24.7	20.6	+416
Cared for other child/ren	2,622	6.8	7.1	2,340	6.6	7.0	+282
Cared for own child/ren and other child/ren	425	1.1	0.9	303	0.9	0.8	+122
No unpaid child care provided	22,273	57.8	64.4	19,503	54.9	62.6	+2,770
Not stated	4,020	10.4	7.1	4,613	13.0	9.0	-593
Total persons aged 15+	38,525	100.0	100.0	35,528	100.0	100.0	+2,997

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Unpaid childcare, 2021

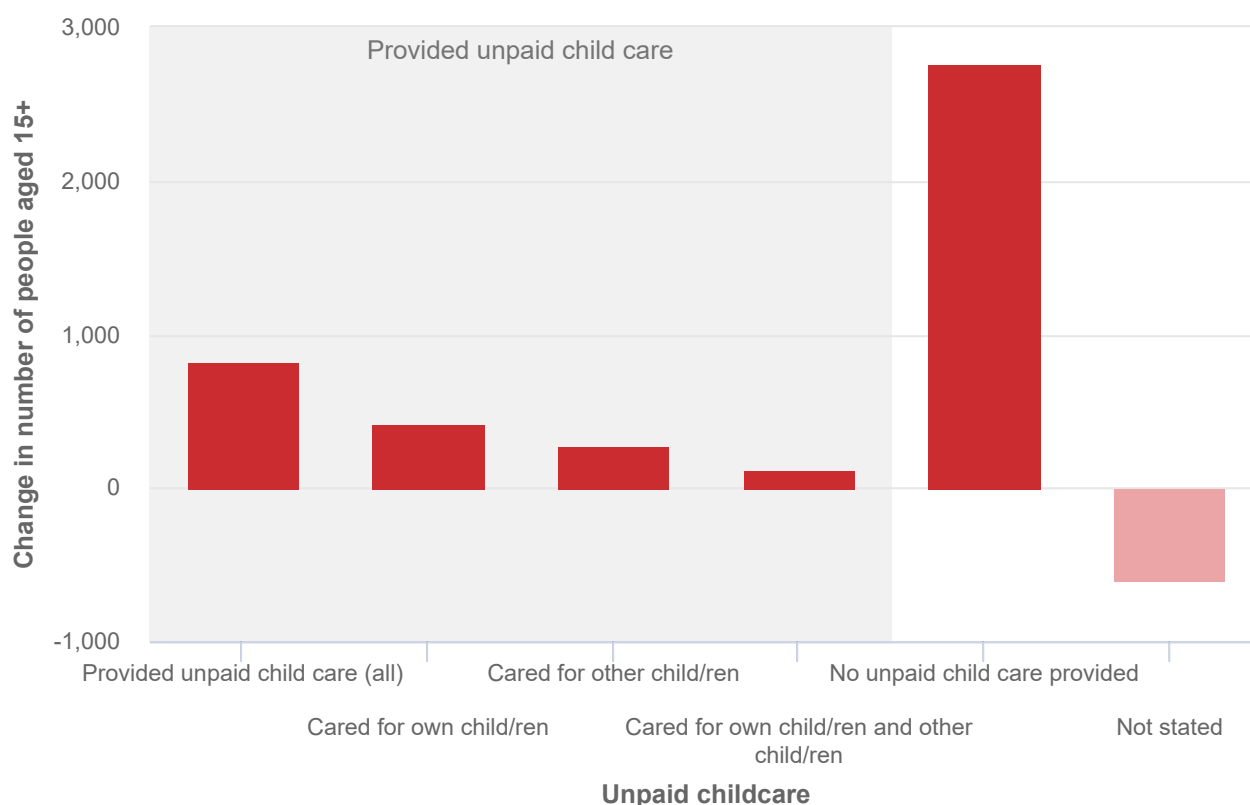
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Change in unpaid childcare, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills - Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid child care provided by the population in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people who provided unpaid child care either to their own or to other children. Overall, 31.8% of the population provided unpaid child care, compared with 28.5% for Western Australia.

The major differences between the share of the population providing unpaid child care in Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage who provided unpaid childcare for own child/ren (23.8% compared to 20.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage who did not provide care for children (57.8% compared to 64.4%)

Emerging groups

The number of people who provided unpaid child care for their own and/or other people's children in Swan Hills increased by 820 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the number of people performing unpaid child care in Swan Hills, between 2016 and 2021 were those who:

- No unpaid child care provided (+2,770 persons)
- Cared for own child/ren (+416 persons)
- Cared for other child/ren (+282 persons)
- Cared for own child/ren and other child/ren (+122 persons)

Swan Hills

Individual income

Individual Income statistics are an indicator of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as **Household Income**, **Qualifications and Occupation**, they help tell the story of the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of Swan Hills. The amount of income an individual receives is linked to a number of factors including **employment status**, **age** (as for instance students and retirees often receive a lower income), **qualifications** and **type of employment**.

The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only. For comparison of incomes over time, go to **Individual Income Quartiles**.

Weekly individual income

Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)		2021	
Weekly gross income	Number	%	Western Australia %
Negative Income/ Nil income	3,806	9.9	8.8
\$1 - \$149	1,366	3.5	3.5
\$150 - \$299	1,682	4.4	4.9
\$300 - \$399	2,286	5.9	7.1
\$400 - \$499	2,152	5.6	7.0
\$500 - \$649	2,325	6.0	6.8
\$650 - \$799	2,260	5.9	6.3
\$800 - \$999	2,793	7.2	7.2
\$1,000 - \$1,249	3,458	9.0	8.5
\$1,250 - \$1,499	2,770	7.2	6.7
\$1,500 - \$1,749	2,405	6.2	6.1
\$1,750 - \$1,999	1,839	4.8	4.7
\$2,000 - \$2,999	3,282	8.5	8.8
\$3,000 - \$3,499	845	2.2	2.3
\$3,500 or more	1,006	2.6	3.6
Not stated	4,257	11.0	7.7
Total persons aged 15+	38,532	100.0	100.0

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Weekly individual income, 2021

Total persons



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Dominant groups

Analysis of individual income levels in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people earning a high income (those earning \$2,000 per week or more) as well as a lower proportion of low income people (those earning less than \$500 per week).

Overall, 13.3% of the population earned a high income, and 29.3% earned a low income, compared with 14.7% and 31.3% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between Swan Hills's individual incomes and Western Australia's individual incomes were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who earned Negative Income/ Nil income (9.9% compared to 8.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned \$400 - \$499 (5.6% compared to 7.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned \$300 - \$399 (5.9% compared to 7.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned \$3,500 or more (2.6% compared to 3.6%)

Swan Hills

Individual income quartiles

Swan Hills's income statistics are an indicator of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as Household Income, Qualifications and Occupation, they help tell the story of the area's economic opportunities and socio-economic status. Individual income levels are not comparable over time because of the influences of economic change such as wage level fluctuations and inflation. The income quartile method is the most objective method of comparing change in the income profile of a community over time.

A detailed explanation of how Individual Income quartiles are calculated and interpreted is available in [specific data notes](#).

Individual income quartiles

Swan Hills - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	8,728	25.5	25.0	7,741	25.2	25.0	+987
Medium lowest	7,826	22.8	25.0	6,688	21.8	25.0	+1,138
Medium highest	9,308	27.2	25.0	8,592	28.0	25.0	+716
Highest group	8,411	24.5	25.0	7,685	25.0	25.0	+726
Total persons aged 15+	34,275	100.0	100.0	30,708	100.0	100.0	+3,567

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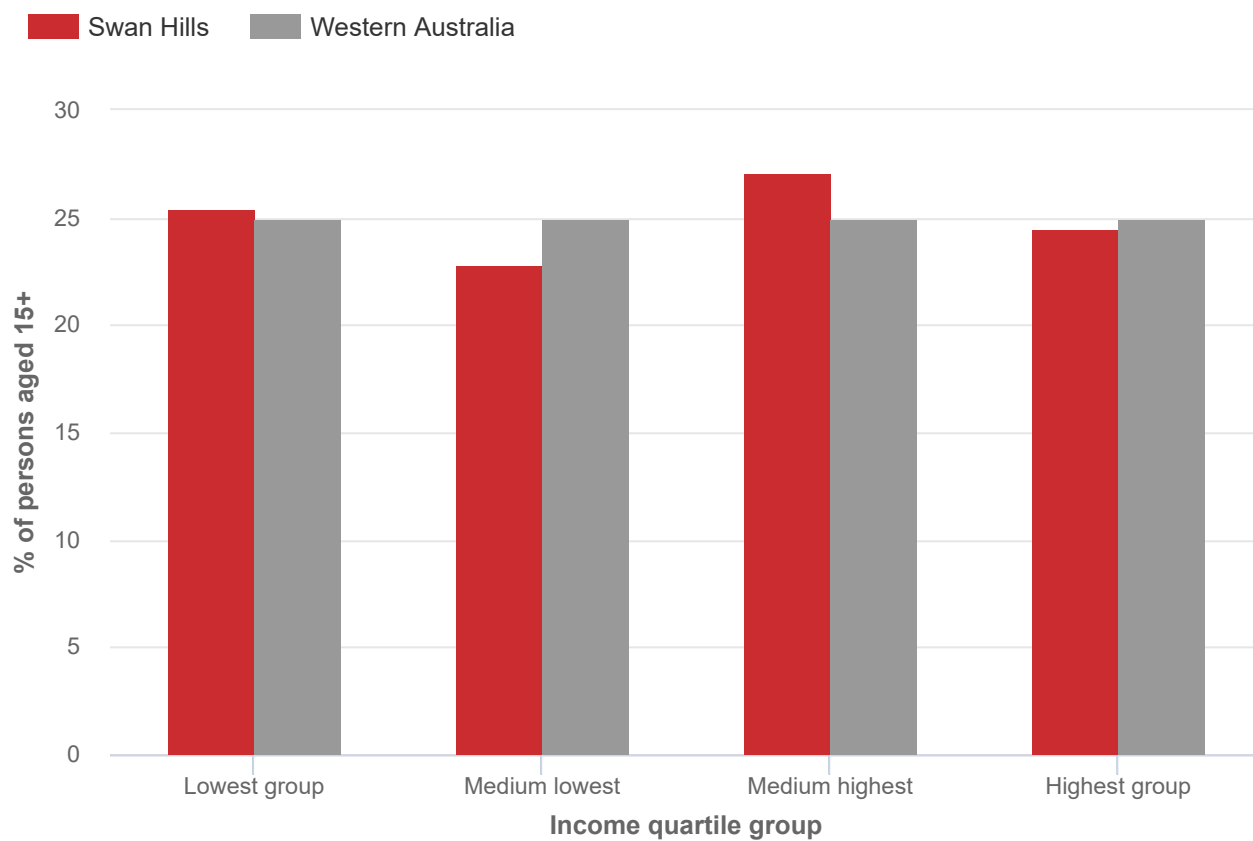
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Individual income - Quartile group dollar ranges

Calculated from income data for WA - Total persons aged 15+	Weekly income by Census year				
Individual quartile ranges	2021	2016	2011	2006	2001
Lowest group	\$0 to \$381	\$0 to \$322	\$0 to \$284	\$0 to \$219	\$0 to \$178
Medium lowest	\$382 to \$848	\$323 to \$723	\$285 to \$661	\$220 to \$500	\$179 to \$374
Medium highest	\$849 to \$1,599	\$724 to \$1,407	\$662 to \$1,271	\$501 to \$941	\$375 to \$692
Highest group	\$1,600 and over	\$1,408 and over	\$1,272 and over	\$942 and over	\$693 and over

Individual income quartiles, 2021

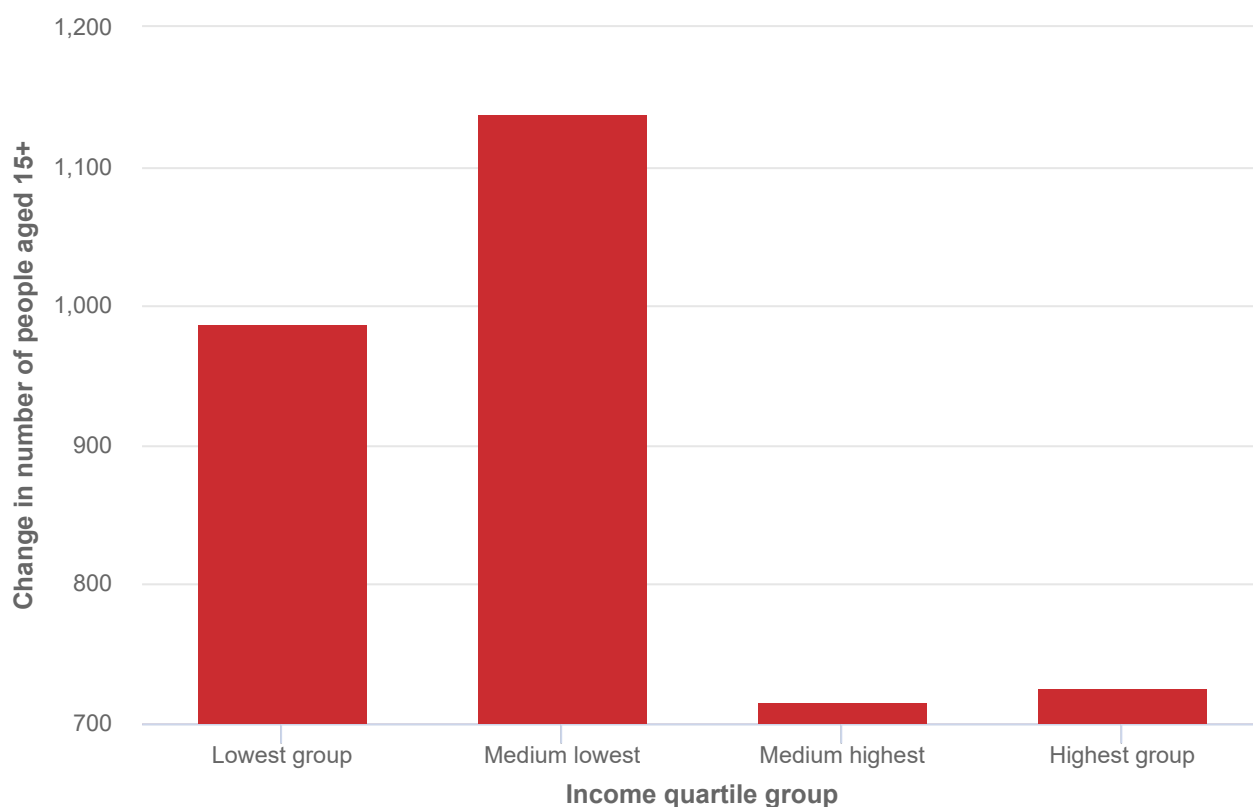
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Change in individual income quartiles, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Income quartiles allow us to compare relative income-earning capabilities across time. Analysis of the distribution of the population by income quartile in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was similar proportion of persons in the highest income quartile as well as a similar proportion in the lowest income quartile.

Emerging groups

The most significant change in Swan Hills in persons between 2016 and 2021 was in the medium lowest quartile which showed an increase of 1,138 persons.

Swan Hills

Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. Swan Hills's Household Income is one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as **Qualifications** and **Occupation**, it helps to reveal the economic opportunities and socio-economic status of Swan Hills. It is important to note that income data is not necessarily a measure of wealth. For example, if an area has a large number of retirees this will produce a higher proportion of households with low income but the retirees may have large capital wealth. For this reason, household income should be viewed in conjunction with **Age** and **Household Composition**.

The incomes presented on this page are for the latest Census year only. For comparison of incomes over time, go to **Household Income Quartiles**.

Learn more about the characteristics of low-income households [here](#).

Weekly household income

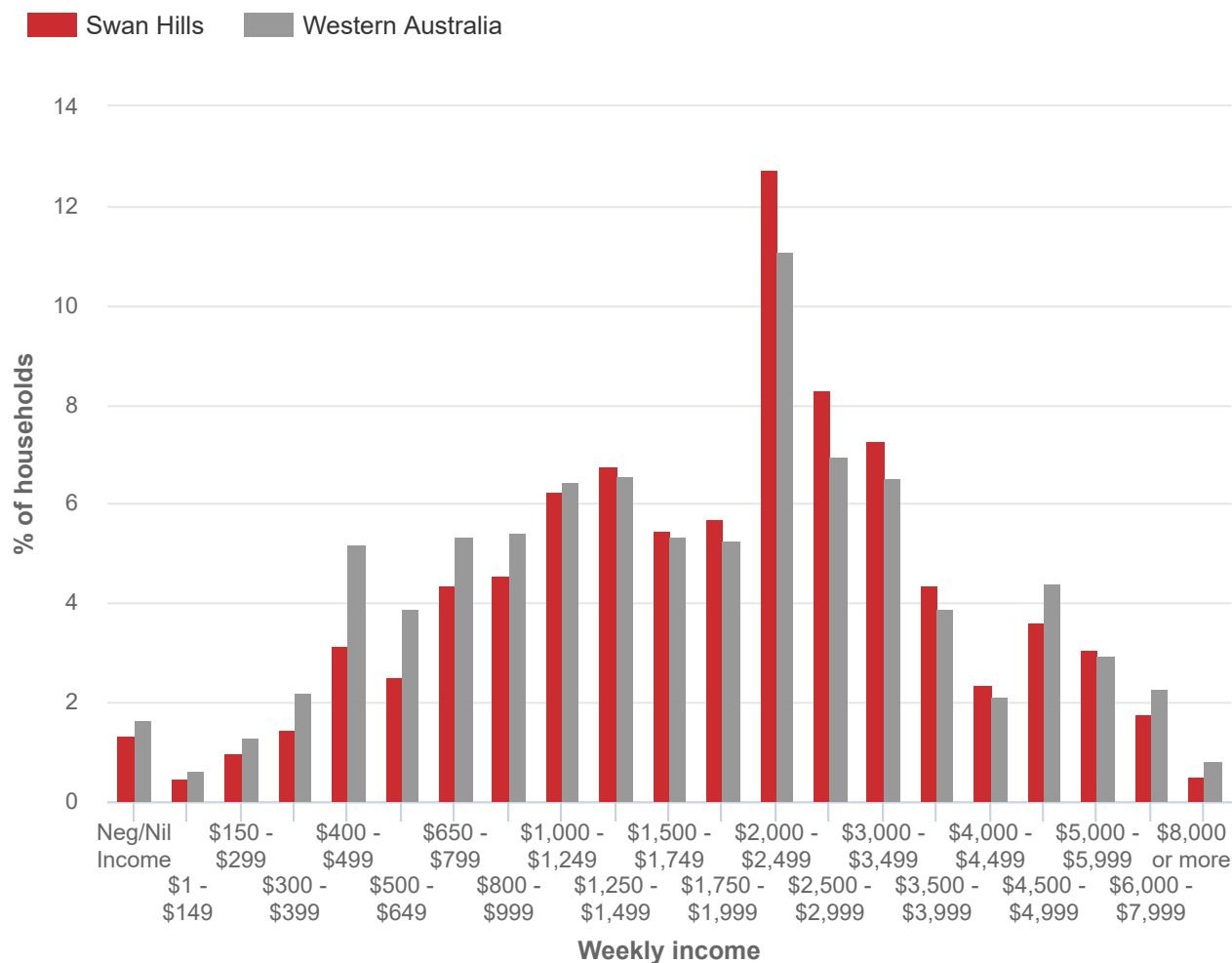
Swan Hills - Total households (Enumerated)	2021		
Weekly income	Number	%	Western Australia %
Neg/Nil Income	213	1.3	1.6
\$1 - \$149	76	0.5	0.6
\$150 - \$299	155	1.0	1.3
\$300 - \$399	235	1.5	2.2
\$400 - \$499	504	3.2	5.2
\$500 - \$649	401	2.5	3.9
\$650 - \$799	696	4.4	5.3
\$800 - \$999	729	4.6	5.4
\$1,000 - \$1,249	1,001	6.3	6.5
\$1,250 - \$1,499	1,079	6.8	6.6
\$1,500 - \$1,749	872	5.5	5.4
\$1,750 - \$1,999	909	5.7	5.3
\$2,000 - \$2,499	2,033	12.7	11.1
\$2,500 - \$2,999	1,323	8.3	7.0
\$3,000 - \$3,499	1,160	7.3	6.5
\$3,500 - \$3,999	696	4.4	3.9
\$4,000 - \$4,499	376	2.4	2.1
\$4,500 - \$4,999	581	3.6	4.4
\$5,000 - \$5,999	493	3.1	3.0
\$6,000 - \$7,999	281	1.8	2.3
\$8,000 or more	82	0.5	0.8
Not stated	2,082	13.0	9.6
Total households	15,977	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

- a** Low income households (less than \$800 per week)
- a** High income households (more than \$3,000 per week)
- a** Median household income

Weekly household income, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of household income levels in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a similar proportion of high income households (those earning \$3,000 per week or more) and a lower proportion of low income households (those earning less than \$800 per week).

