

# Western Australia Parliamentary Library

2021 Census Results  
Geraldton

Comparison year: 2016  
Benchmark area: Western Australia



## community profile

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# Welcome to the Western Australia Parliamentary Library Electorate Profiles

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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

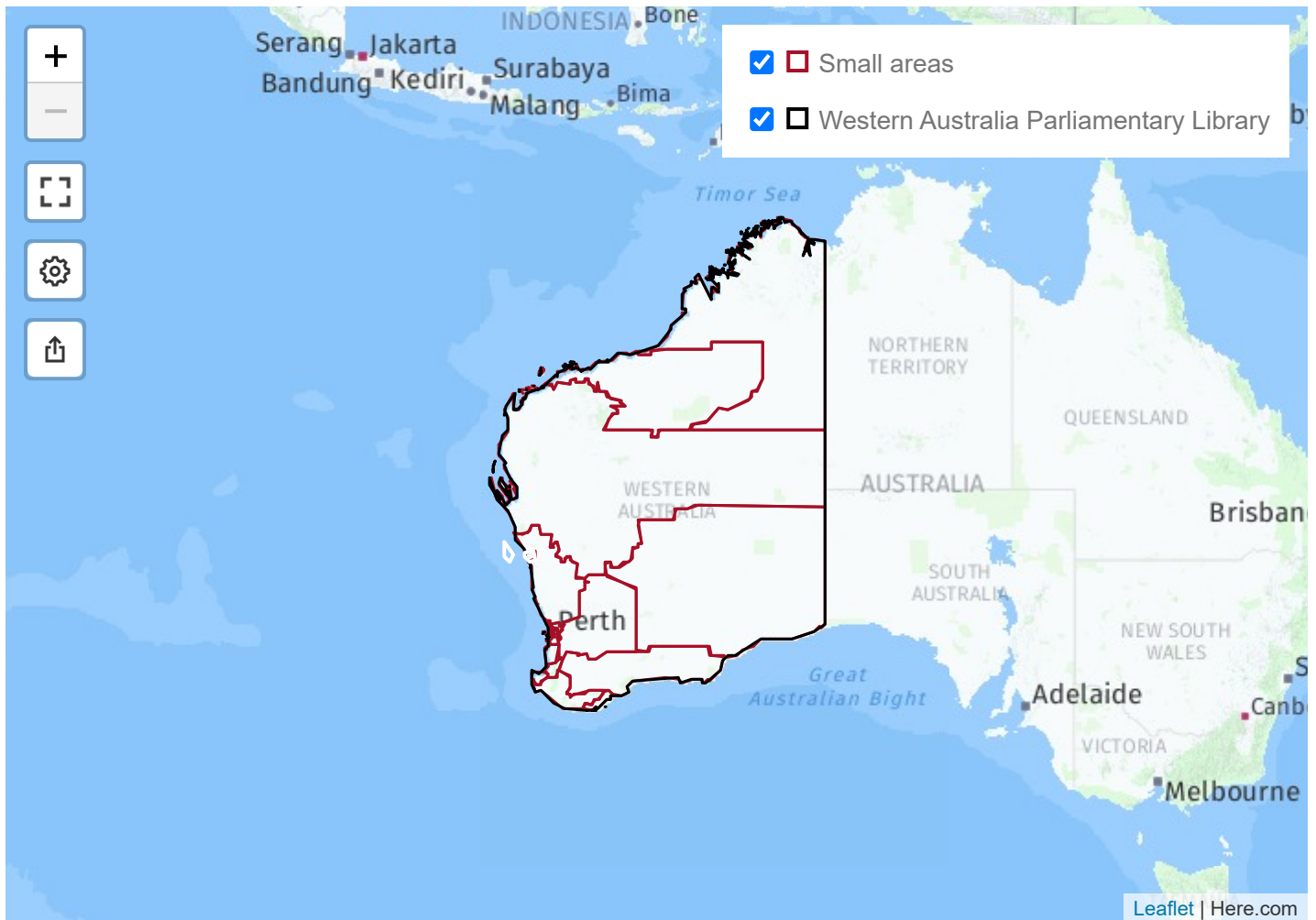
**2,531,514**

square km

### Population density

**1.09**

persons per square km



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## Population highlights

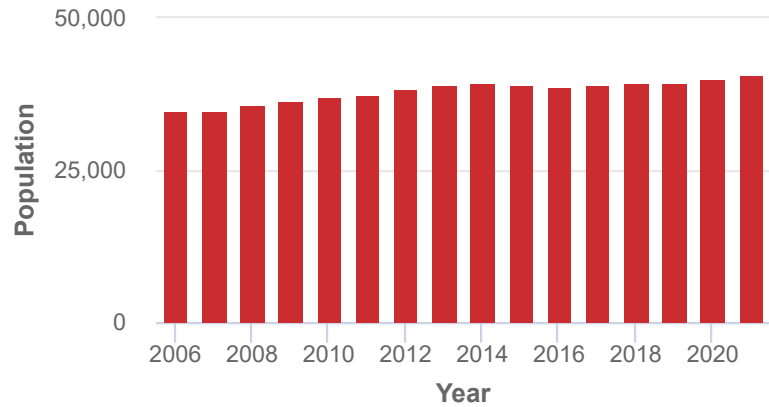
### Population

40,632

ERP, 2021

▲ Grown by 492 from the previous year.

### Estimated Resident Population Geraldton



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

40 ▲ (2)

Greater Perth	37 ▲
WA	38 ▲
Australia	38 ◀

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

9.5% ◀ (0.1%)

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

### Couples with children

24% ▼ (-2.6%)

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

### Older couples without children

10% ▲ (0.8%)

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

### Lone person households

25% ▲ (2.3%)

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

### Medium and high density Housing

14% ◀▶ (-0.2%)

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

### Median weekly household income

\$1,580 ▲ (\$238)

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

### Median weekly mortgage repayment

\$350 ▼ (\$-45)

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

### Median weekly rent

\$260 ▼ (\$-21)

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

### Households renting

28% ◀▶ (-0.4%)

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

### Households with a mortgage

32% ◀▶ (-0.4%)

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

### Overseas born

14% ▼ (-0.6%)

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

### Language at home other than English

8% ◀▶ (0.2%)

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

### University attendance

2% ◀▶ (0.1%)

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

### University qualification

12% ▲ (1.8%)

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

### Trade qualification (certificate)

26% ▲ (1.4%)

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

### Unemployment rate

5.2% ▼ (-3.6%)

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

### Participation rate (population in labour force)

60% ◀▶ (0.1%)

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

### Worked at home

4% ▲ (0.9%)

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

### SEIFA index of disadvantage 2016

969

Greater Perth	1026 ▲
WA	1015 ▲
Australia	1002 ▲

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About the profile areas

## Important Statistics

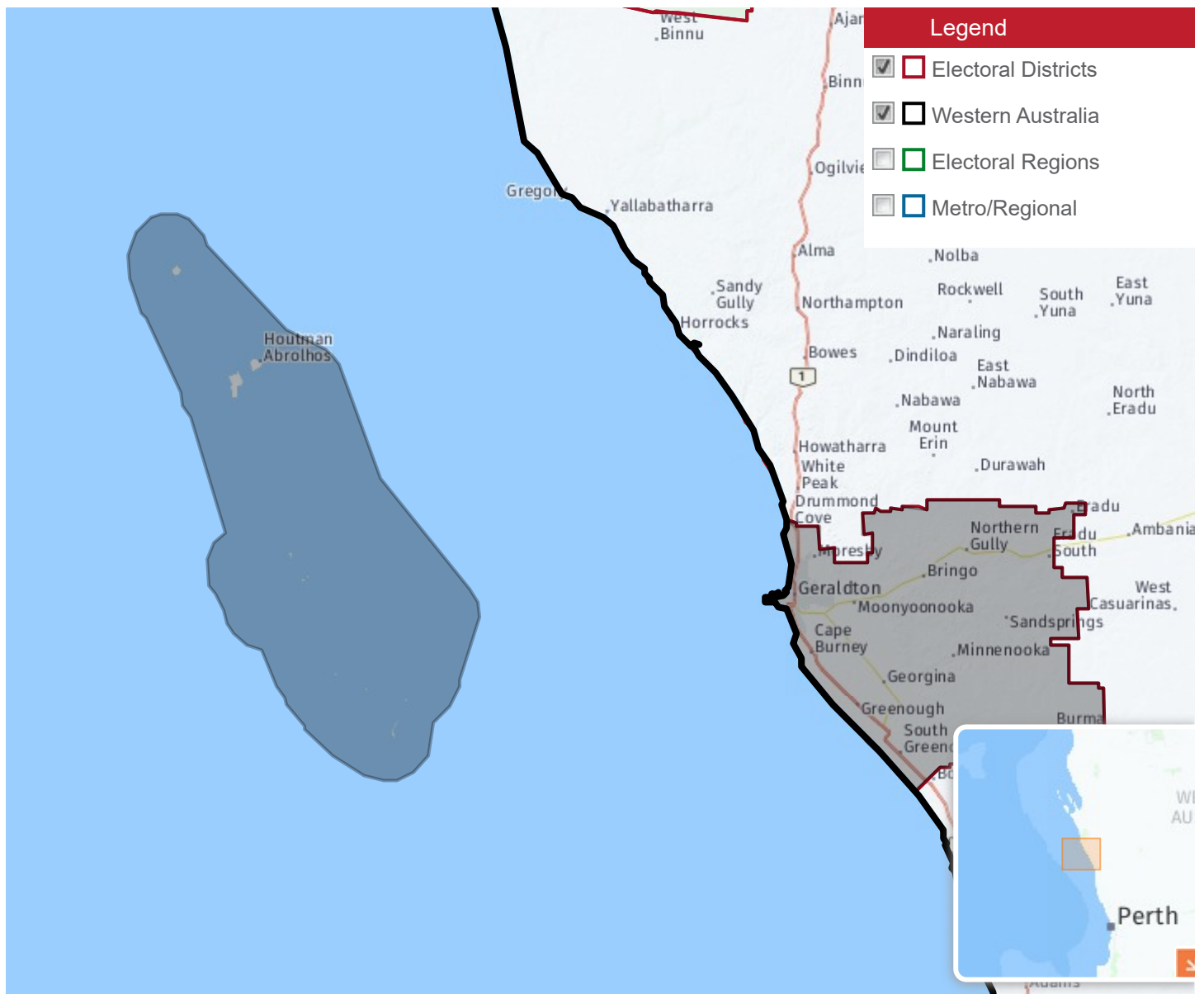
**Population**  
**40,632**  
 2021 ABS ERP