Overall, 23.0% of the households earned a high income and 14.3% were low income households, compared with 23.0% and 20.2% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences between the household incomes of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of households who earned Not stated (13.0% compared to 9.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of households who earned \$2,000 - \$2,499 (12.7% compared to 11.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned \$400 - \$499 (3.2% compared to 5.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned \$500 - \$649 (2.5% compared to 3.9%)

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Household income quartiles

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. Household Income is one of the most important indicators of socio-economic status. With other data sources, such as **Qualifications** and **Occupation**, it helps to reveal Swan Hills's socio-economic status and economic opportunities. Household income levels are not comparable over time because of the influences of economic change such as wage level fluctuations and inflation. The income quartile method is a powerful and objective way of looking at income data and in particular, how it is changing.

A detailed explanation of how Household Income quartiles are calculated and interpreted is available in **specific data notes**.

Learn more about the characteristics of low-income households [here](#).

Household income quartiles

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	2,602	18.7	25.0	2,188	17.6	25.0	+414
Medium lowest	3,557	25.6	25.0	3,162	25.4	25.0	+395
Medium highest	4,142	29.8	25.0	3,790	30.5	25.0	+352
Highest group	3,592	25.9	25.0	3,296	26.5	25.0	+297
Total Households	13,895	100.0	100.0	12,437	100.0	100.0	+1,458

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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Household income - Quartile group dollar ranges

Calculated from income data for WA

Weekly income by Census year

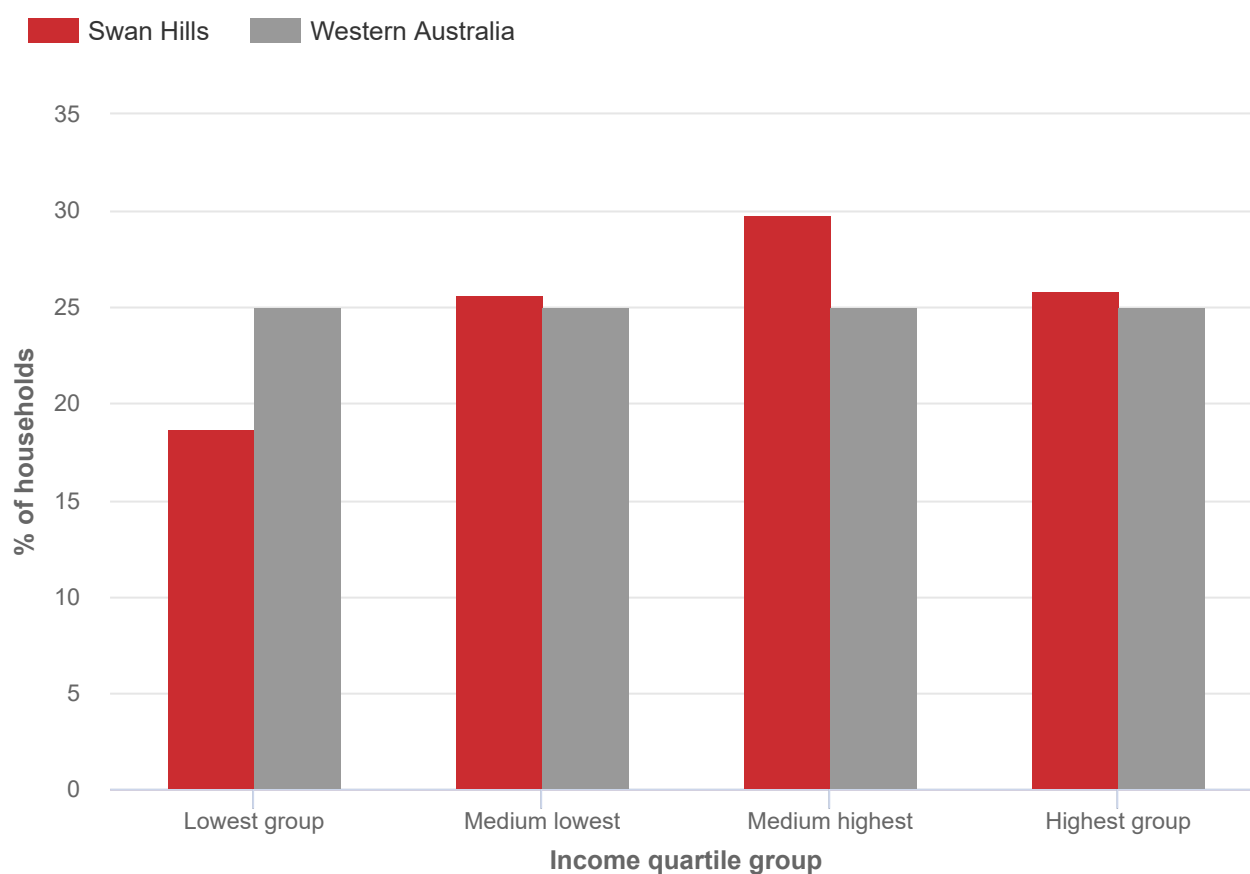
Household income ranges	2021	2016	2011	2006	2001	1996	1991
Lowest group	\$0 to \$888	\$0 to \$790	\$0 to \$693	\$0 to \$565	\$0 to \$416	\$0 to \$348	\$0 to \$305
Medium lowest	\$889 to \$1,804	\$791 to \$1,582	\$694 to \$1,405	\$566 to \$1,062	\$417 to \$783	\$349 to \$651	\$306 to \$556
Medium highest	\$1,805 to \$3,032	\$1,583 to \$2,614	\$1,406 to \$2,507	\$1,063 to \$1,774	\$784 to \$1,311	\$652 to \$1,094	\$557 to \$910
Highest group	\$3,033 and over	\$2,615 and over	\$2,508 and over	\$1,775 and over	\$1,312 and over	\$1,095 and over	\$911 and over

a Low income households (less than \$800 per week)

a High income households (more than \$3,000 per week)

a Median household income

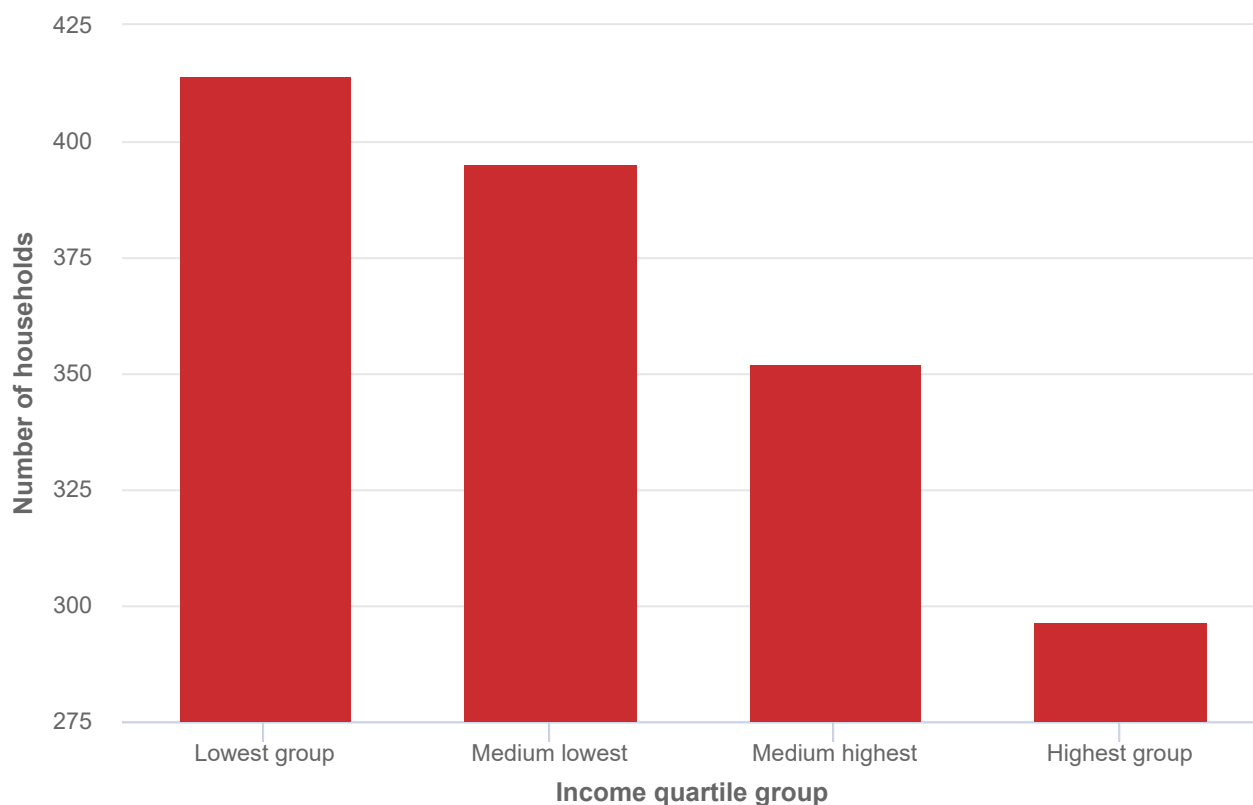
Household income quartiles, 2021



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Change in household income quartile, 2016 to 2021

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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Income quartiles allow us to compare relative income-earning capabilities across time. Analysis of the distribution of households by income quartile in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was greater proportion of households in the highest income quartile and a lesser proportion in the lowest income quartile.

Emerging groups

The most significant change in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 414 households.

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Equivalised household income

While **Household Income** is a useful measure, it is difficult to tell if changes over time and between geographic areas are due to actual changes in income levels, or due to changes in household size and composition. For example, an increase in lower income households could be due to job losses in key economic sectors, or simply due to decreasing household size as adult children leave home.

Equivalised Household Income puts all households on an equal footing independent of household size and composition to enable a true comparison between areas and over time. It is an indicator of the income resource available to a household of standard size and is the best measure of the changing economic fortunes of households living in Swan Hills.

A detailed explanation of how Equivalised Household Income quartiles are calculated and interpreted is available in [specific data notes](#).

Learn more about the characteristics of low-income households [here](#).

Equivalised household income quartiles

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	2,823	20.5	25.0	2,403	19.5	25.0	+419
Medium lowest	3,786	27.5	25.0	3,387	27.4	25.0	+400
Medium highest	3,990	29.0	25.0	3,611	29.2	25.0	+379
Highest group	3,157	23.0	25.0	2,950	23.9	25.0	+207
Total Households	13,757	100.0	100.0	12,353	100.0	100.0	+1,405

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#) 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

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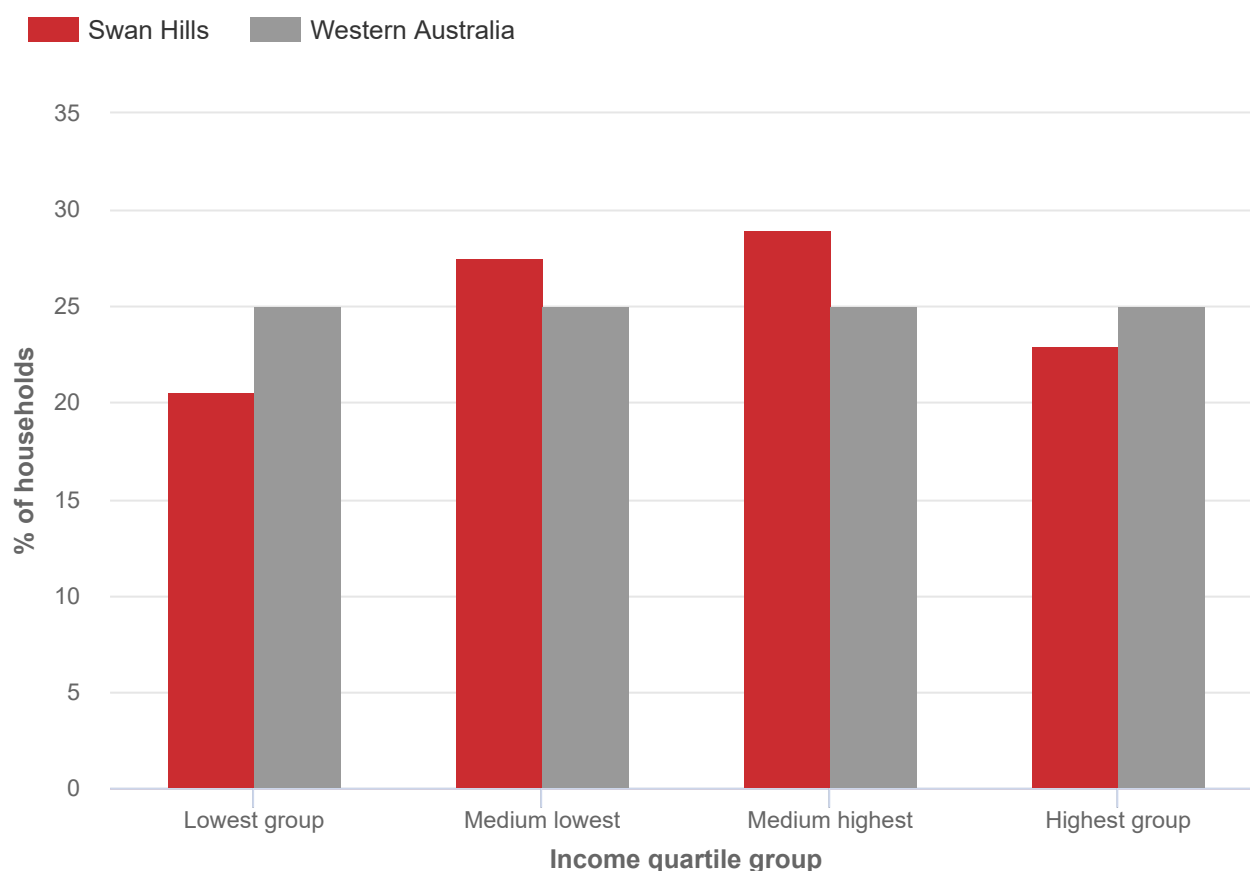
Equivalised household income - Quartile group dollar ranges

Calculated from income data for WA Weekly income by Census year

Equivalised household income ranges	2021	2016	2011	2006	2001
Lowest group	\$0 to \$616	\$0 to \$538	\$0 to \$485	\$0 to \$374	\$0 to \$285
Medium lowest	\$617 to \$1,121	\$539 to \$971	\$486 to \$878	\$375 to \$654	\$286 to \$487
Medium highest	\$1,122 to \$1,774	\$972 to \$1,559	\$879 to \$1,383	\$655 to \$1,039	\$488 to \$766
Highest group	\$1,775 and over	\$1,560 and over	\$1,384 and over	\$1,040 and over	\$767 and over

- a Low income households (less than \$800 per week).
- a High income households (more than \$3,000 per week).
- a Median household income

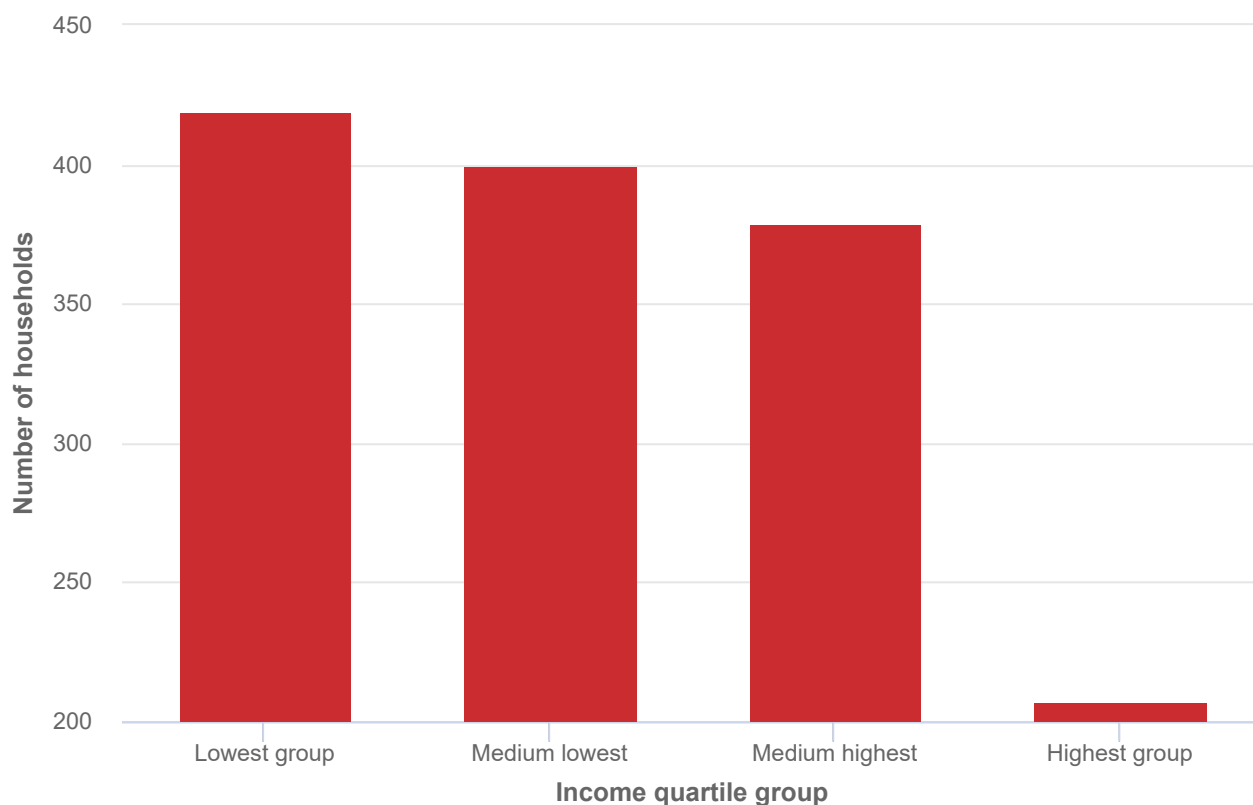
Equivalised household income quartiles, 2021



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Change in equivalised household income quartiles, 2016 to 2021

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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Equivalised income quartiles allow us to compare relative income-earning capabilities across time. Because the data is equivalised, households of different size and composition are placed on an equal footing.

Analysis of the distribution of households by income quartile in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lesser proportion of households in the highest equivalised income quartile, as well as a lesser proportion in the lowest equivalised income quartile.

Emerging groups

The most significant change in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 419 households.

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Household type

Swan Hills's household and family structure is one of the most important demographic indicators. It reveals the area's residential role and function, era of settlement and provides key insights into the level of demand for services and facilities as most are related to age and household types.

To continue building the story, Swan Hills's Household Summary should be viewed in conjunction with Households with Children, Households without Children, Household Size, Age Structure and Dwelling Type.

If you're looking at this data to prepare a housing strategy, [learn more here](#).

Household type

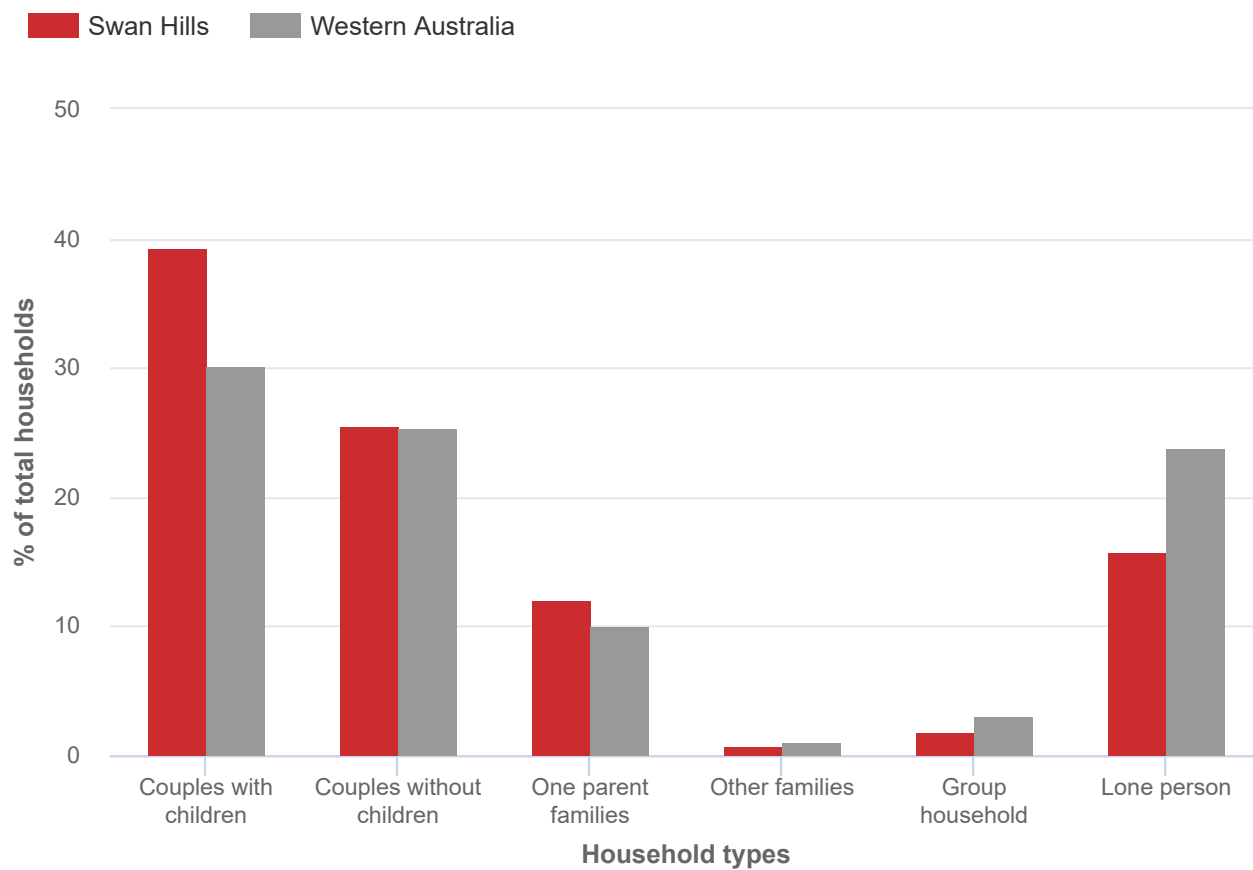
Swan Hills - Total households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Households by type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Couples with children	6,489	39.4	30.2	5,985	39.6	30.9	+504
Couples without children	4,209	25.5	25.4	3,995	26.4	25.6	+214
One parent families	2,001	12.1	10.0	1,639	10.8	9.6	+362
Other families	131	0.8	1.1	99	0.7	1.2	+32
Group household	297	1.8	3.2	293	1.9	3.5	+4
Lone person	2,600	15.8	23.8	2,178	14.4	21.8	+422
Other not classifiable household	494	3.0	3.6	821	5.4	5.2	-327
Visitor only households	253	1.5	2.7	98	0.6	2.4	+155
Total households	16,474	100.0	100.0	15,108	100.0	100.0	+1,366

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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- [a One parent families with dependent children](#)
- [a Couple families with dependent children](#)
- [a Young couples \(aged 15-44 years\) without children](#)
- [a Older couples \(65 years and over\) without children](#)
- [a Young lone person households \(aged 15-44 years\)](#)
- [a Older lone person households \(aged 65 years and over\)](#)
- [a Average household size](#)

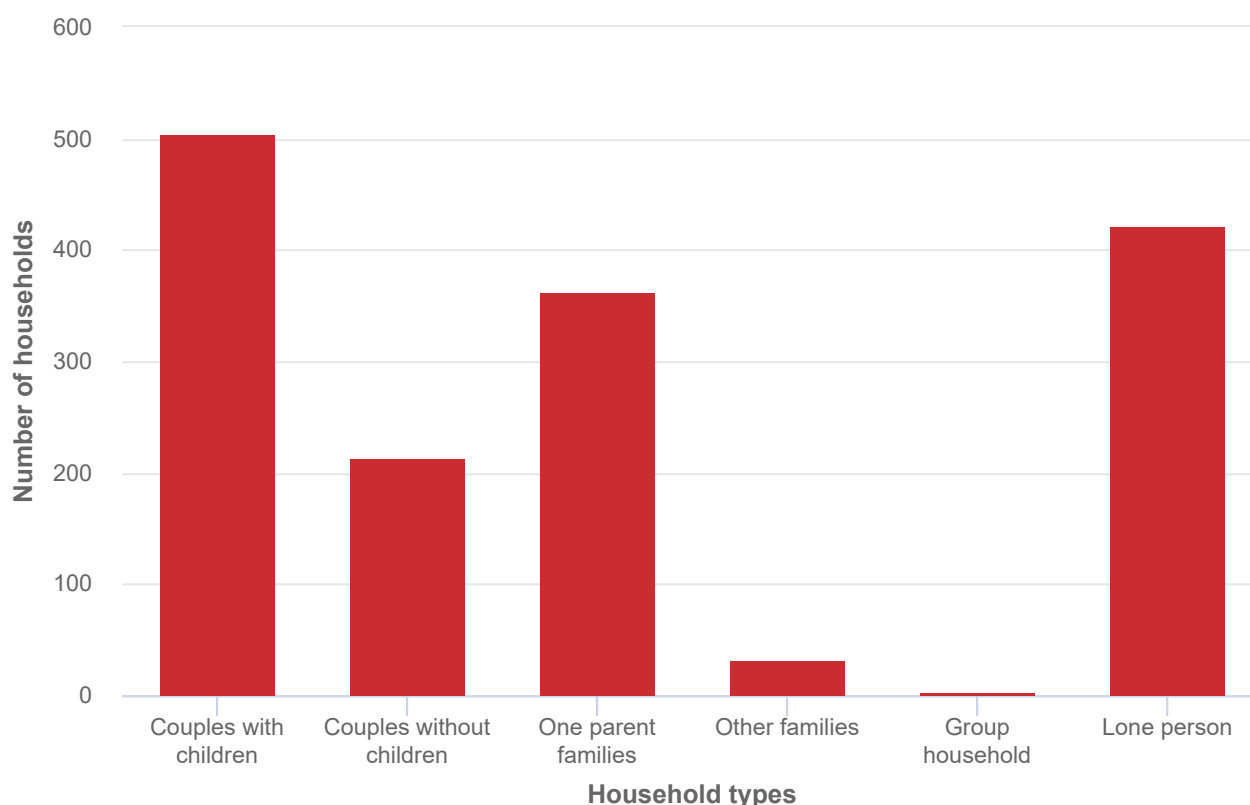
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Change in household type, 2016 to 2021

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the household/family types in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of couple families with child(ren) as well as a higher proportion of one-parent families. Overall, 39.4% of total families were couple families with child(ren), and 12.1% were one-parent families, compared with 30.2% and 10.0% respectively for Western Australia.

There were a lower proportion of lone person households and a similar proportion of couples without children. Overall, the proportion of lone person households was 15.8% compared to 23.8% in Western Australia while the proportion of couples without children was 25.5% compared to 25.4% in Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The number of households in Swan Hills increased by 1,366 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in family/household types in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Couples with children (+504 households)
- Lone person (+422 households)
- One parent families (+362 households)
- Couples without children (+214 households)

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Households with children

Households with Children require different services and facilities than other household types, and their needs change as both adults and children age. When many families in an area are at the same stage in their individual lifecycles, it creates a suburb lifecycle. Knowing where a suburb is in a cycle of change helps planners make evidence-based decisions about the demand for services both now and in the future.

For Households with Children in Swan Hills, life stage is based on the age of children in the household. The age of the parent(s) is not taken into account.

- **Young children:** Children aged under 15 only
- **Mixed age children:** One or more children under 15 and one or more children over 15 (must have 2 or more children)
- **Older children:** Children aged 15 and over only

To continue building the story, Swan Hills's Household data should be viewed in conjunction with Household Size, Age Structure and Dwelling Type.

Households with children by life stage

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Households with children	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Couples with children	6,489	39.4	30.2	5,985	39.6	30.9	+504
Couples with young children	3,584	21.8	17.1	3,491	23.1	17.5	+93
Couples with mixed-age children	1,056	6.4	4.3	907	6.0	4.3	+149
Couples with older children	1,849	11.2	8.8	1,587	10.5	9.1	+262
Single parents with children	2,001	12.1	10.0	1,639	10.8	9.6	+362
Single parents with young children	886	5.4	3.9	741	4.9	3.7	+145
Single parents with mixed-age children	288	1.7	1.3	259	1.7	1.2	+29
Single parents with older children	827	5.0	4.8	639	4.2	4.7	+188
Total households with children	8,490	51.5	40.2	7,624	50.5	40.4	+866
Total households	16,474	100.0	100.0	15,108	100.0	100.0	+1,366

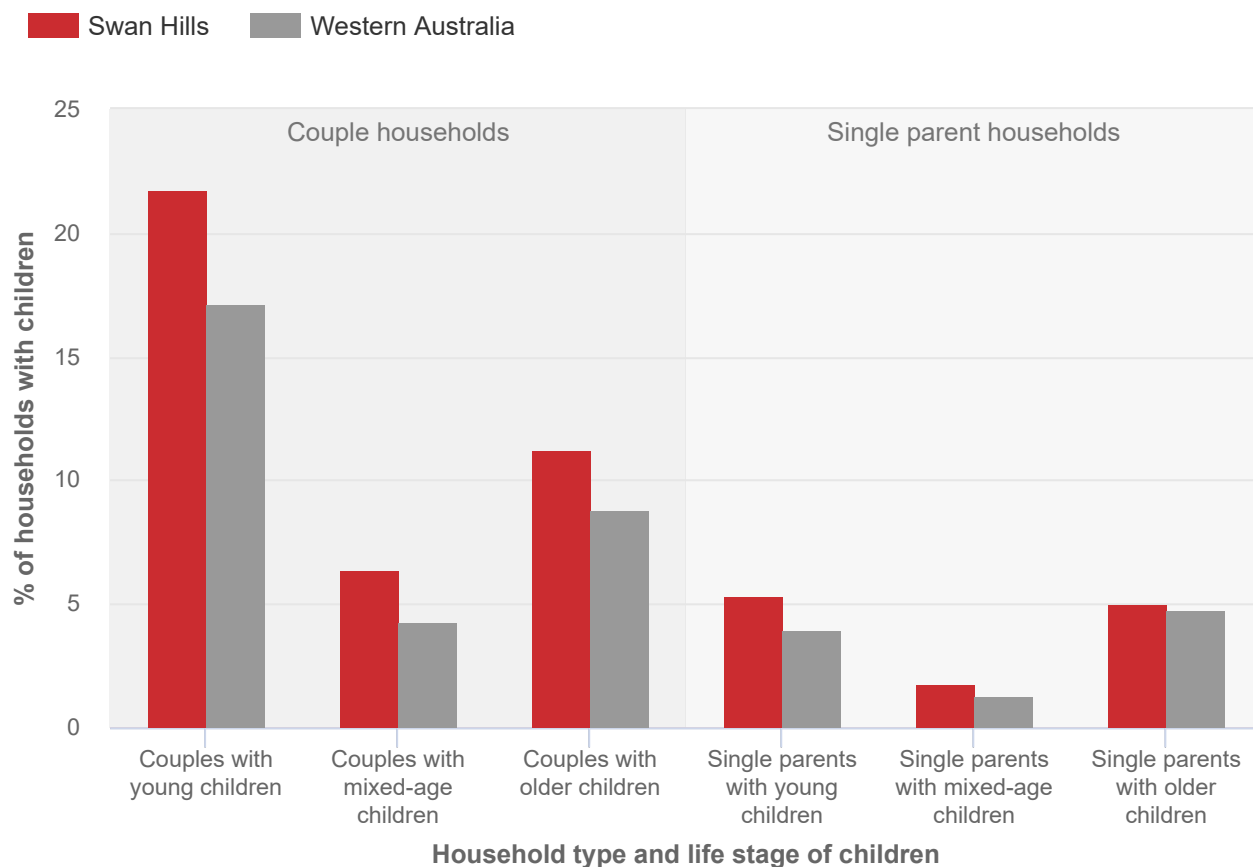
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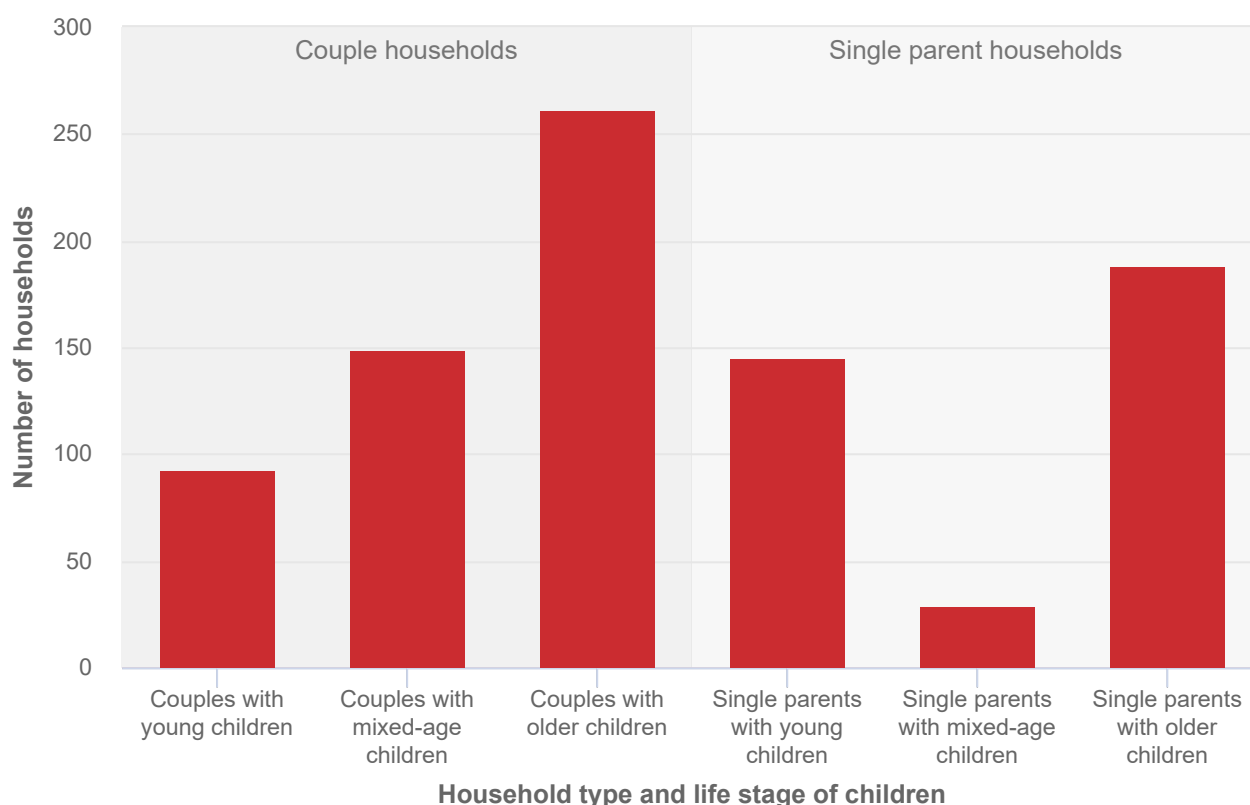
Households with children, 2021



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Change in households with children, 2016 to 2021

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the families with children in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a larger proportion of couples with young children, as well as a larger proportion of couples with older children.

Overall, 21.8% of total households with children were couple with young children, and 11.2% were couples with older children, compared with 17.1% and 8.8% respectively for Western Australia.

There were a larger proportion of single parent households with young children and a similar proportion of single parent households with older children. Overall, the proportion of single parent households with young children was 5.4% compared to 3.9% in Western Australia while the proportion of single parent households with older children was 5.0% compared to 4.8% in Western Australia.

Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of households with children increased by 866 households or 11.4%.

The largest changes in households with children in this area between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Couples with older children (+262 households)
- Single parents with older children (+188 households)
- Couples with mixed-age children (+149 households)
- Single parents with young children (+145 households)

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Households without children

Households without Children include couples without children and lone person households. They require different services depending on the age of the people in the households. For example young couples who have not had children (yet) compared to older "empty nester" couples whose children may have left home.

For Households without Children in Swan Hills, life stage is based on the age of the household reference person (usually person 1 on the Census form):

- **Young:** Aged 15-44
- **Middle-aged:** Aged 45-64
- **Older:** Aged 65 and over

To continue building the story, Swan Hills's Household data should be viewed in conjunction with **Household Size**, **Age Structure** and **Dwelling Type**.