**Land area**  
**4,229**  
 square km

**Population density**  
**9.61**  
 persons per square km

## Profile areas

Geraldton



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# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton at the last Census, with comparisons to previous Census years for the Census counts only. The current estimate for Geraldton 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 Geraldton 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

<b>Geraldton - Total persons</b>	<b>2021</b>			<b>2016</b>			<b>Change</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Western Australia %</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Western Australia %</b>	<b>2016 to 2021</b>
Estimated Resident Population	40,632	--	--	38,893	--	--	+1,739
Enumerated Population	38,656	--	--	37,654	--	--	+1,002
Usual Resident Population	38,940	--	--	38,109	--	--	+831

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

Geraldton - Total people (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Population group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Males	19,214	49.3	49.7	18,881	49.5	50.0	+333
Females	19,725	50.7	50.3	19,241	50.5	50.0	+484
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	3,713	9.5	3.3	3,597	9.4	3.1	+116
Australian citizens	33,283	85.5	82.8	32,263	84.6	79.0	+1,020
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	25,050	64.3	62.7	23,789	62.4	59.5	+1,261
Population over 15	31,207	80.1	81.0	30,229	79.3	80.7	+978
Employed Population	17,744	94.8	94.9	16,506	91.2	92.2	+1,238
Overseas visitors (enumerated)	44	--	--	281	--	--	-237

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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Dwellings	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total dwellings	17,701	100.0	100.0	17,208	100.0	100.0	+493
Occupied private dwellings	15,645	88.4	89.5	14,766	85.8	87.4	+879
Population in non-private dwellings	1,352	--	--	1,472	--	--	-120
<i>Average household size (persons per dwelling)</i>	2.38	--	2.48	2.47	--	2.52	-0.08

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.

# Geraldton

## 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	34,728	--	--	--
2007	34,916	+188	+0.54	+2.71
2008	35,864	+948	+2.72	+3.11
2009	36,667	+803	+2.24	+3.16
2010	37,065	+398	+1.09	+2.26
2011	37,581	+516	+1.39	+2.73
2012	38,343	+762	+2.03	+3.06
2013	39,099	+756	+1.97	+2.53
2014	39,401	+302	+0.77	+1.23
2015	39,266	-135	-0.34	+0.92
2016	38,893	-373	-0.95	+0.60
2017	39,069	+176	+0.45	+1.24
2018	39,397	+328	+0.84	+1.29
2019	39,625	+228	+0.58	+1.63
2020	40,140	+515	+1.30	+2.05
2021	40,632	+492	+1.23	+1.16

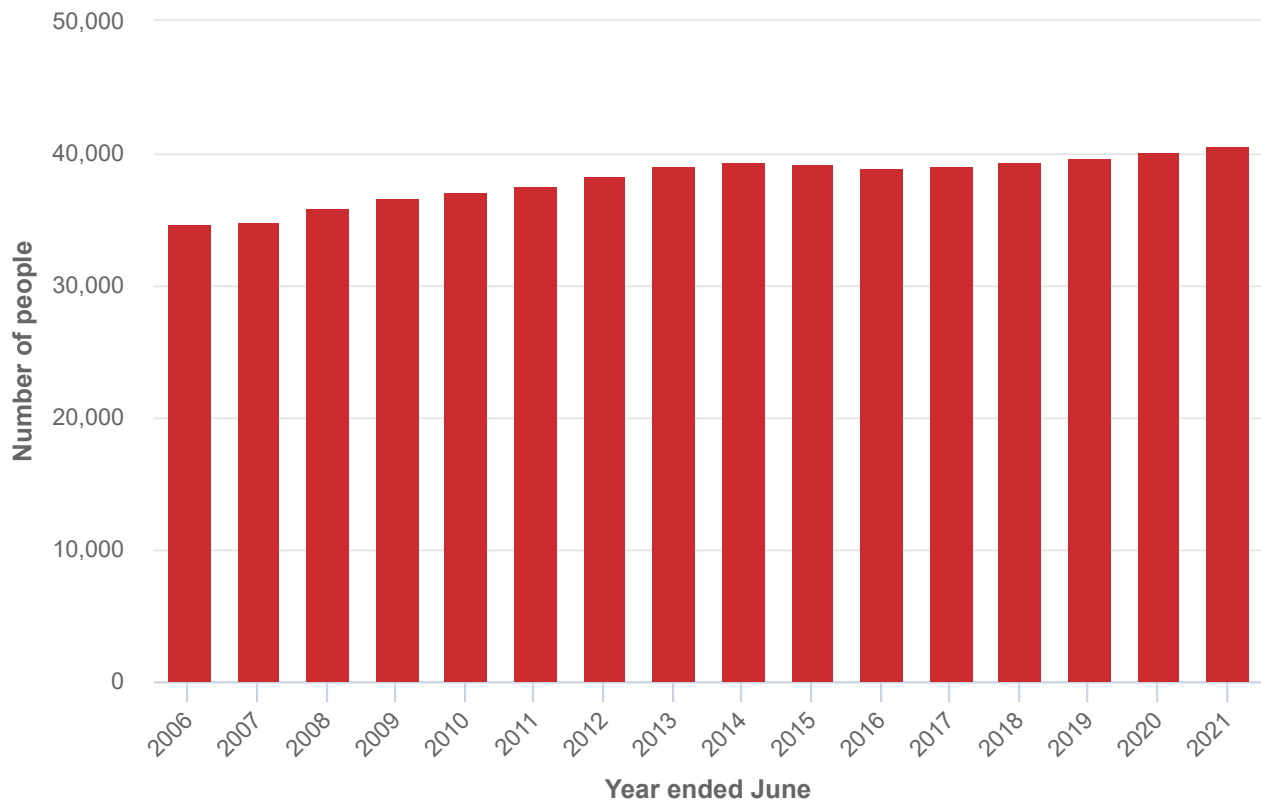
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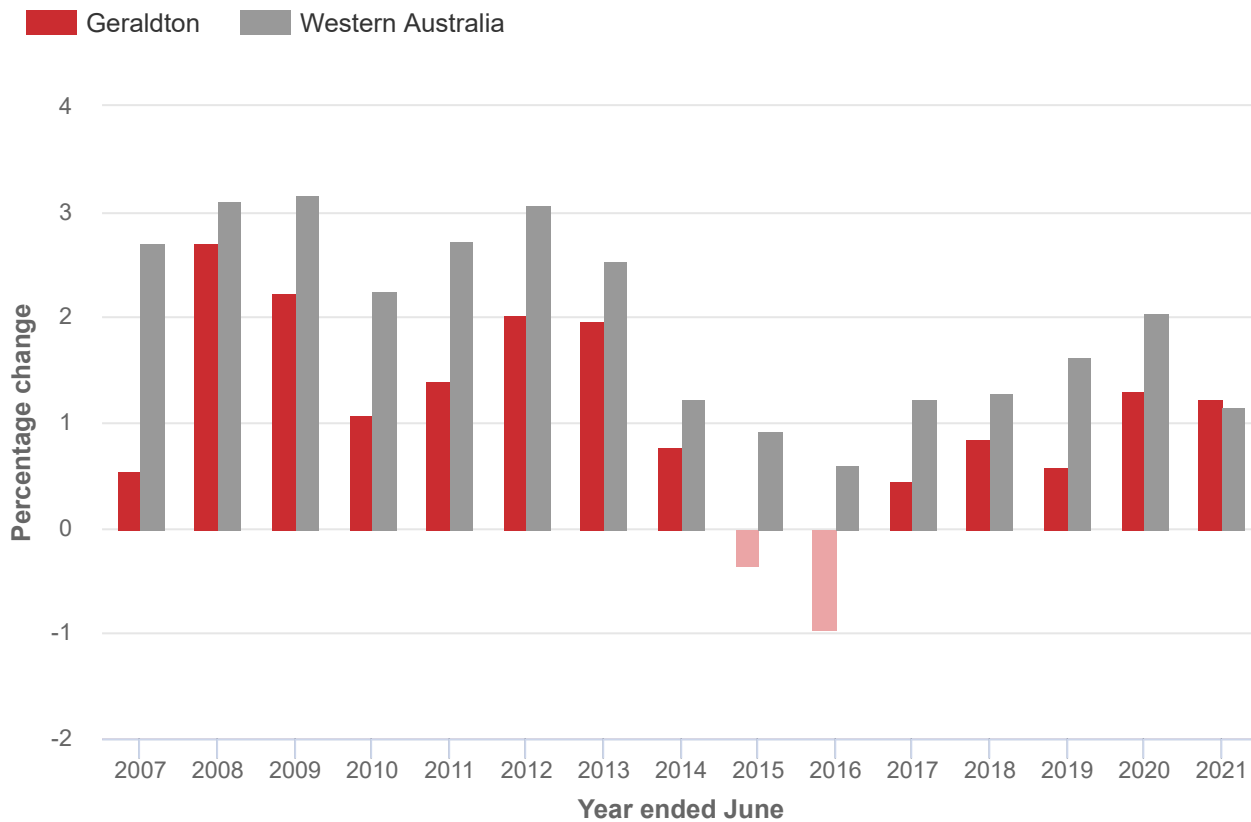
## Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