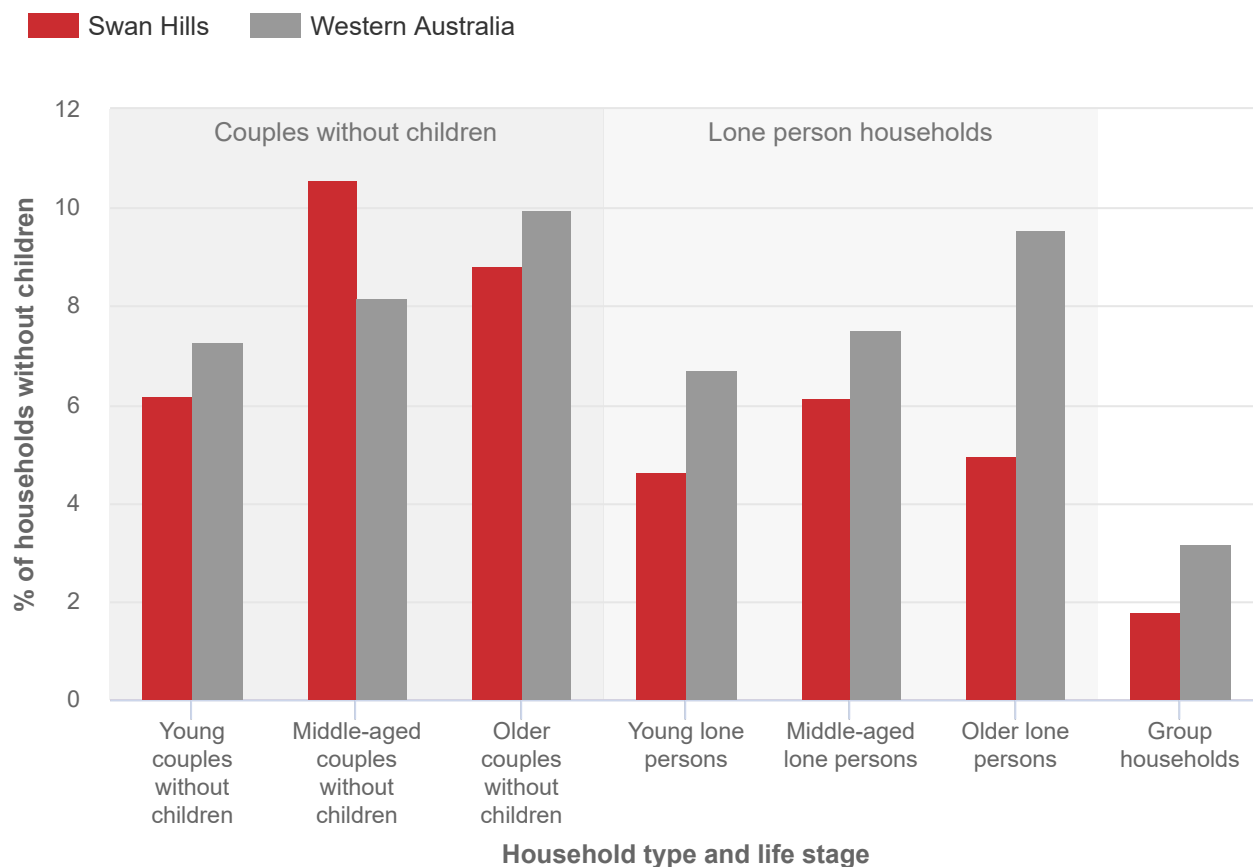
Households without children by life stage

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Households without children	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Couples without children	4,209	25.5	25.4	3,995	26.4	25.6	+214
Young couples without children	1,019	6.2	7.3	1,320	8.7	7.8	-301
Middle-aged couples without children	1,739	10.6	8.2	1,549	10.3	8.6	+190
Older couples without children	1,451	8.8	10.0	1,126	7.5	9.1	+325
Lone person households	2,600	15.8	23.8	2,178	14.4	21.8	+422
Young lone persons	766	4.6	6.7	774	5.1	6.1	-8
Middle-aged lone persons	1,014	6.2	7.5	843	5.6	7.3	+171
Older lone persons	820	5.0	9.6	561	3.7	8.3	+259
Group households	297	1.8	3.2	293	1.9	3.5	+4
Total households without children	7,106	43.1	52.4	6,466	42.8	50.8	+640
Total households	16,474	100.0	100.0	15,108	100.0	100.0	+1,366

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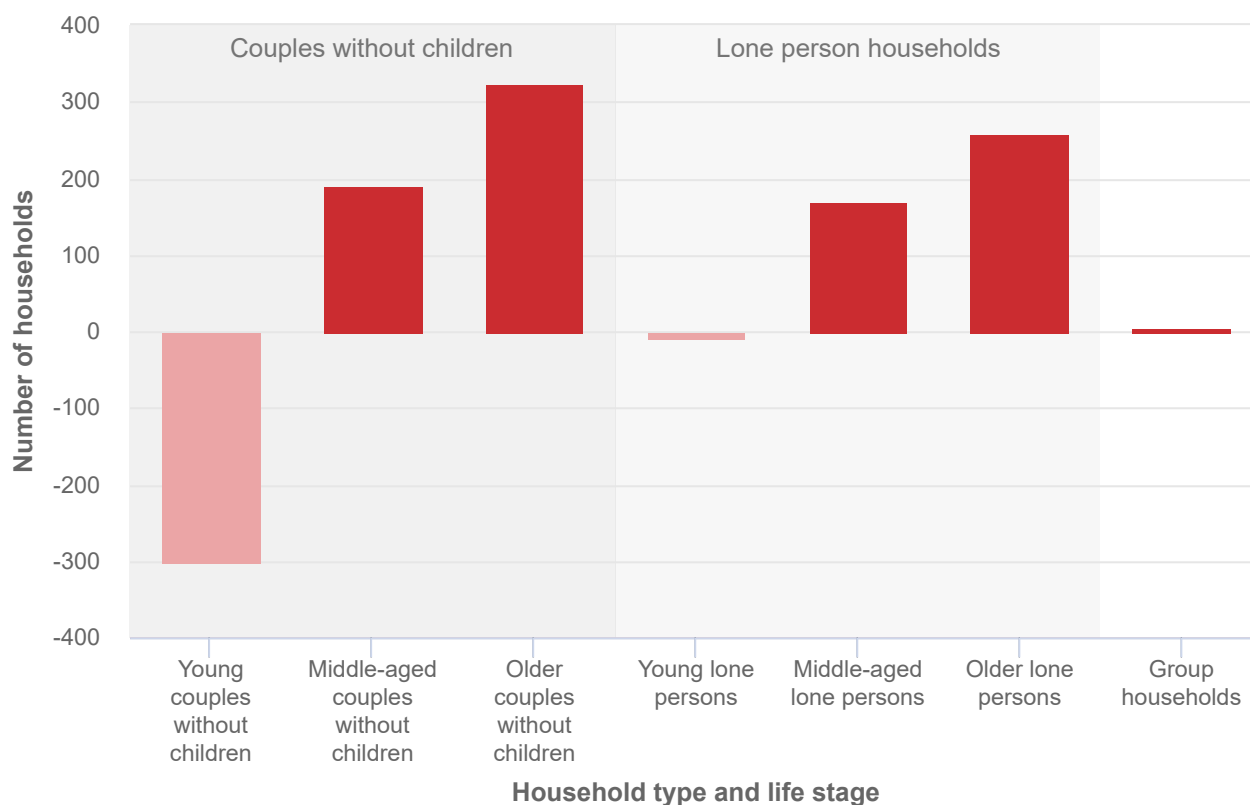
Households without children, 2021



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Change in households without children, 2016 to 2021

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the households without children in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of young couples without children, a larger proportion of middle-aged couples without children, and a smaller proportion of older couples without children.

In addition, there were a smaller proportion of young lone person households, a smaller proportion of middle-aged lone person households, and a smaller proportion of older lone person households.

Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of households without children increased by 640.

The largest changes in households without children in Swan Hills, between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Older couples without children (+325 persons)
- Young couples without children (-301 persons)
- Older lone persons (+259 persons)
- Middle-aged couples without children (+190 persons)

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Household size

The size of households in general follows the life-cycle of families. Households are usually small at the stage of relationship formation (early marriage), and then increase in size with the advent of children. They later reduce in size again as these children reach adulthood and leave home. Household size can also be influenced by a lack (or abundance) of affordable housing. Overseas migrants and indigenous persons often have a tradition of living with extended family members which significantly affects household size.

Household size in Australia has generally declined since the 1970s, but the rate of decline has slowed in recent years.

An increasing household size in an area may indicate a lack of affordable housing opportunities for young people, an increase in the birth rate or an increase in family formation in the area. A declining household size may indicate children leaving the area when they leave home, an increase in retirees settling in the area, or an attraction of young singles and couples to the area.

For greater insight, Swan Hills's Household Size data should be viewed in conjunction with Household Summary, Age Structure, Dwelling Type, Household Income and Language Spoken at Home.

Household size

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Number of persons usually resident	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
1 person	2,604	16.5	25.4	2,177	15.3	23.6	+427
2 persons	5,068	32.2	33.5	4,650	32.8	33.9	+418
3 persons	2,772	17.6	15.9	2,565	18.1	16.3	+207
4 persons	3,121	19.8	15.9	2,923	20.6	16.4	+198
5 persons	1,396	8.9	6.4	1,243	8.8	6.7	+153
6 or more persons	782	5.0	2.9	639	4.5	3.1	+143
Total classifiable households	15,743	100.0	100.0	14,197	100.0	100.0	+1,546

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

Please refer to specific data notes for more information

Household size - Summary

Swan Hills - Enumerated	2021			2016			Change
Dwellings	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Occupied private dwellings	16,487	--	--	15,121	--	--	+1,366
Persons in occupied private dwellings	46,077	--	--	43,228	--	--	+2,849
<i>Average household size (persons per dwelling)</i>	<i>2.79</i>	--	<i>2.48</i>	<i>2.86</i>	--	<i>2.52</i>	<i>-0.06</i>

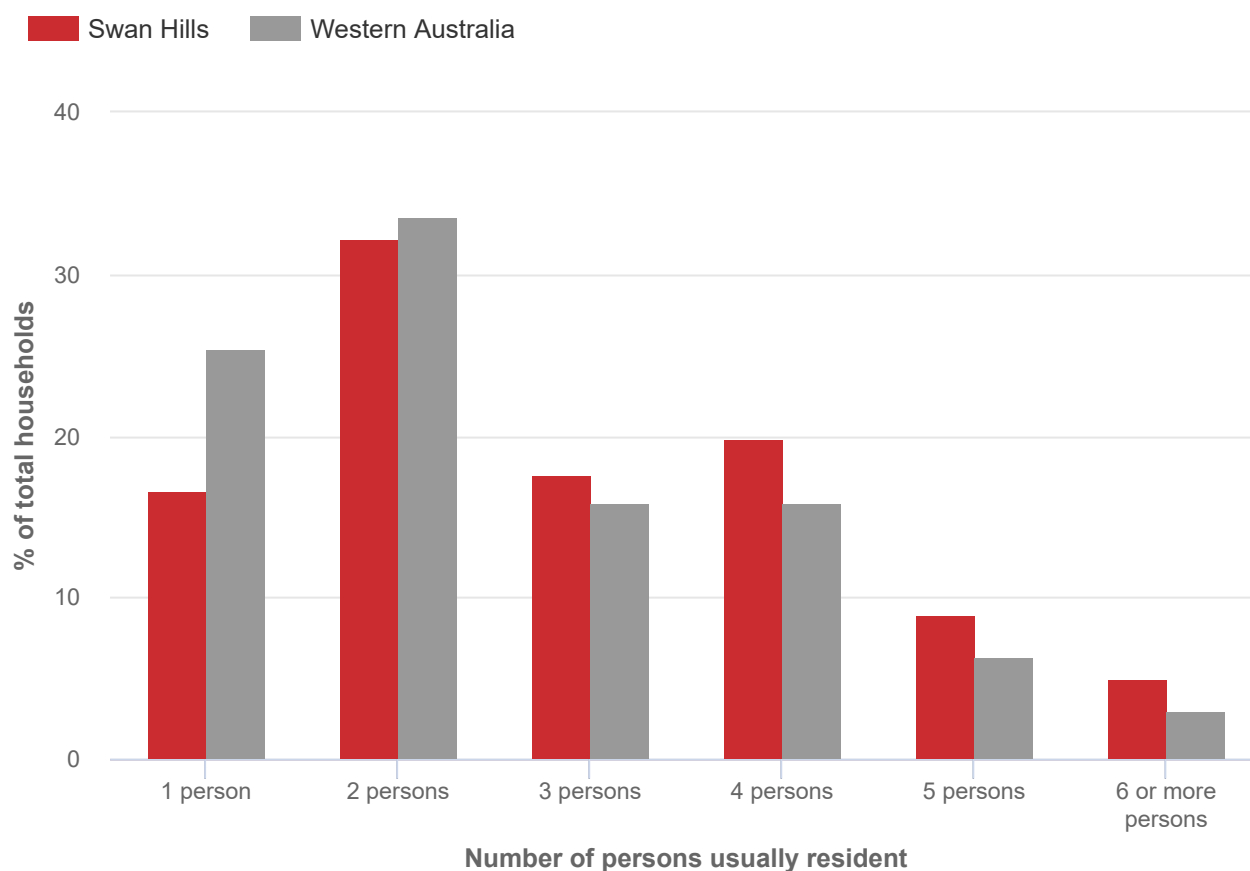
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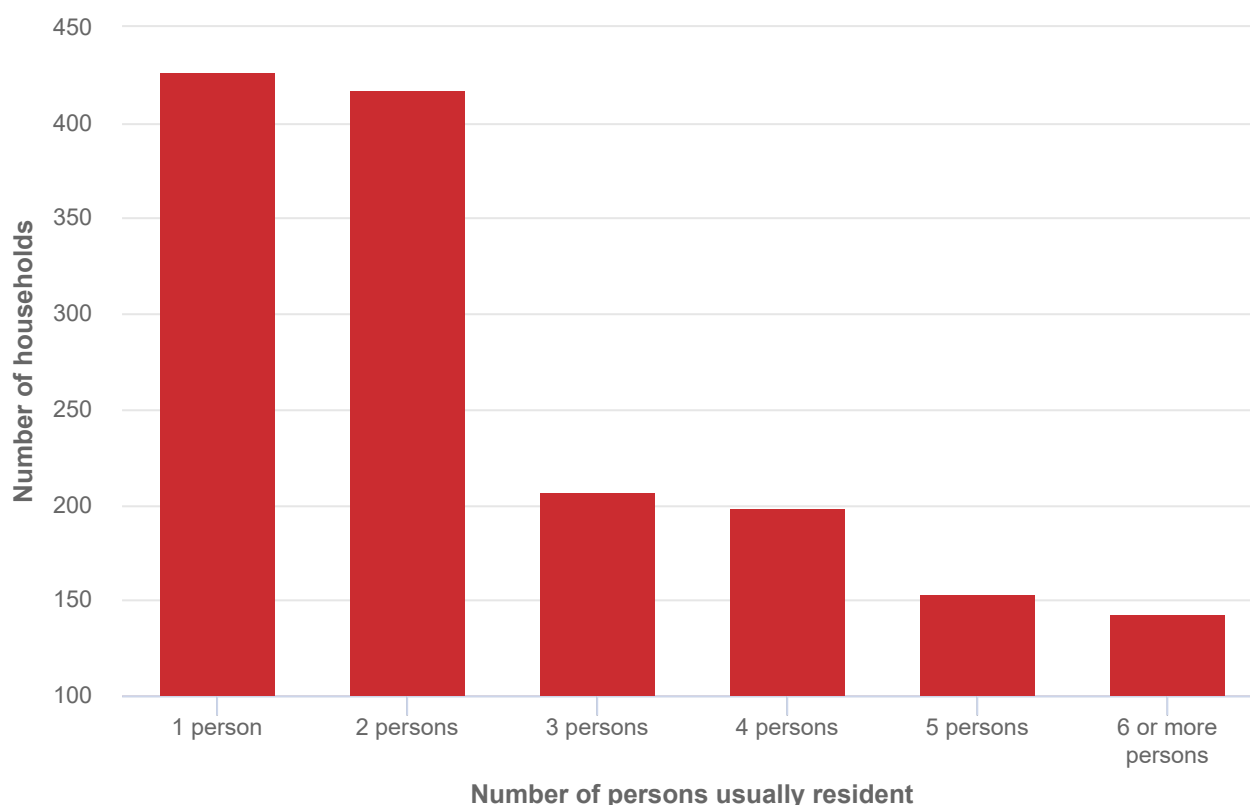
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Change in household size, 2016 to 2021

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of persons usually resident in a household in Swan Hills compared with Western Australia shows that there were a lower proportion of lone person households, and a higher proportion of larger households (those with 4 persons or more). Overall there were 16.5% of lone person households, and 33.7% of larger households, compared with 25.4% and 25.2% respectively for Western Australia.

The major differences in the household size for Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of households with 4 persons usually resident (19.8% compared to 15.9%)
- A *larger* percentage of households with 5 persons usually resident (8.9% compared to 6.4%)
- A *larger* percentage of households with 6 or more persons usually resident (5.0% compared to 2.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households with 1 person usually resident (16.5% compared to 25.4%)

Emerging groups

The number of households in Swan Hills increased by 1,546 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the number of persons usually resident in a household in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were:

- 1 person (+427 households)
- 2 persons (+418 households)
- 3 persons (+207 households)
- 4 persons (+198 households)

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Family blending

Information on blended and intact families can be an indicator of the level of family breakup and repartnering within the area, and a potential indicator of socio-economic disadvantage. Family blending only applies to couple families with children. For information more broadly about household and family types, including single-parent families, please see Household Type, Households with Children, and Households without Children.

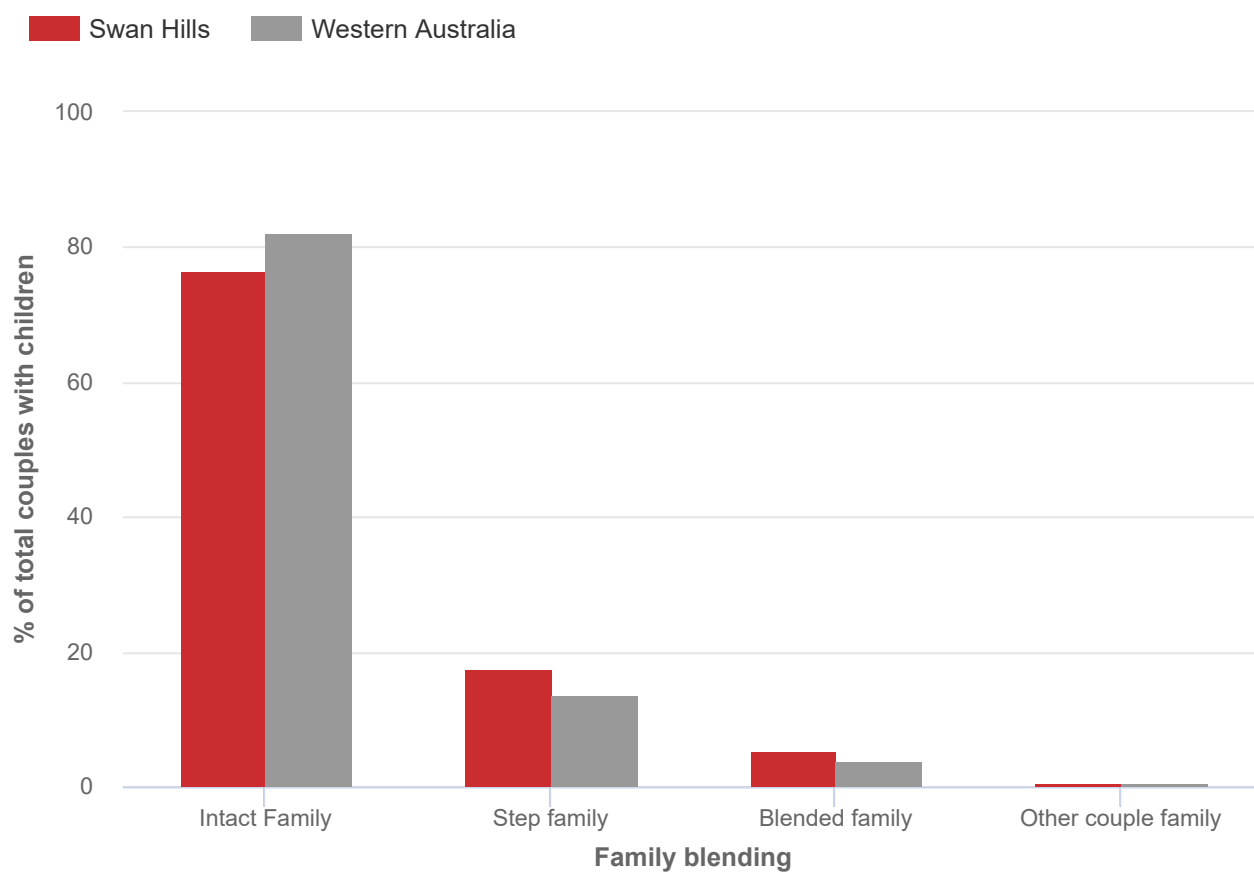
Family blending

Swan Hills - Total couples with children (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Family blending by type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Intact Family	5,030	76.7	82.2	5,299	87.4	88.9	-269
Step family	1,155	17.6	13.5	426	7.0	6.6	+729
Blended family	341	5.2	3.8	307	5.1	3.9	+34
Other couple family	34	0.5	0.6	29	0.5	0.6	+5
Total couples with children	6,560	100.0	100.0	6,061	100.0	100.0	+499

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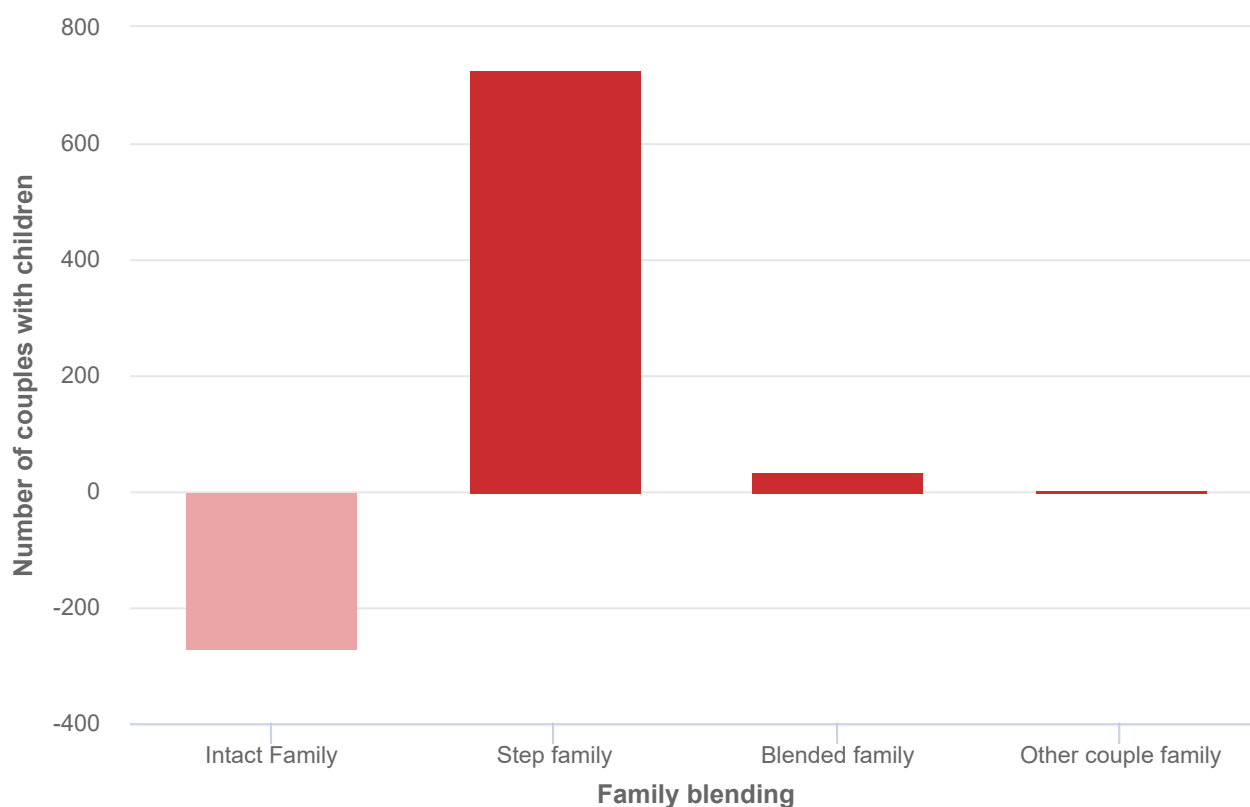
Family blending, 2021



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Change in family blending, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the family blending in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of step families as well as a higher proportion of blended families. Overall, 17.6% of total couple families with children were step families, and 5.2% were blended families, compared with 13.5% and 3.8% respectively for Western Australia.

There were a similar proportion of other families and a lower proportion of couples without children. Overall, the proportion of other families was 0.5% compared to 0.6% in Western Australia while the proportion of intact families was 76.7% compared to 82.2% in Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The number of couple families with children in Swan Hills increased by 499 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in family blending in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Step family (+729 couples with children)
- Intact Family (-269 couples with children)

Swan Hills

Dwelling type

Dwelling Type is an important determinant of Swan Hills's residential role and function. A greater concentration of higher density dwellings is likely to attract more young adults and smaller households, often renting. Larger, detached or separate dwellings are more likely to attract families and prospective families. The residential built form often reflects market opportunities or planning policy, such as building denser forms of housing around public transport nodes or employment centres.

Dwelling Type statistics should be viewed in conjunction with **Household Size**, **Household Types**, **Housing Tenure** and **Age Structure** for a more complete picture of the housing market in Swan Hills.

If you're looking at this data to prepare a housing strategy, [learn more here](#).

Dwelling structure

Swan Hills - Dwellings (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Separate house	16,912	95.5	77.1	15,136	92.3	76.5	+1,776
Medium density	608	3.4	15.9	1,106	6.7	17.3	-498
High density	0	--	4.8	0	--	4.0	0
Caravans, cabin, houseboat	9	0.1	1.5	43	0.3	1.4	-34
Other	149	0.8	0.4	53	0.3	0.5	+96
Not stated	25	0.1	0.4	53	0.3	0.4	-28
Total Private Dwellings	17,703	100.0	100.0	16,391	100.0	100.0	+1,312

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021. Compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions).

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Dwelling type

Swan Hills	2021			2016			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Occupied private dwellings	16,487	93.0	89.5	15,164	92.1	87.4	+1,323
Unoccupied private dwellings	1,221	6.9	10.3	1,273	7.7	12.4	-52
Non private dwellings	19	0.1	0.2	21	0.1	0.2	-2
Total dwellings	17,727	100.0	100.0	16,458	100.0	100.0	+1,269

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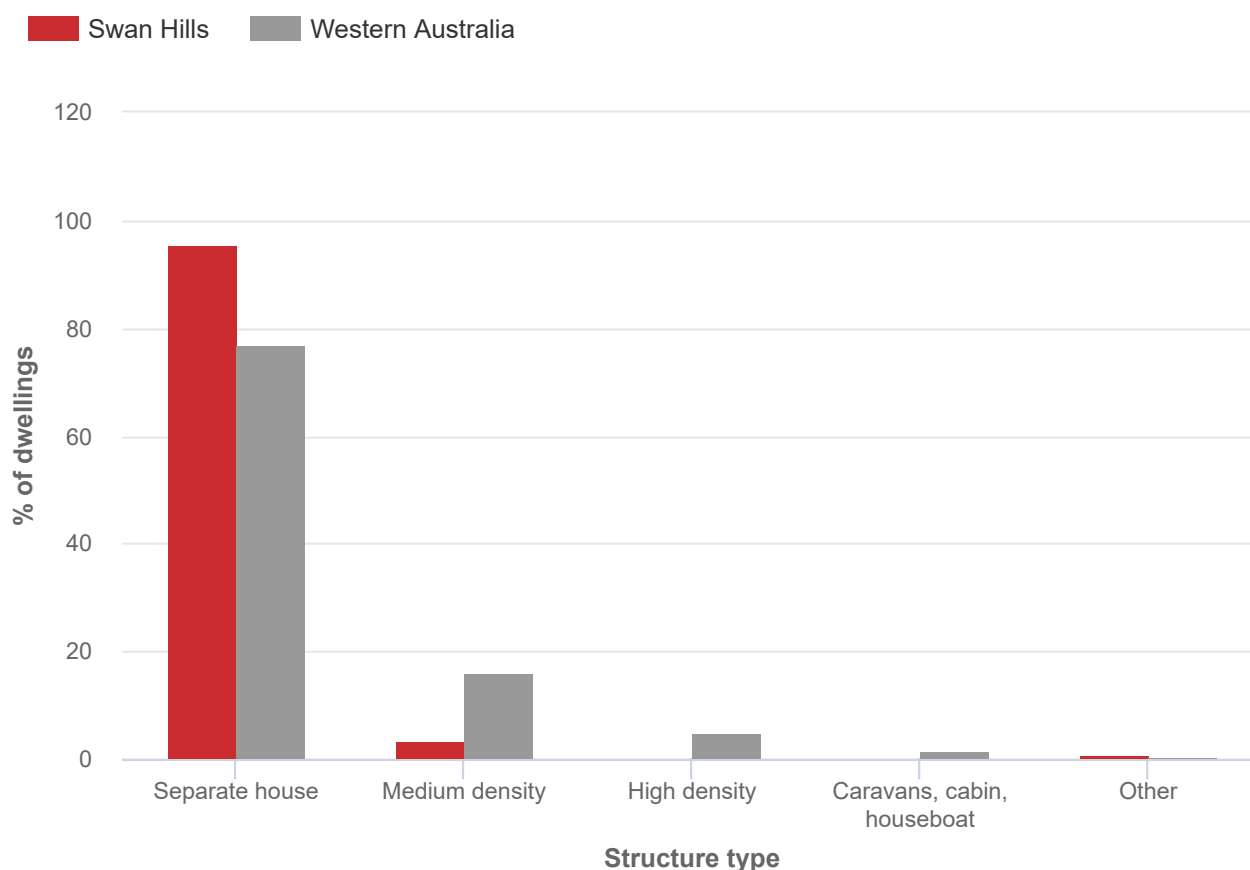
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a People in non-private dwellings

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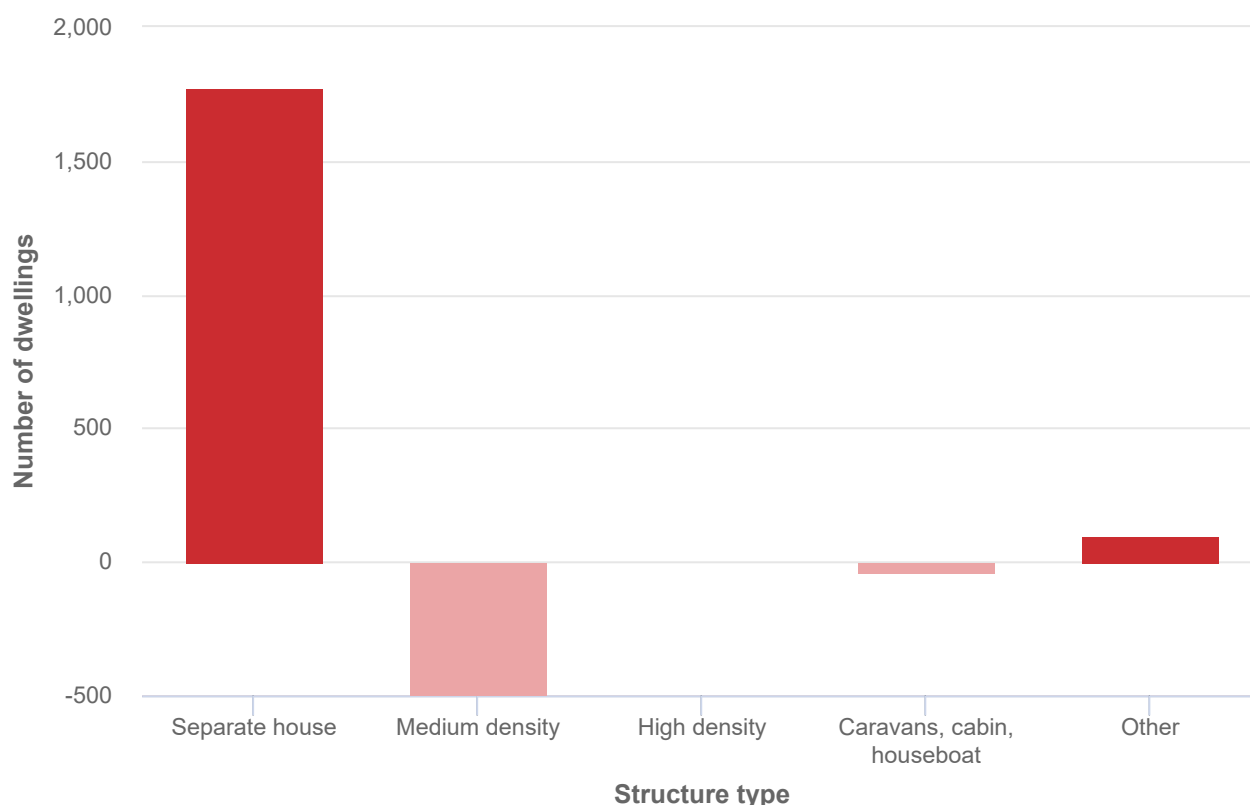
Dwelling structure, 2021



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Change in dwelling structure, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

In 2021, there were 16,912 separate houses in the area, 608 medium density dwellings, and no high density dwellings.

Analysis of the types of dwellings in Swan Hills in 2021 shows that 95.5% of all dwellings were separate houses; 3.4% were medium density dwellings, and 0% were in high density dwellings, compared with 77.1%, 15.9%, and 4.8% in the Western Australia respectively.

In 2021, a total of 93.0% of the dwellings in Swan Hills were occupied on Census night, compared to 89.5% in Western Australia. The proportion of unoccupied dwellings was 6.9%, which is smaller compared to that found in Western Australia (10.3%).

Emerging groups

The total number of dwellings in Swan Hills increased by 1,269 between 2016 and 2021.

The largest changes in the type of dwellings found in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Separate house (+1,776 dwellings)
- Medium density (-498 dwellings)
- Other (+96 dwellings)

Swan Hills

Number of bedrooms per dwelling

The Number of Bedrooms in a dwelling is an indicator of the size of dwellings, and when combined with **Dwelling Type** information, provides insight into the role Swan Hills plays in the housing market. For example, an area of high density dwellings that are predominantly 1-2 bedroom are likely to attract students, single workers and young couples, whereas a high density area with dwellings that are predominantly 2-3 bedroom may attract more empty nesters and some families.

In combination with **Household Type** and **Household Size**, the Number of Bedrooms can also indicate issues around housing affordability, overcrowding and other socio-economic factors.

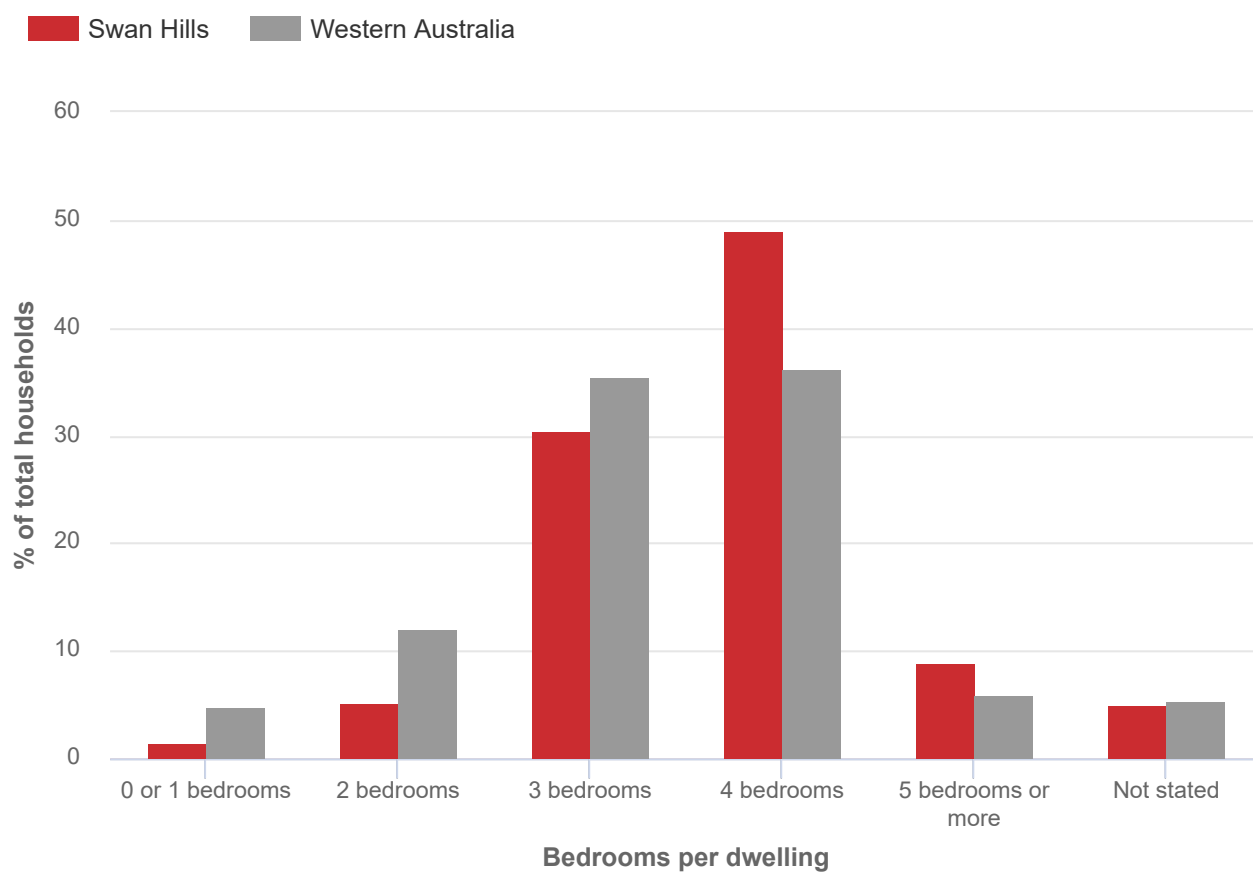
Number of bedrooms per dwelling

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2011			Change
Number of bedrooms	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2011 to 2021
0 or 1 bedrooms	231	1.4	4.8	169	1.5	4.7	+62
2 bedrooms	855	5.2	12.1	615	5.6	12.5	+239
3 bedrooms	5,012	30.4	35.5	3,282	29.7	37.2	+1,729
4 bedrooms	8,094	49.1	36.2	5,407	48.9	34.3	+2,686
5 bedrooms or more	1,458	8.8	6.0	899	8.1	5.3	+559
Not stated	828	5.0	5.4	689	6.2	6.0	+139
Total households	16,478	100.0	100.0	11,063	100.0	100.0	+5,414

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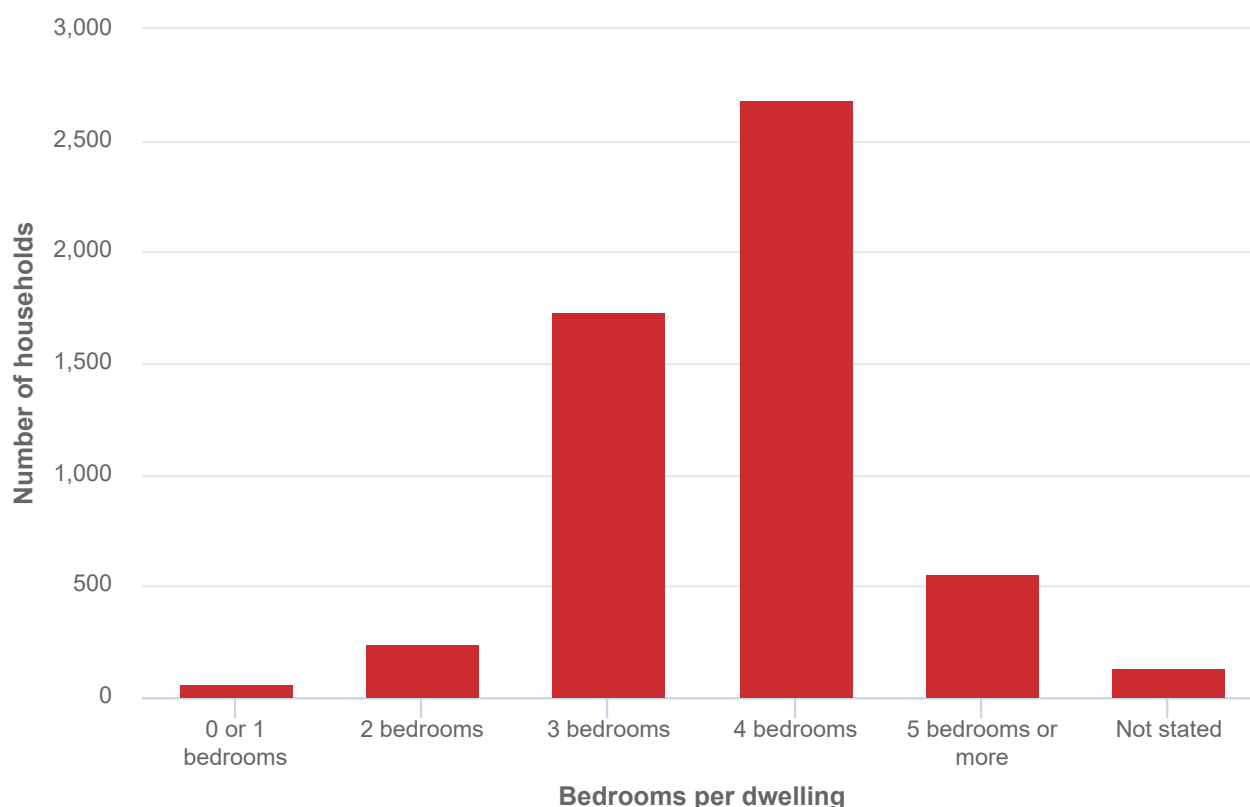
Number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2021



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Change in number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2011 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of bedrooms in dwellings in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of dwellings with 2 bedrooms or less, and a higher proportion of dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms.