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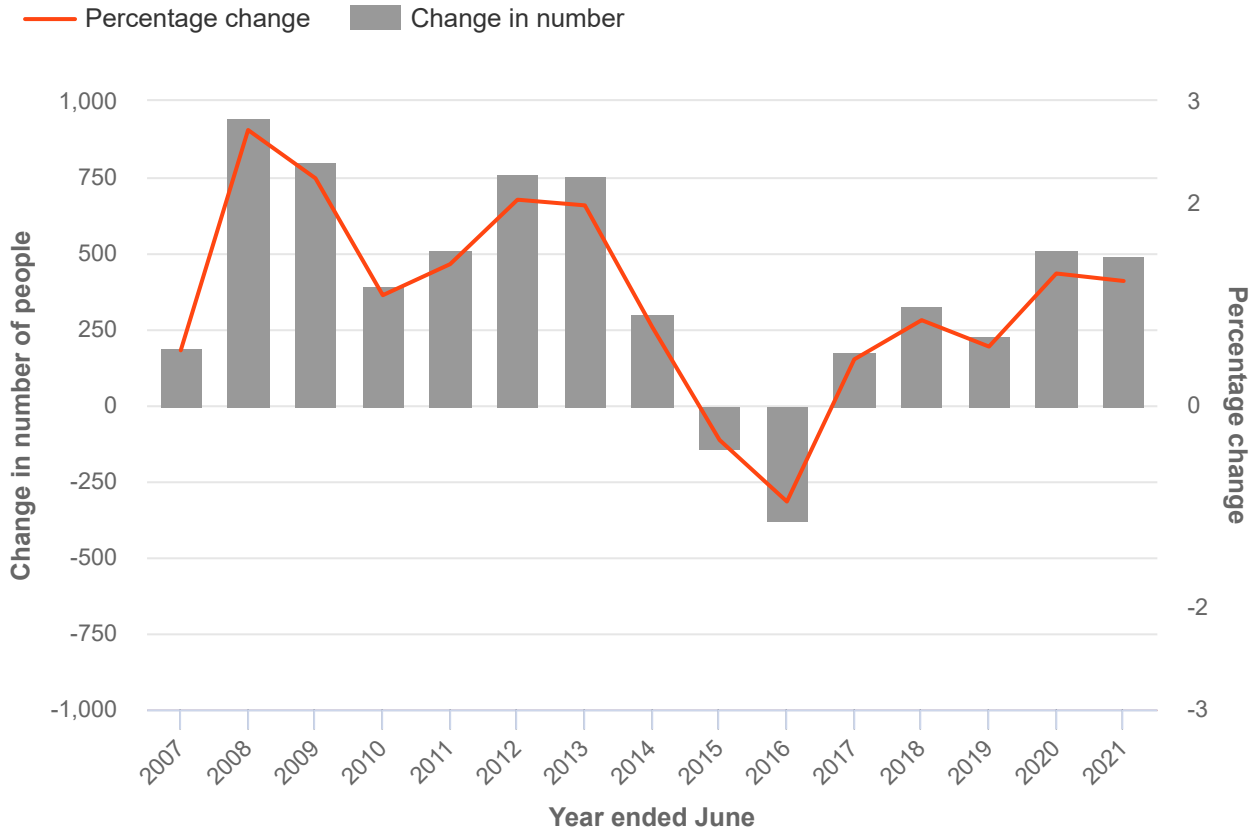
## Percentage change in ERP - Geraldton compared to Western Australia



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)

Geraldton



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

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## Service age groups

The Age Structure of Geraldton provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities such as child care. It is an indicator of Geraldton'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 Geraldton's Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with Household Types and Dwelling Types.

### Age structure - Service age groups

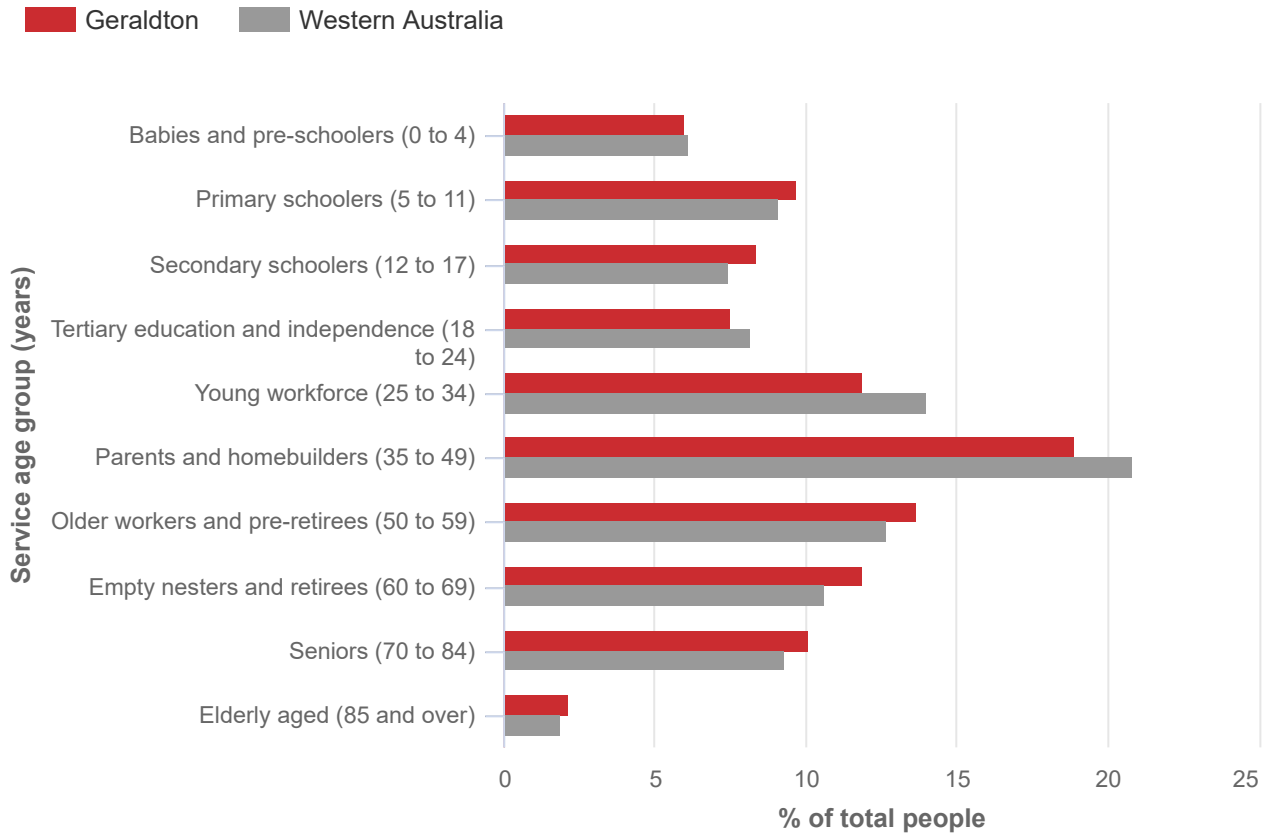
Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Service age group (years)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	2,318	6.0	6.1	2,516	6.6	6.5	-198
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	3,765	9.7	9.1	3,779	9.9	9.1	-14
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	3,264	8.4	7.4	3,323	8.7	7.2	-59
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	2,919	7.5	8.2	3,139	8.2	8.9	-220
Young workforce (25 to 34)	4,630	11.9	14.0	4,641	12.2	15.3	-11
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	7,352	18.9	20.8	7,734	20.3	20.9	-382
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	5,311	13.6	12.6	5,220	13.7	12.6	+91
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	4,609	11.8	10.6	4,016	10.5	10.1	+593
Seniors (70 to 84)	3,934	10.1	9.3	3,120	8.2	7.6	+814
Elderly aged (85 and over)	832	2.1	1.9	621	1.6	1.7	+211
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,934</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,109</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+825</b>

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

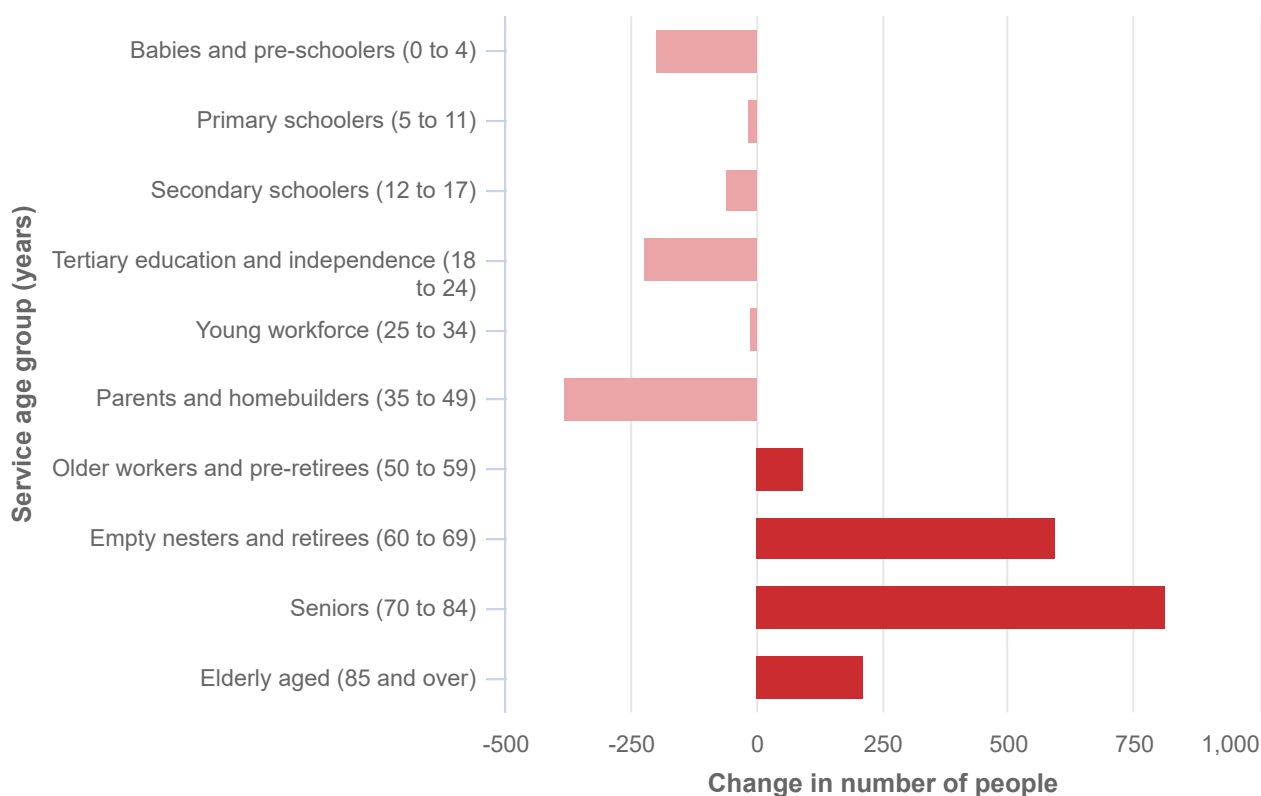


Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).



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

Geraldton - 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 Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17 years) as well as a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years).

Overall, 24.0% of the population was aged between 0 and 17, and 24.1% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of 'Empty nesters and retirees' (11.8% compared to 10.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of 'Older workers & pre-retirees' (13.6% compared to 12.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 'Young workforce' (11.9% compared to 14.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of 'Parents and homebuilders' (18.9% compared to 20.8%)

## Emerging groups

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From 2016 to 2021, Geraldton's population increased by 825 people (2.2%). This represents an average annual population change of 0.43% 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) (+814 people)
- Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69) (+593 people)
- Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49) (-382 people)
- Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24) (-220 people)

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## Five year age groups

The Age Structure of Geraldton provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities such as child care. It is also an indicator of Geraldton'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 Geraldton's Age Structure should be viewed in conjunction with Household Types and Dwelling Types.

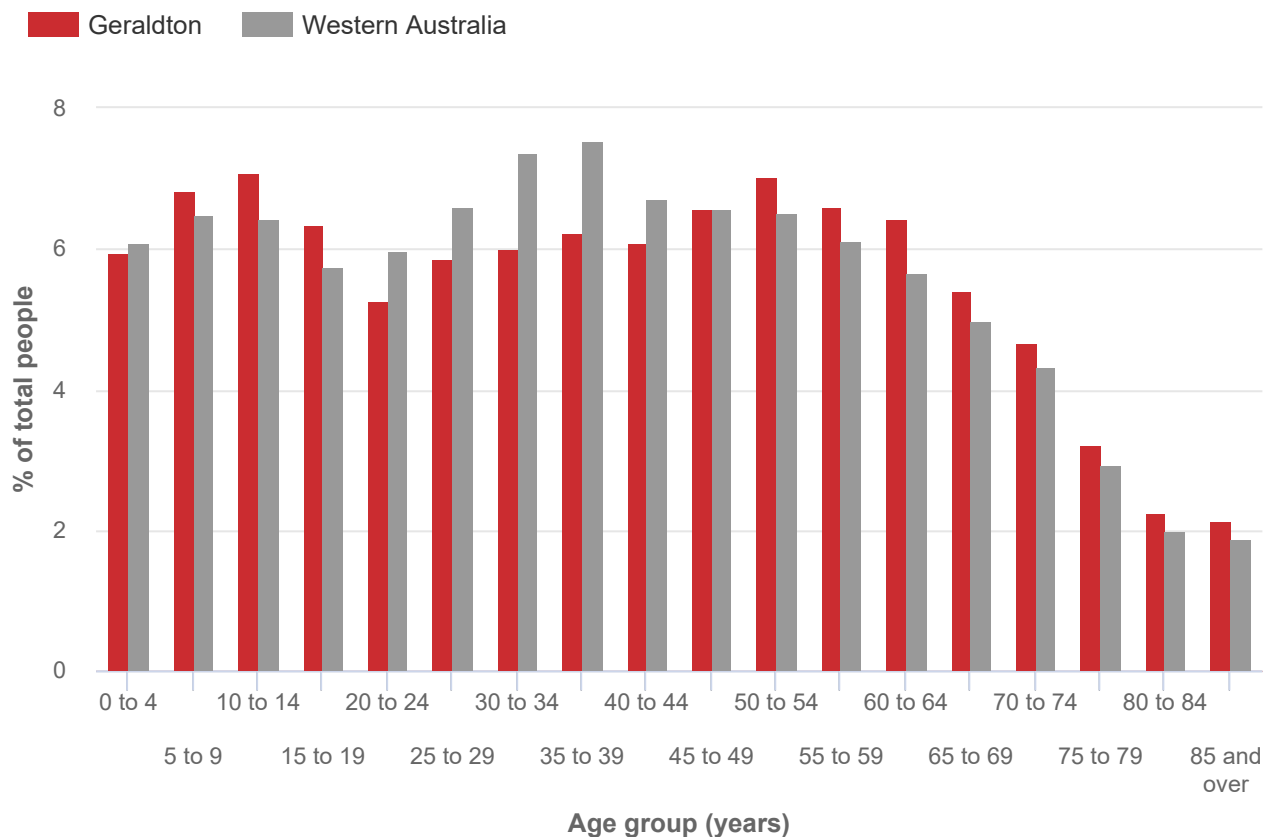
### Age structure - Five year age groups