Overall, 6.6% of households were in dwellings with 2 bedrooms or less, and 58.0% of 4 or more bedroom dwellings, compared with 16.9% and 42.2% for Western Australia respectively.

The major differences between the number of bedrooms per dwelling of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of 4 bedroom dwellings (49.1% compared to 36.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 2 bedroom dwellings (5.2% compared to 12.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 3 bedroom dwellings (30.4% compared to 35.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of dwellings with 1 or no bedrooms (includes bedsitters) (1.4% compared to 4.8%)

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the number of bedrooms per dwelling in Swan Hills between 2011 and 2021 were:

- 4 bedrooms (+2,686 dwellings)
- 3 bedrooms (+1,729 dwellings)
- 5 bedrooms or more (+559 dwellings)
- 2 bedrooms (+239 dwellings)

Swan Hills

Internet connection

Please note: For the 2021 Census, the ABS dropped the question regarding household internet connection. This page shows data for the 2016 and previous Censuses only.

An internet connection is now an important utility for most households in Australia. It is increasingly required for accessing essential information and taking part in the digital economy. Australia-wide in 2016, nearly 80% of all households had internet access. However, this decreases with age – seniors are less likely to have internet access at home. The lack of internet access is likely to indicate a level of disadvantage and could be related to socio-economic factors, age, or geographical isolation.

Internet connectivity in Swan Hills should be looked at in conjunction with Household Type and Age Structure, as well as Education Levels.

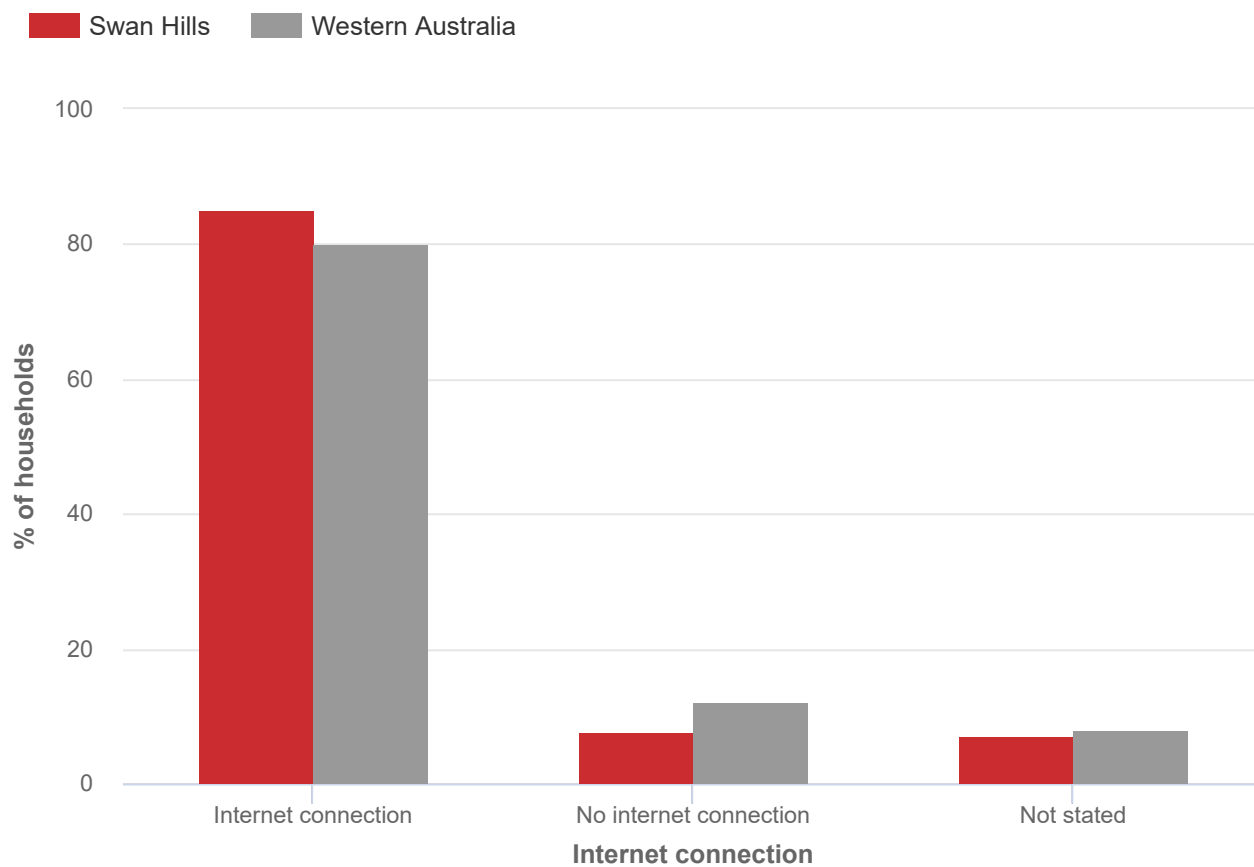
Type of internet connection

Swan Hills - Households	2016			2011			Change
Connection type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2011 to 2016
Internet connection	12,873	85.2	80.1	8,930	80.8	75.0	+3,942
No internet connection	1,154	7.6	12.1	1,184	10.7	17.3	-31
Not stated	1,091	7.2	7.9	937	8.5	7.6	+154
Total households	15,118	100.0	100.0	11,052	100.0	100.0	+4,066

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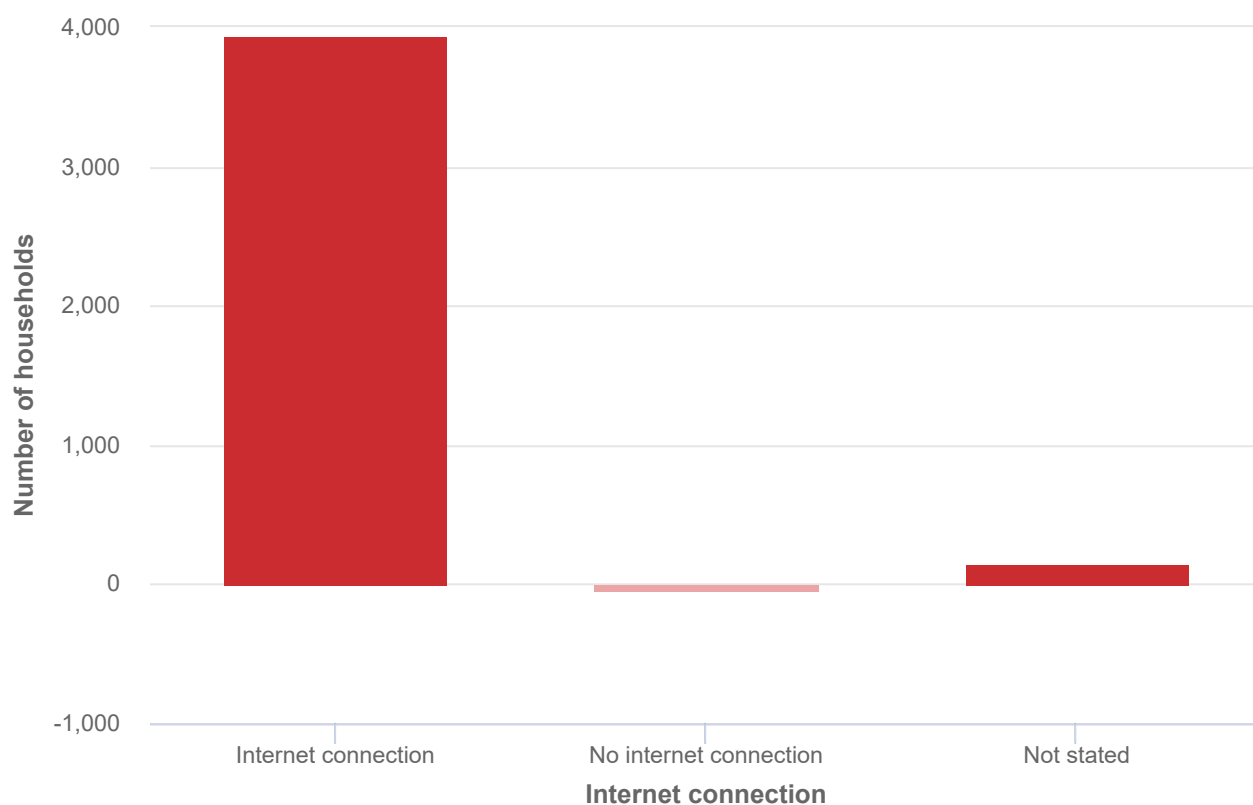
Type of internet connection, 2016



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Change in type of internet connection, 2011 to 2016

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the type of internet connection of households in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of households with an internet connection

Overall 85.2% of households had an internet connection, compared with 80.1% in Western Australia.

Emerging groups

Between 2011 and 2016 the number of households with an internet connection increased by 3,943.

Swan Hills

Number of cars per household

The ability of the population to access services and employment is strongly influenced by access to transport. The number of motor vehicles per household in Swan Hills quantifies access to private transport and will be influenced by **Age Structure** and **Household Type**, which determine the number of adults present; access to **Public Transport**; distance to shops, services, employment and education; and **Household Income**. Depending on these factors, car ownership can be seen as a measure of advantage or disadvantage, or a neutral socio-economic measure, which impacts on the environment and quality of life.

Car ownership

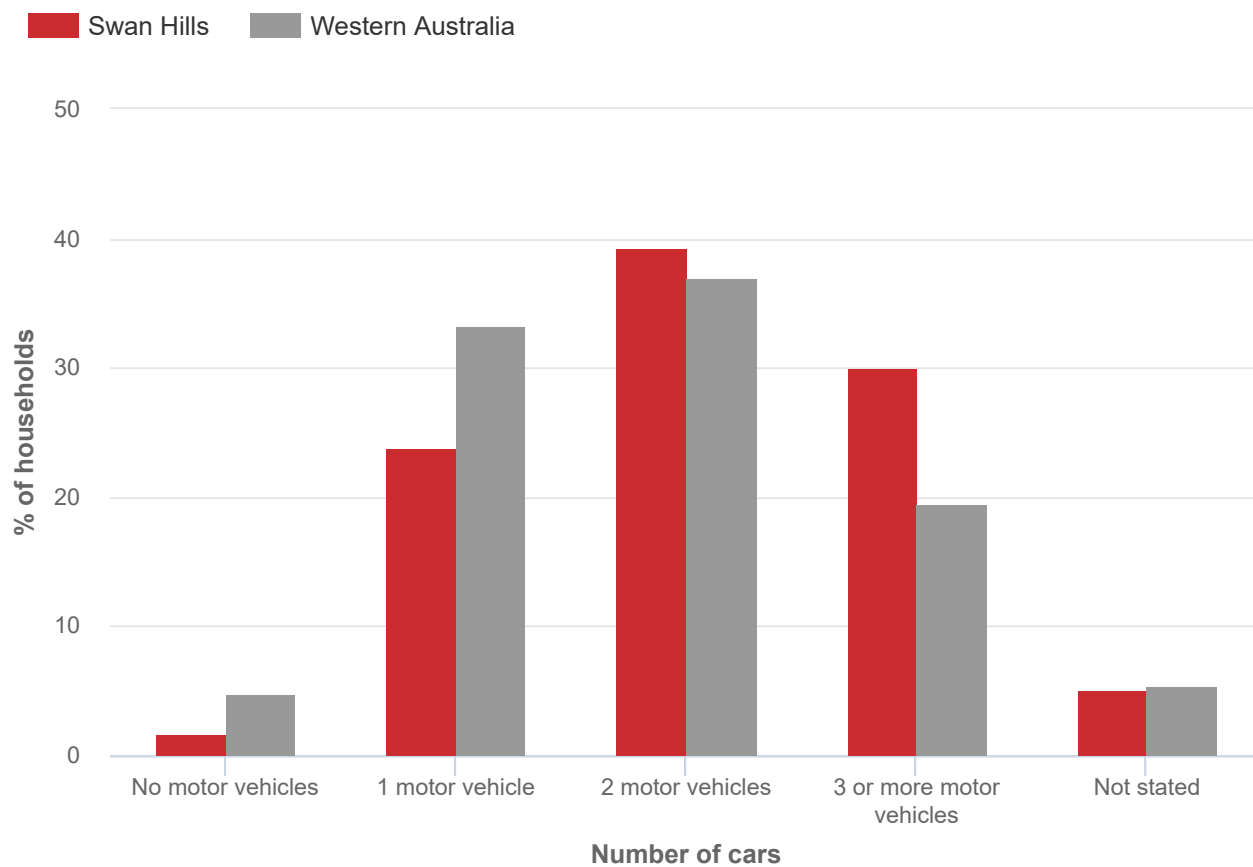
Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Number of cars	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
No motor vehicles	282	1.7	4.8	235	1.6	4.8	+47
1 motor vehicle	3,927	23.8	33.2	3,178	21.0	30.3	+749
2 motor vehicles	6,490	39.4	37.0	5,992	39.6	36.4	+498
3 or more motor vehicles	4,952	30.0	19.5	4,553	30.1	20.1	+399
Not stated	834	5.1	5.4	1,164	7.7	8.5	-330
Total households	16,485	100.0	100.0	15,122	100.0	100.0	+1,363

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a People who travelled to work by car

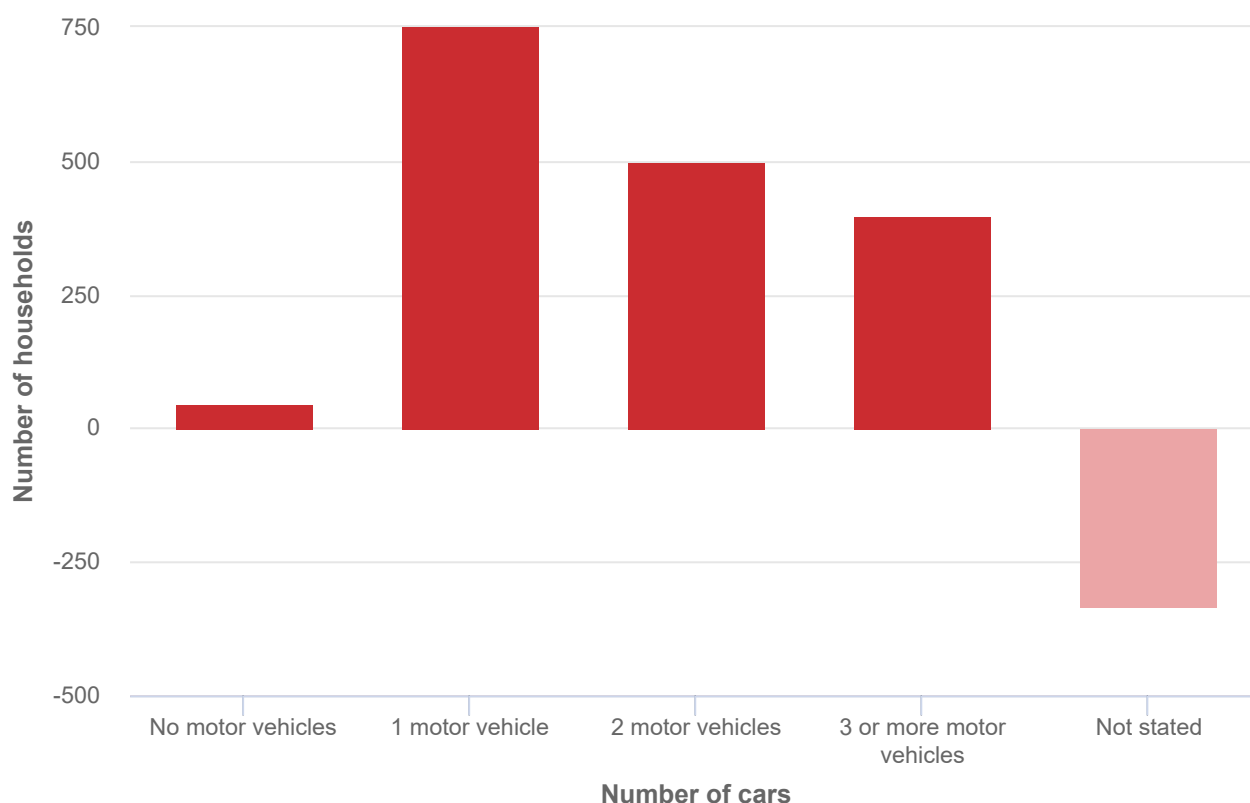
Car ownership, 2021



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Change in car ownership, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the car ownership of the households in Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that 93.2% of the households owned at least one car, while 1.7% did not, compared with 89.8% and 4.8% respectively in Western Australia.

Of those that owned at least one vehicle, there was a smaller proportion who owned just one car; a larger proportion who owned two cars; and a larger proportion who owned three cars or more.

Overall, 23.8% of the households owned one car; 39.4% owned two cars; and 30.0% owned three cars or more, compared with 33.2%; 37.0% and 19.5% respectively for Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The largest changes in the household car ownership in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were:

- 1 motor vehicle (+749 households)
- 2 motor vehicles (+498 households)
- 3 or more motor vehicles (+399 households)

Swan Hills

Housing tenure

Swan Hills's Housing Tenure data provides insights into its socio-economic status as well as the role it plays in the housing market. For example, a high concentration of private renters may indicate a transient area attractive to young singles and couples, while a concentration of home owners indicates a more settled area with mature families and empty-nesters (**Household Summary**). Tenure can also reflect built form (**Dwelling Type**), with a significantly higher share of renters in high density housing and a substantially larger proportion of home-owners in separate houses, although this is not always the case.

In conjunction with other socio-economic status indicators in Swan Hills, Tenure data is useful for analysing housing markets, housing affordability and identifying public housing areas.