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Five year age groups (years)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
0 to 4	2,318	6.0	6.1	2,516	6.6	6.5	-198
5 to 9	2,659	6.8	6.5	2,681	7.0	6.6	-22
10 to 14	2,765	7.1	6.4	2,687	7.1	6.1	+78
15 to 19	2,478	6.4	5.8	2,677	7.0	6.1	-199
20 to 24	2,051	5.3	6.0	2,191	5.7	6.5	-140
25 to 29	2,289	5.9	6.6	2,253	5.9	7.5	+36
30 to 34	2,341	6.0	7.4	2,387	6.3	7.9	-46
35 to 39	2,426	6.2	7.6	2,284	6.0	7.0	+142
40 to 44	2,373	6.1	6.7	2,586	6.8	7.0	-213
45 to 49	2,560	6.6	6.6	2,864	7.5	7.0	-304
50 to 54	2,737	7.0	6.5	2,691	7.1	6.6	+46
55 to 59	2,575	6.6	6.1	2,534	6.6	6.1	+41
60 to 64	2,503	6.4	5.7	2,148	5.6	5.3	+355
65 to 69	2,102	5.4	5.0	1,871	4.9	4.7	+231
70 to 74	1,818	4.7	4.3	1,349	3.5	3.4	+469
75 to 79	1,251	3.2	2.9	1,049	2.8	2.5	+202
80 to 84	871	2.2	2.0	724	1.9	1.7	+147
85 and over	832	2.1	1.9	621	1.6	1.7	+211
<b>Total population</b>	<b>38,949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+836</b>

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

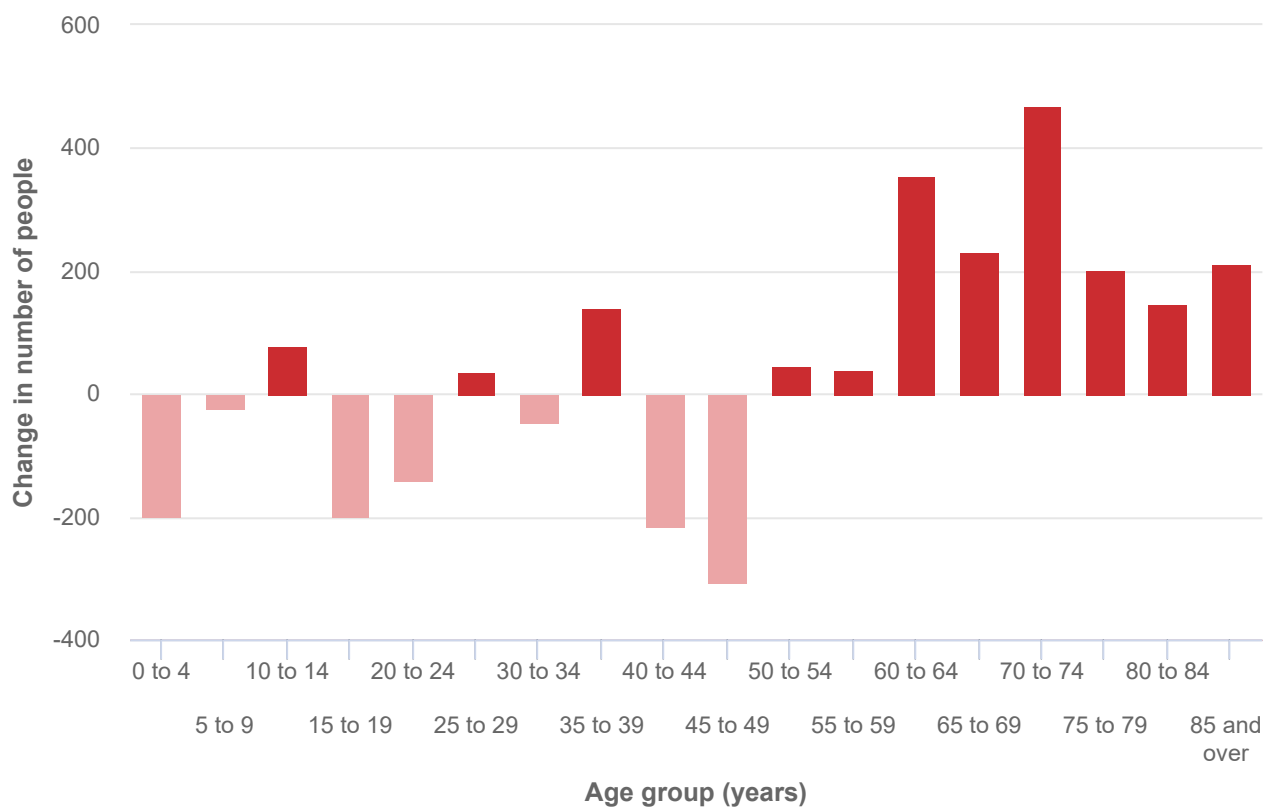
Total persons



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

Geraldton - 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 Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 15) as well as a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (65+).

Overall, 19.9% of the population was aged between 0 and 15, and 17.6% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 60 to 64 (6.4% compared to 5.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 30 to 34 (6.0% compared to 7.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 35 to 39 (6.2% compared to 7.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons aged 25 to 29 (5.9% compared to 6.6%)

## Emerging groups

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From 2016 to 2021, Geraldton's population increased by 836 people (2.2%). This represents an average annual population change of 0.43% per year over the period.

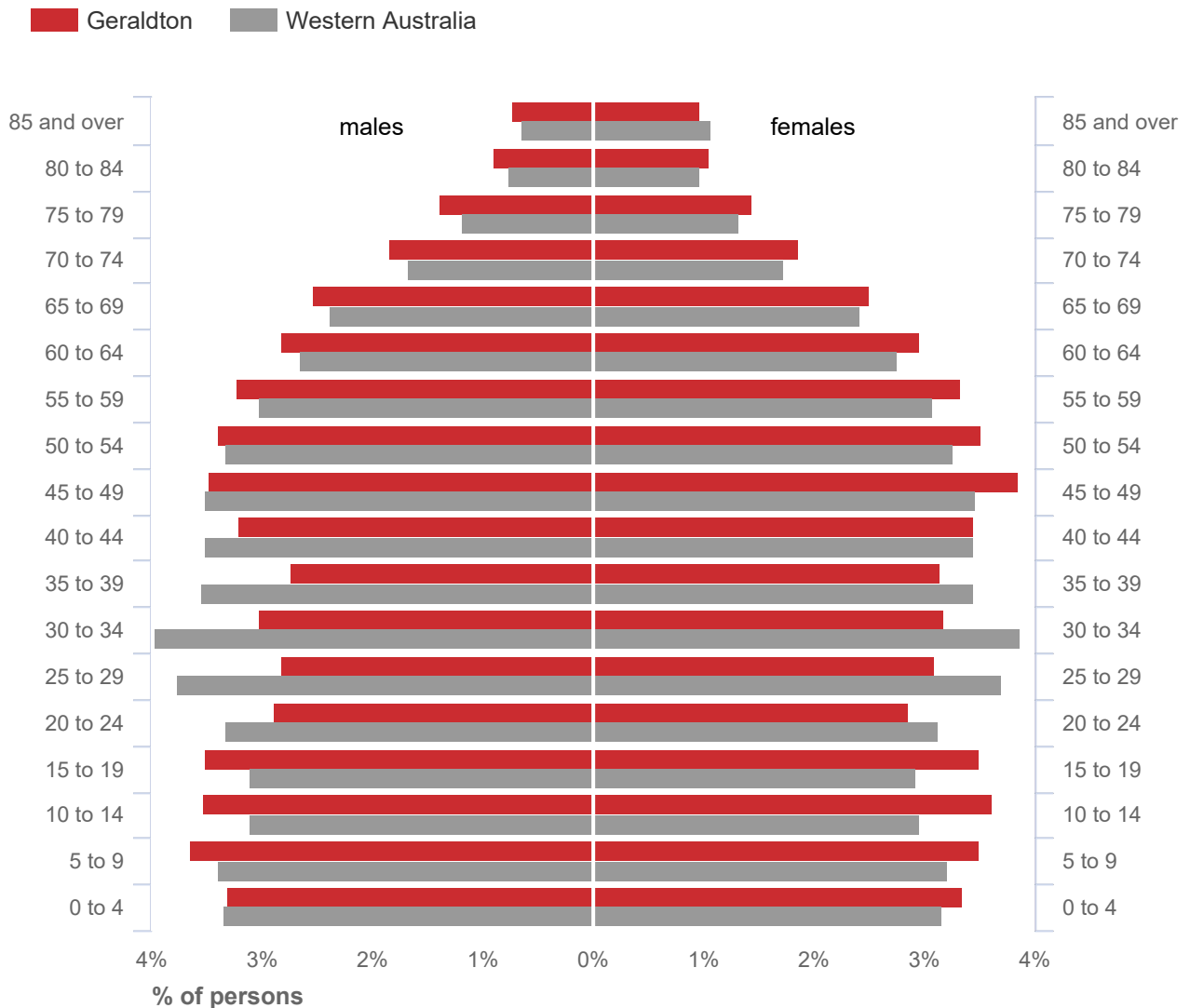
The largest changes in age structure in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in the age groups:

- 70 to 74 (+469 persons)
- 60 to 64 (+355 persons)
- 45 to 49 (-304 persons)
- 65 to 69 (+231 persons)

# Geraldton

## Age-sex pyramid

### Age-sex pyramid, 2021



2011

2016

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.

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



# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton 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 Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Ancestry	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
English	15,139	38.9	37.6	15,119	39.7	37.6	+20
Australian	15,122	38.8	29.7	16,409	43.1	30.7	-1,287
Irish	3,599	9.2	8.8	3,651	9.6	9.1	-52
Scottish	3,406	8.7	8.7	3,268	8.6	8.7	+138
Australian Aboriginal	3,400	8.7	3.0	460	1.2	0.8	+2,940
Italian	1,502	3.9	5.2	1,476	3.9	5.0	+26
German	1,292	3.3	2.9	1,232	3.2	3.0	+60
Dutch	665	1.7	2.0	605	1.6	1.9	+60
Filipino	616	1.6	1.8	621	1.6	1.4	-5
South African	361	0.9	1.3	326	0.9	1.2	+35

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

## Ancestry - Totals

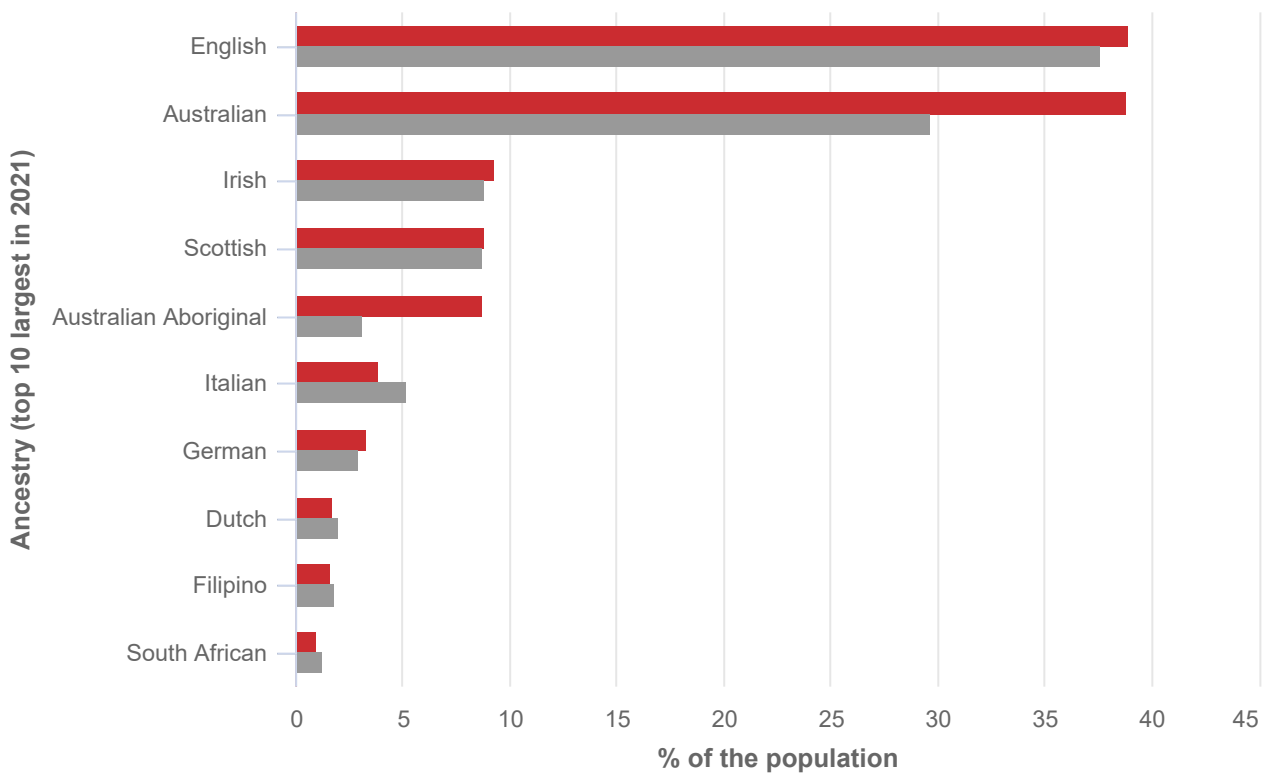
Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Ancestry totals	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Not stated	3,864	7.6	5.0	3,565	7.4	6.0	+299
Total responses	50,584	--	--	48,048	--	--	+2,536
Total people	38,934	--	--	38,109	--	--	+825

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

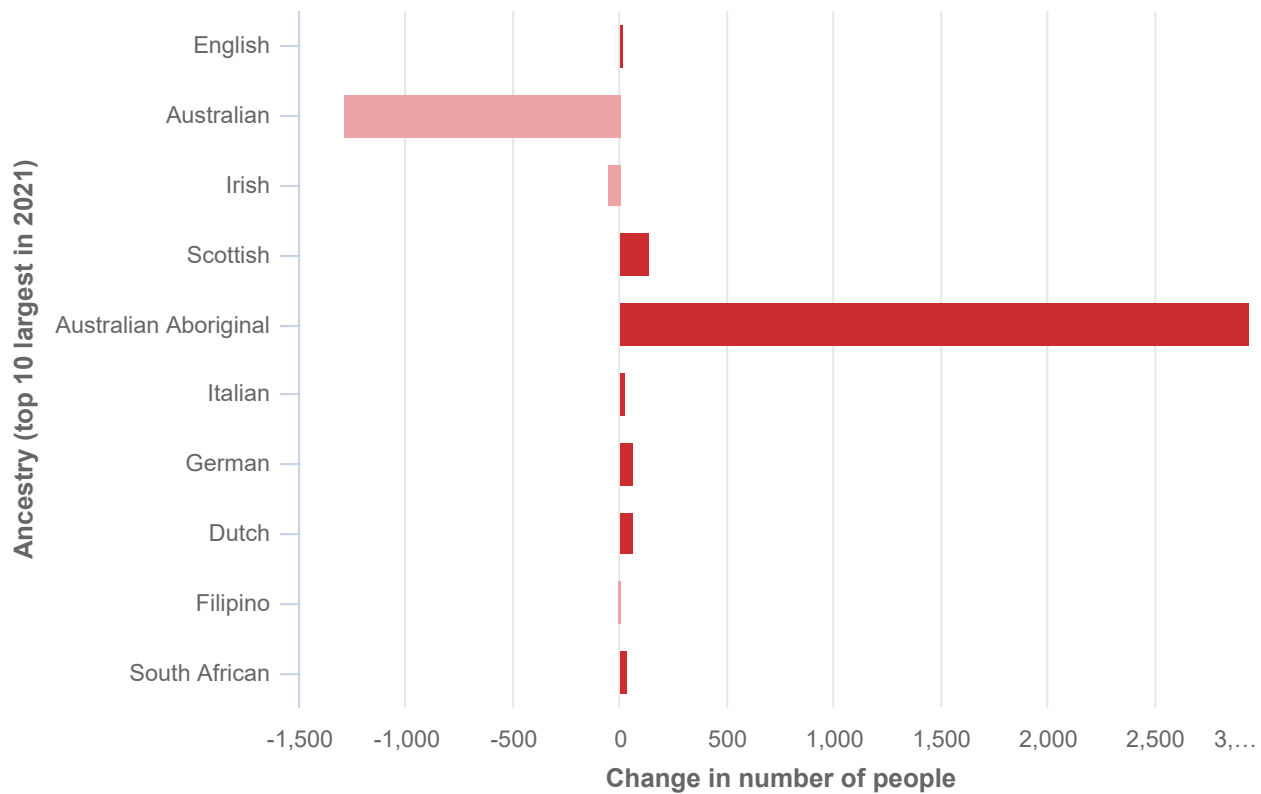
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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).

## Change in ancestry, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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 ancestry responses of the population in Geraldton in 2021 shows that the top five ancestries nominated were:

- English (15,139 people or 38.9%)
- Australian (15,122 people or 38.8%)
- Irish (3,599 people or 9.2%)
- Scottish (3,406 people or 8.7%)
- Australian Aboriginal (3,400 people or 8.7%)

In combination these five ancestries account for 40,666 responses in total, or 104.45% of all responses.