Further reading: [How can Councils influence affordable housing.](#)

Housing tenure

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Tenure type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Fully owned	3,522	21.3	28.3	2,987	19.8	27.3	+535
Mortgage	9,145	55.4	37.6	8,607	56.9	36.9	+538
Renting - Total	2,826	17.1	26.4	2,283	15.1	25.6	+543
Renting - Social housing	257	1.6	3.5	215	1.4	3.8	+42
Renting - Private	2,549	15.4	22.7	2,056	13.6	21.7	+493
Renting - Not stated	20	0.1	0.2	12	0.1	0.2	+8
Other tenure type	163	1.0	2.2	159	1.1	2.2	+4
Not stated	843	5.1	5.4	1,085	7.2	7.9	-242
Total households	16,499	100.0	100.0	15,121	100.0	100.0	+1,378

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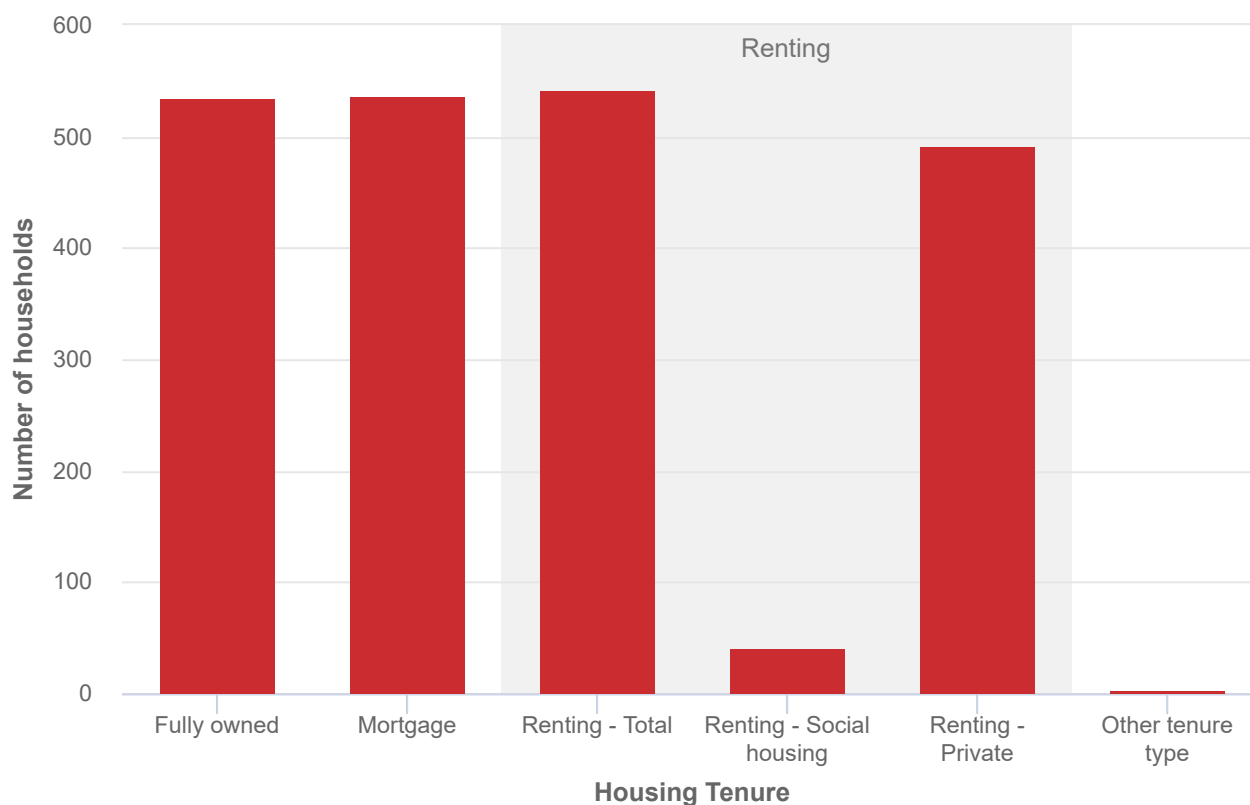
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Change in housing tenure, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the housing tenure of households of Swan Hills in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of households who owned their dwelling; a larger proportion purchasing their dwelling; and a smaller proportion who were renters.

Overall, 21.3% of households owned their dwelling; 55.4% were purchasing, and 17.1% were renting, compared with 28.3%, 37.6% and 26.4% respectively for Western Australia.

Emerging groups

The largest changes in housing tenure categories for the households in Swan Hills between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Mortgage (+538 households)
- Fully owned (+535 households)
- Renting - Private (+493 households)

The total number of households in Swan Hills increased by 1,378 between 2016 and 2021.

Swan Hills

Housing loan repayments

Mortgage repayments are directly related to house prices in Swan Hills, length of occupancy and the level of equity of home owners. When viewed with **Household Income** data it may also indicate the level of housing stress households in the community are under. In mortgage belt areas it is expected that households will be paying a higher proportion of their income on their housing compared to well-established areas. First home buyer areas are also likely to have larger mortgages than upgrader areas where households move in with equity from elsewhere.

Mortgage payment levels are not directly comparable over time because of inflation. For comparison of mortgage payments over time, go to **Housing Loan Quartiles**.

Further reading: [How can Councils influence affordable housing.](#)

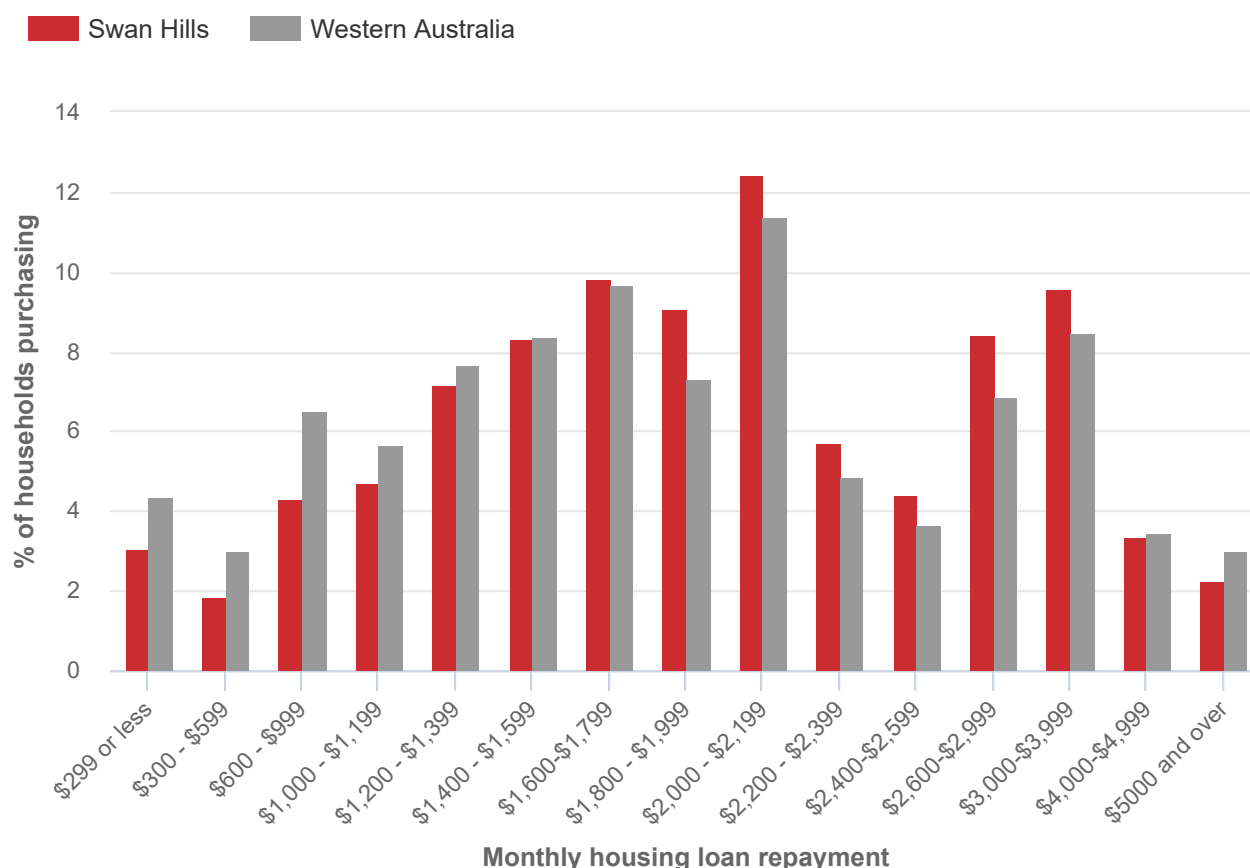
Monthly housing loan repayments

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021		
Monthly repayment amount	Number	%	Western Australia %
\$299 or less	278	3.0	4.4
\$300 - \$599	172	1.9	3.0
\$600 - \$999	394	4.3	6.5
\$1,000 - \$1,199	432	4.7	5.7
\$1,200 - \$1,399	658	7.2	7.7
\$1,400 - \$1,599	763	8.3	8.4
\$1,600-\$1,799	898	9.8	9.7
\$1,800 - \$1,999	829	9.1	7.3
\$2,000 - \$2,199	1,138	12.4	11.4
\$2,200 - \$2,399	523	5.7	4.9
\$2,400-\$2,599	406	4.4	3.7
\$2,600-\$2,999	770	8.4	6.9
\$3,000-\$3,999	877	9.6	8.5
\$4,000-\$4,999	309	3.4	3.4
\$5000 and over	207	2.3	3.0
Not stated	490	5.4	5.6
Total	9,144	100.0	100.0

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Monthly housing loan repayments, 2021



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Dominant groups

Analysis of the monthly housing loan repayments of households in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a larger proportion of households paying high mortgage repayments (\$2,600 per month or more), and a smaller proportion of households with low mortgage repayments (less than \$1,200 per month).

Overall, 23.7% of households were paying high mortgage repayments, and 14.0% were paying low repayments, compared with 21.8% and 19.6% respectively in Western Australia.

The major differences between the household loan repayments of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of \$1,800 - \$1,999 (9.1% compared to 7.3%)
- A *larger* percentage of \$2,600-\$2,999 (8.4% compared to 6.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of \$600 - \$999 (4.3% compared to 6.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of \$299 or less (3.0% compared to 4.4%)

Swan Hills

Housing loan quartiles

Mortgage repayments in Swan Hills are directly related to house prices, length of occupancy and the level of equity of home owners. When viewed with **Household Income** data it may also indicate the level of housing stress in the community.

The quartile method is the most objective method of comparing change in the mortgage payment profile of a community over time.

A detailed explanation of how Housing Loan Repayment quartiles are calculated and interpreted is available in [specific data notes](#).

Housing loan quartiles

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Loan repayment quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	1,619	18.7	25.0	1,401	16.9	25.0	+218
Medium lowest	2,189	25.3	25.0	2,119	25.6	25.0	+70
Medium highest	2,483	28.7	25.0	2,598	31.4	25.0	-115
Highest group	2,362	27.3	25.0	2,162	26.1	25.0	+200
Total households with stated mortgage repayments	8,654	100.0	100.0	8,281	100.0	100.0	+373

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Housing loan - Quartile group dollar ranges

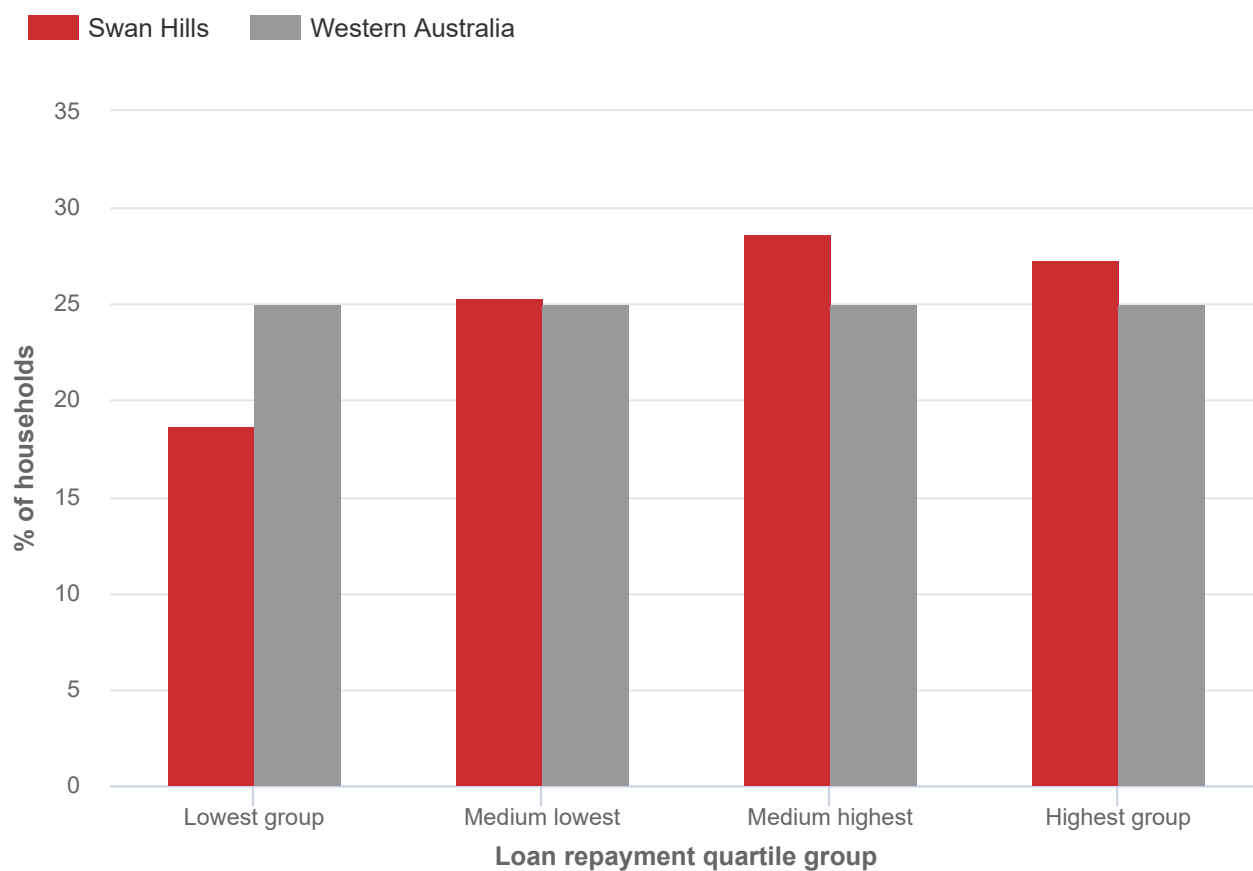
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Monthly housing loan repayments by Census year

Housing loan repayment ranges	2021	2016	2011	2006	2001
Lowest group	\$0 to \$1,303	\$0 to \$1,314	\$0 to \$1,221	\$0 to \$826	\$0 to \$605
Medium lowest	\$1,304 to \$1,851	\$1,315 to \$1,995	\$1,222 to \$1,969	\$827 to \$1,241	\$606 to \$855
Medium highest	\$1,852 to \$2,501	\$1,996 to \$2,685	\$1,970 to \$2,786	\$1,242 to \$1,791	\$856 to \$1,161
Highest group	\$2,502 and over	\$2,686 and over	\$2,787 and over	\$1,792 and over	\$1,162 and over

- a Home owners (households who fully own their dwelling)
- a Households with a mortgage
- a Median weekly mortgage repayments
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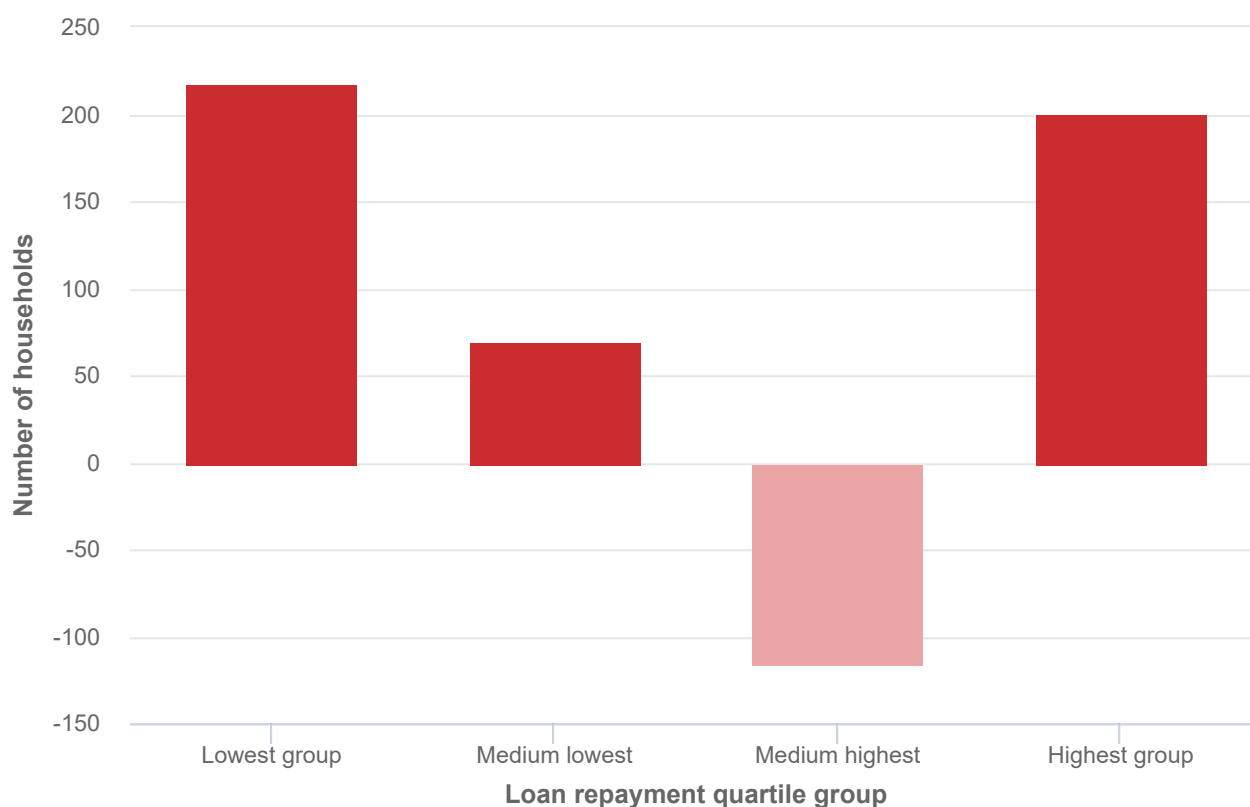
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Change in housing loan quartiles, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



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Dominant groups

Housing loan repayment quartiles allow us to compare relative repayment liabilities across time. Analysis of the distribution of households by housing loan repayment quartiles in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a larger proportion of households in the highest repayment quartile, and a smaller proportion in the lowest repayment quartile.

Emerging groups

The total number of households with a mortgage in Swan Hills decreased by 8,281 between 2016 and 2021. The most significant change in Swan Hills during this period was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 218 households.

Swan Hills

Housing rental payments

Rental payments can be a better measure of the cost of housing in Swan Hills than mortgage repayments because they are not contingent on length of occupancy or equity in the dwelling.

High rental payments may indicate desirable areas with mobile populations who prefer to rent, or a housing shortage, or gentrification. Low rental payments may indicate public housing (check **Tenure Type**), or areas where low income households move by necessity for a lower cost of living.

Rental payments are not directly comparable over time because of inflation. For comparison of rental payments over time, go to **Housing Rental Quartiles**.