**The major differences between the ancestries of the population in Geraldton and Western Australia were:**

- A *larger* percentage of people with Australian ancestry (38.8% compared to 29.7%)
- A *larger* percentage of people with Australian Aboriginal ancestry (8.7% compared to 3.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people with Chinese ancestry (0.8% compared to 4.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people with Indian ancestry (0.9% compared to 2.9%)

## Emerging groups

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

- Australian Aboriginal (+2,940 persons)
- Australian (-1,287 persons)
- Scottish (+138 persons)
- Croatian (+79 persons)

# Geraldton

## Birthplace

Country of Birth data identifies where people were born and is indicative of the level of cultural diversity in Geraldton. 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, Geraldton's Country of Birth data should be viewed together with Ancestry, Language Spoken at Home and Religion.

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## Birthplace - Summary

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Birthplace	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Total overseas born	5,566	14.3	32.2	5,660	14.9	32.2	-94
Australia	29,833	76.6	62.0	29,151	76.5	60.3	+682
Not stated	3,541	9.1	5.8	3,301	8.7	7.5	+240
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>38,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,112</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+828</b>

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

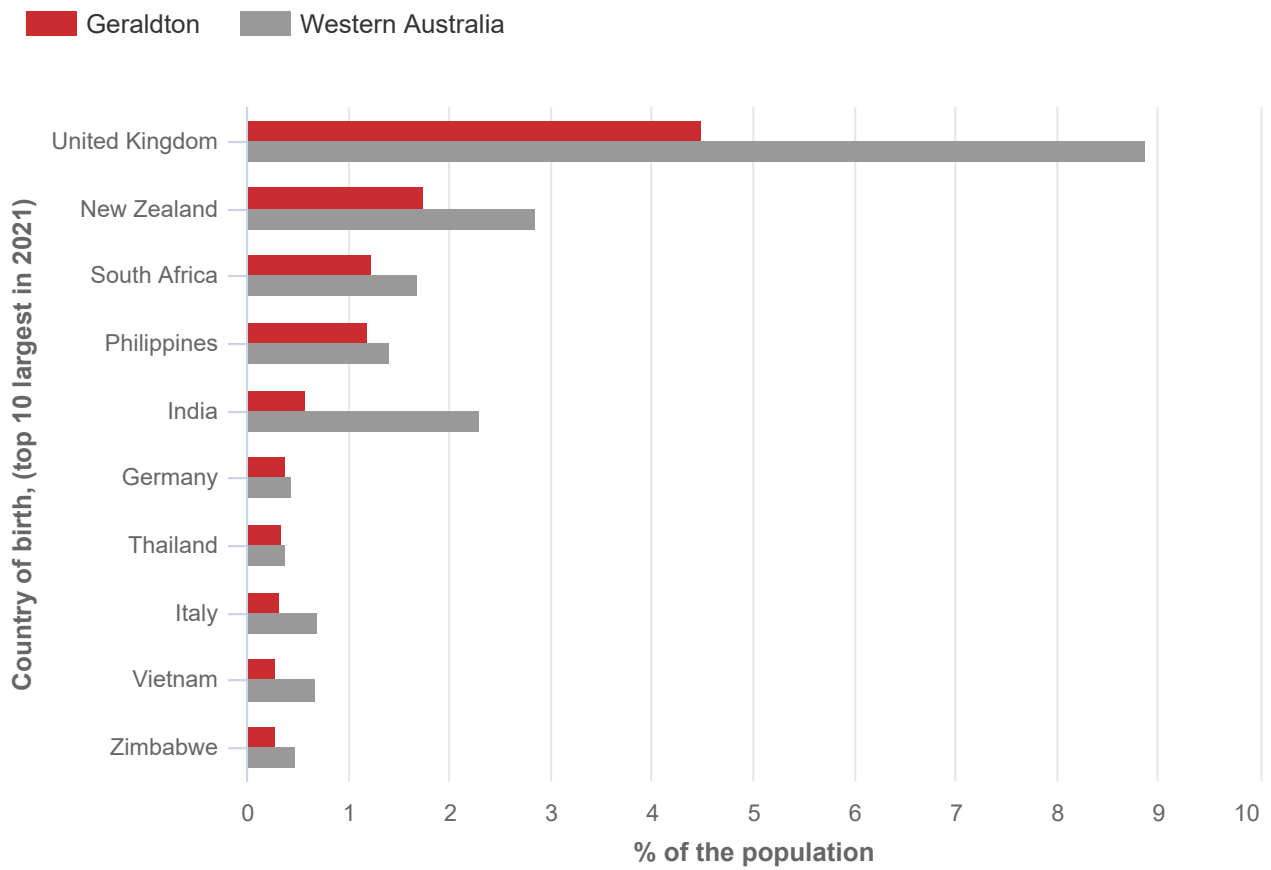
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## Birthplace - Ranked by size

Geraldton - Overseas born (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Birthplace	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
United Kingdom	1,749	4.5	8.9	1,879	4.9	9.4	-130
New Zealand	679	1.7	2.8	717	1.9	3.2	-38
South Africa	478	1.2	1.7	512	1.3	1.7	-34
Philippines	462	1.2	1.4	493	1.3	1.2	-31
India	221	0.6	2.3	213	0.6	2.0	+8
Germany	144	0.4	0.4	144	0.4	0.4	0
Thailand	131	0.3	0.4	105	0.3	0.3	+26
Italy	121	0.3	0.7	140	0.4	0.8	-19
Vietnam	107	0.3	0.7	77	0.2	0.6	+30
Zimbabwe	105	0.3	0.5	120	0.3	0.5	-15

Excludes countries of birth with fewer than 10 people.

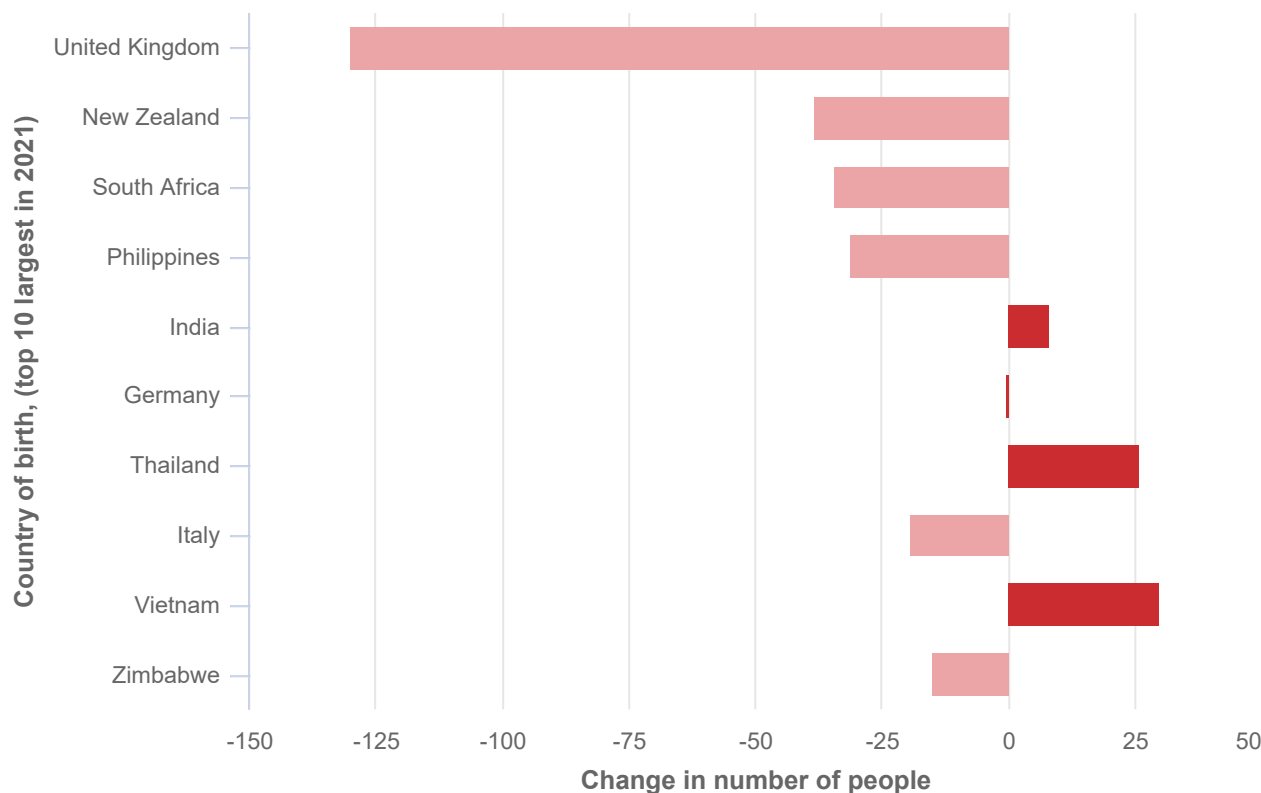
## Birthplace, 2021



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## Change in birthplace, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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 Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of people born overseas.

Overall, 14.3% of the population was born overseas, compared with 32.2% for Western Australia.