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Weekly housing rental payments

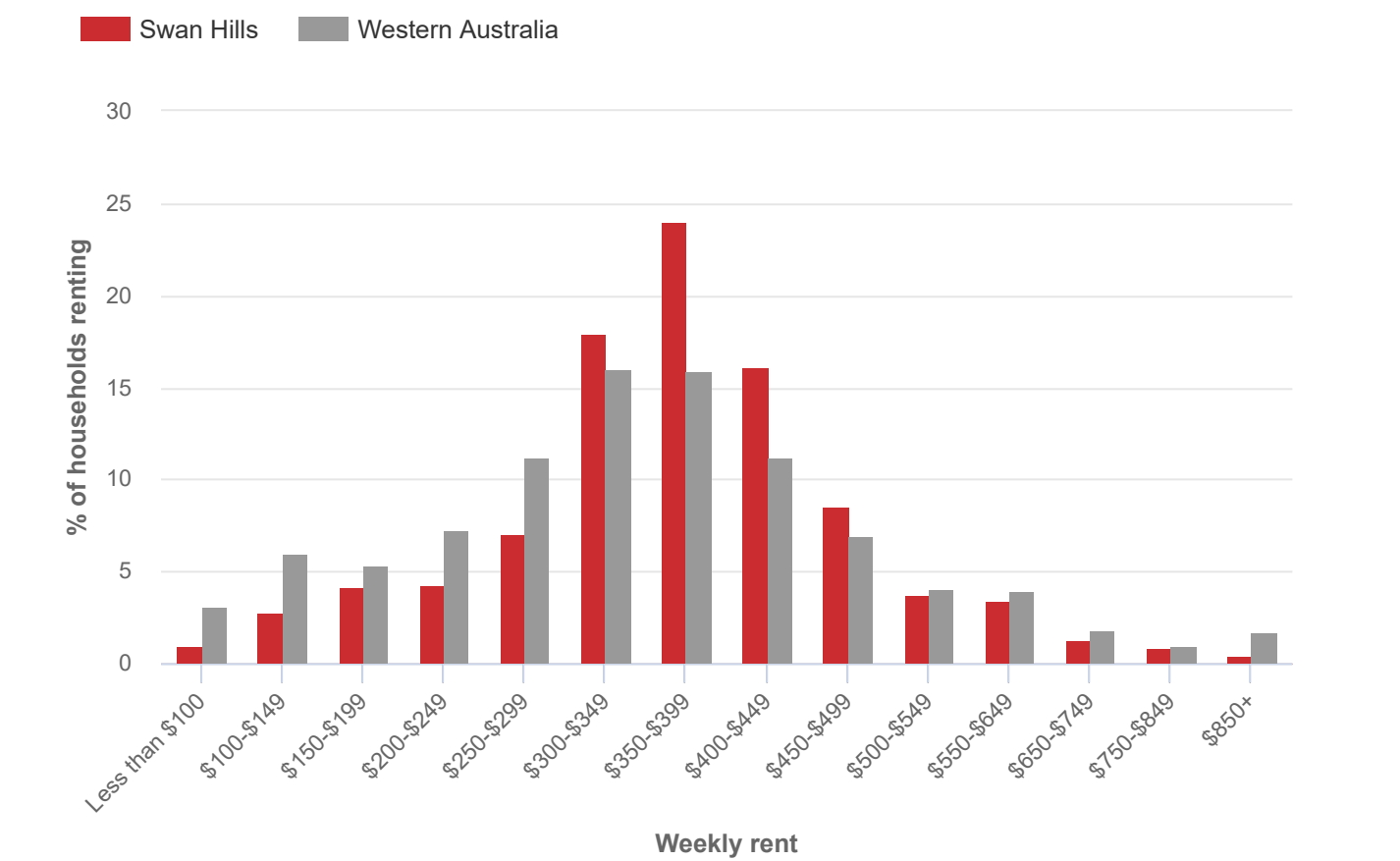
Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021		
Weekly rental amount	Number	%	Western Australia %
Less than \$100	28	1.0	3.1
\$100-\$149	77	2.7	6.0
\$150-\$199	118	4.2	5.3
\$200-\$249	120	4.3	7.2
\$250-\$299	198	7.0	11.2
\$300-\$349	507	18.0	16.0
\$350-\$399	678	24.0	16.0
\$400-\$449	455	16.1	11.2
\$450-\$499	240	8.5	7.0
\$500-\$549	106	3.8	4.0
\$550-\$649	96	3.4	3.9
\$650-\$749	36	1.3	1.8
\$750-\$849	24	0.9	1.0
\$850+	11	0.4	1.7
Not stated	127	4.5	4.7
Total households renting	2,821	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing 2021](#). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

[Please refer to specific data notes for more information](#)

- a Households renting social housing
- a Households renting privately
- a Median weekly rental payments
- a High rental payments (more than \$450 per week)

Weekly housing rental payments, 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Analysis of the weekly housing rental payments of households in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of households paying high rental payments (\$450 per week or more), as well as a smaller proportion of households with low rental payments (less than \$250 per week).

Overall, 18.2% of households were paying high rental payments, and 12.2% were paying low payments, compared with 19.4% and 21.6% respectively in Western Australia.

The major differences between the housing rental payments of Swan Hills and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of \$350-\$399 (24.0% compared to 16.0%)
- A *larger* percentage of \$400-\$449 (16.1% compared to 11.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of \$250-\$299 (7.0% compared to 11.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of \$100-\$149 (2.7% compared to 6.0%)

Swan Hills

Housing rental quartiles

Rental payments in Swan Hills are indicative of its residential role and function and are directly related to the value of residential property. When viewed with **Household Income** data they may also indicate the level of 'housing stress' in the community.

The quartile method is the most objective method of comparing change in the rental costs of a community over time.

A detailed explanation of how Housing Rental Payment quartiles are calculated and interpreted is available in [specific data notes](#).

Housing rental quartiles

Swan Hills - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	382	14.2	25.0	309	14.0	25.0	+73
Medium lowest	630	23.4	25.0	444	20.1	25.0	+186
Medium highest	988	36.7	25.0	838	38.0	25.0	+149
Highest group	692	25.7	25.0	616	27.9	25.0	+76
Total households with stated rent	2,694	100.0	100.0	2,210	100.0	100.0	+484

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing 2016 and 2021](#). Compiled and presented by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

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Housing rental - Quartile group dollar ranges

Calculated from rental payment data for
WA

Weekly housing rental payments by Census year

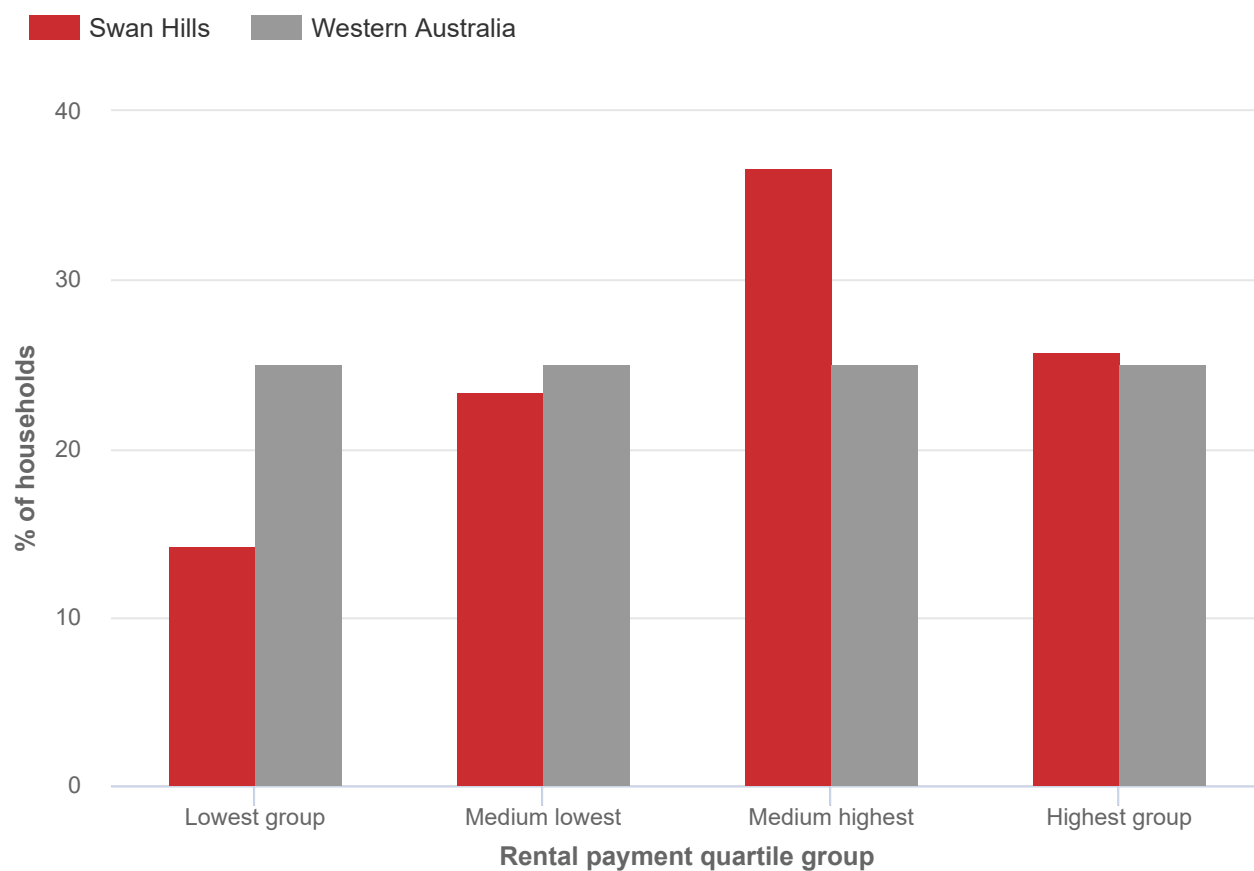
Rental payment ranges	2021	2016	2011	2006	2001
Lowest group	\$0 to \$259	\$0 to \$254	\$0 to \$200	\$0 to \$123	\$0 to \$93
Medium lowest	\$260 to \$345	\$255 to \$356	\$201 to \$308	\$124 to \$176	\$94 to \$132
Medium highest	\$346 to \$429	\$357 to \$437	\$309 to \$385	\$177 to \$230	\$133 to \$177
Highest group	\$430 and over	\$438 and over	\$386 and over	\$231 and over	\$178 and over

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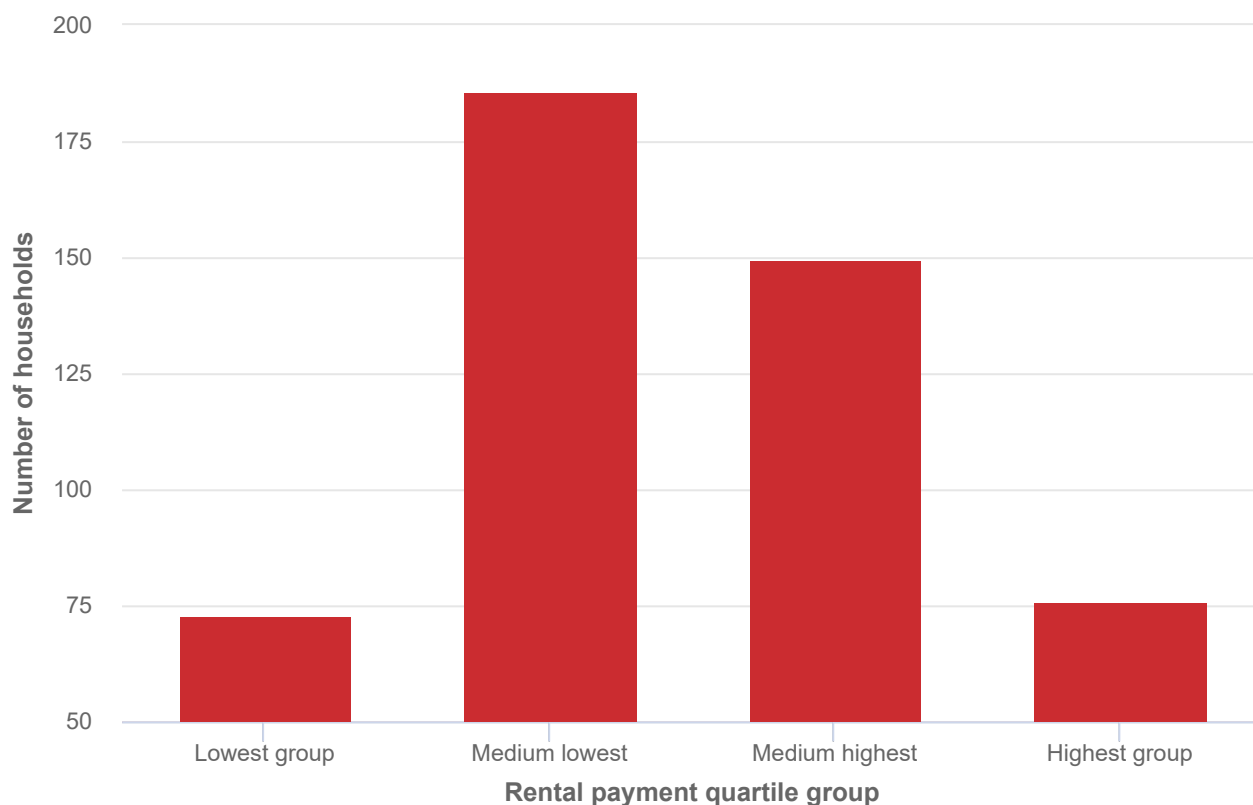
Housing rental quartiles for 2021



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

Change in housing rental quartiles, 2016 to 2021

Swan Hills



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Census of Population and Housing](#), 2016 and 2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions).

Dominant groups

Rental payment quartiles allow us to compare relative rental liabilities across time. Analysis of the distribution of households by rental payment quartiles in Swan Hills compared to Western Australia shows that there was a larger proportion of households in the highest payment quartile, and a smaller proportion in the lowest payment quartile.

Emerging groups

The total number of households renting their dwelling in Swan Hills increased by 484 between 2016 and 2021. The most significant change during this period was in the medium lowest quartile which showed an increase of 186 households.

Western Australia

Residential building approvals

The Western Australia Parliamentary Library's building approvals are used as a leading indicator of the general level of residential development, economic activity, employment and investment. Residential building activity depends on many factors that vary with the state of the economy including interest rates, availability of mortgage funds, government spending, and business investment. Large financial changes or shocks, such as the Global Financial Crisis of 2008/09 can be observed in the data. However, the number of building approvals can fluctuate substantially from year to year simply as a result of the short-term nature of many construction projects, and the cyclical nature of the industry.

Residential building approvals

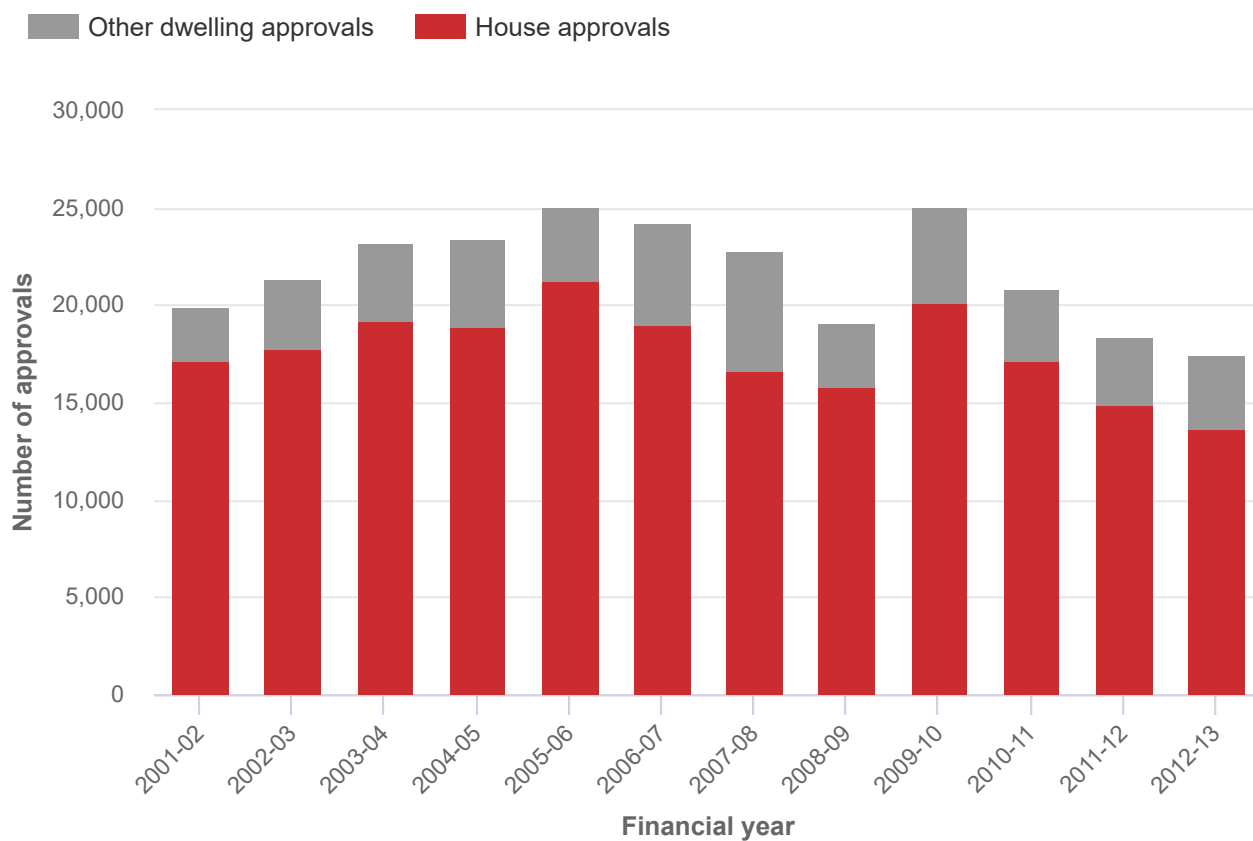
Western Australia Parliamentary Library				Number			Annual change		
Year (ending June 30)	Houses	Other	Total	Houses	Other	Total			
2012-13	13,651	3,815	17,466	-1,287	+412	-875			
2011-12	14,938	3,403	18,341	-2,213	-252	-2,465			
2010-11	17,151	3,655	20,806	-3,033	-1,179	-4,212			
2009-10	20,184	4,834	25,018	+4,343	+1,543	+5,886			
2008-09	15,841	3,291	19,132	-769	-2,929	-3,698			
2007-08	16,610	6,220	22,830	-2,355	+938	-1,417			
2006-07	18,965	5,282	24,247	-2,271	+1,460	-811			
2005-06	21,236	3,822	25,058	+2,324	-732	+1,592			
2004-05	18,912	4,554	23,466	-321	+537	+216			
2003-04	19,233	4,017	23,250	+1,461	+403	+1,864			
2002-03	17,772	3,614	21,386	+648	+840	+1,488			
2001-02	17,124	2,774	19,898	--	--	--			

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0). Compiled and presented in profile.id by [.id](#) (informed decisions)

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Residential building approvals

Western Australia Parliamentary Library



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Western Australia

About the community profile

Demographic change across Australia is recorded by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Census collections every five years. Population experts .id (**informed decisions**) analyse and convert these raw figures into stories of place to inform council staff, community groups, investors, business, students and the general public.

The Western Australia Parliamentary Library Electorate Profiles provides demographic analysis for the State and its suburbs based on results from the 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991 Censuses of Population and Housing. The profile is updated with population estimates when the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases new figures such as the annual Estimated Resident Population (ERP).

Suburb boundaries and Census questions change over time, but .id manages the data to ensure that there is an accurate time series provided for the current geographic boundaries. You can read more about this in the **Geography Notes** section.

Results for the Western Australia Parliamentary Library include population, age structure, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, income, qualifications, occupations, employment, unemployment, disability, disadvantage, volunteering, childcare, family structure, household structure, housing tenure, mortgage and rental payments, and the size and type of the dwellings people live in.

The Community Profile presents this information in clear maps, tables and charts with concise factual commentary to answer three important questions:

1. What are the characteristics of the people who live here?
2. How are they changing?
3. How do they compare to other areas?

This provides the basis for making evidence-based decisions about how to provide services for the community as it changes.

You can be confident about the quality of the information as it is derived from Australian Bureau of Statistics data, analysed and presented by population experts and funded by the Western Australia Parliamentary Library.