The largest non-English speaking country of birth in Geraldton was Philippines, where 1.2% of the population, or 462 people, were born.

The major differences between the countries of birth of the population in Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *smaller* percentage of people born in United Kingdom (4.5% compared to 8.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people born in India (0.6% compared to 2.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people born in New Zealand (1.7% compared to 2.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of people born in Malaysia (0.2% compared to 1.2%)

## Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people born overseas decreased by 94 or 1.7%.

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

- United Kingdom (-130 persons)



# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton 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.

Geraldton'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

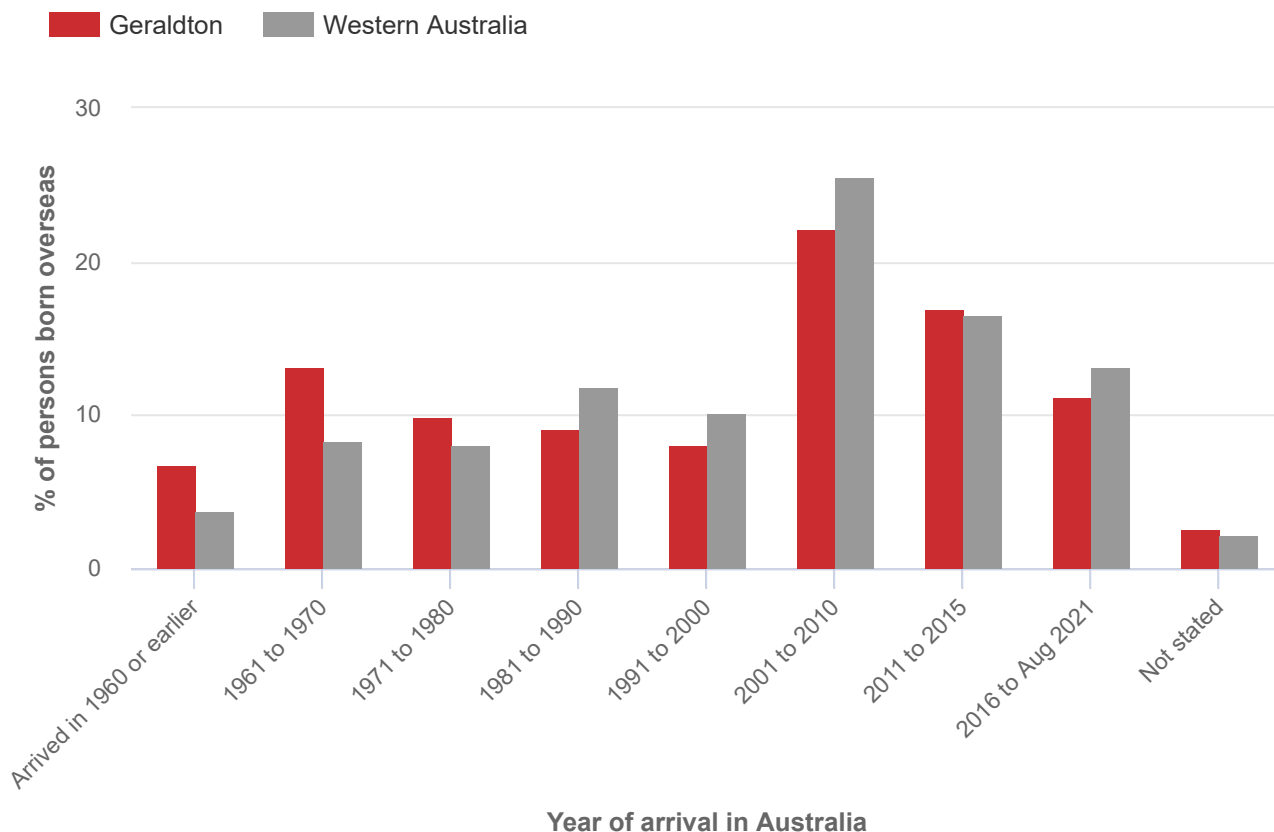
Geraldton - Overseas born (Usual residence)	2021		
Year of arrival in Australia	Number	%	Western Australia %
Arrived in 1960 or earlier	375	6.7	3.8
1961 to 1970	732	13.2	8.4
1971 to 1980	549	9.9	8.1
1981 to 1990	507	9.1	11.9
1991 to 2000	453	8.1	10.2
2001 to 2010	1,236	22.2	25.5
2011 to 2015	944	17.0	16.6
2016 to Aug 2021	623	11.2	13.2
Not stated	147	2.6	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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 Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a larger proportion of people who arrived before 2001, and a smaller proportion of recent overseas arrivals (those who arrived between 2016 to Aug 2021).

Overall, 47.0% of the overseas born population arrived before 2001, and 11% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia are:

- A *larger* percentage of arrivals between 1961 to 1970 (13.2% compared to 8.4%)
- A *larger* percentage of arrivals between Arrived in 1960 or earlier (6.7% compared to 3.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of arrivals between 2001 to 2010 (22.2% compared to 25.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of arrivals between 1981 to 1990 (9.1% compared to 11.9%)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton'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

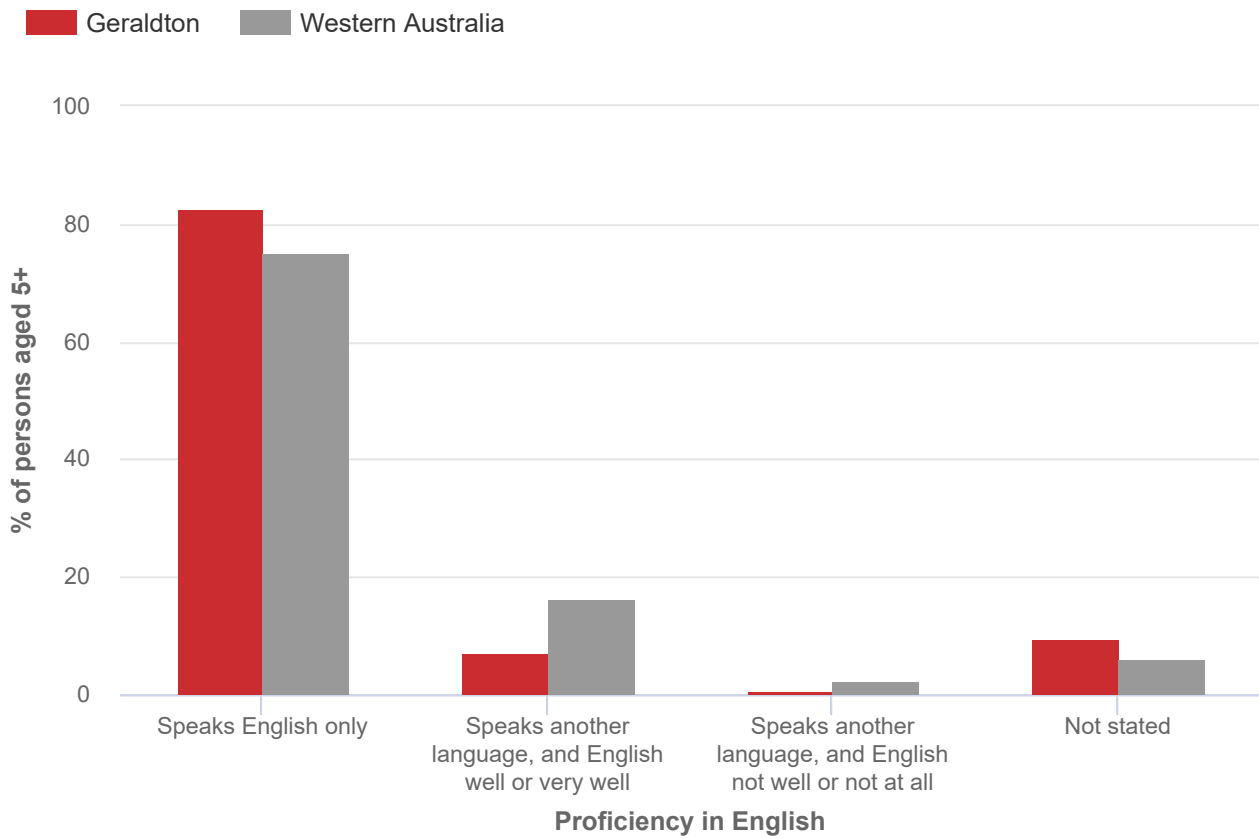
Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
English proficiency	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Speaks English only	32,184	82.7	75.3	31,944	83.8	75.2	+240
Speaks another language, and English well or very well	2,791	7.2	16.4	2,587	6.8	15.2	+204
Speaks another language, and English not well or not at all	298	0.8	2.3	318	0.8	2.5	-20
Not stated	3,667	9.4	6.0	3,264	8.6	7.1	+403
<b>Total population</b>	<b>38,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+827</b>

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

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# Proficiency in English, 2021

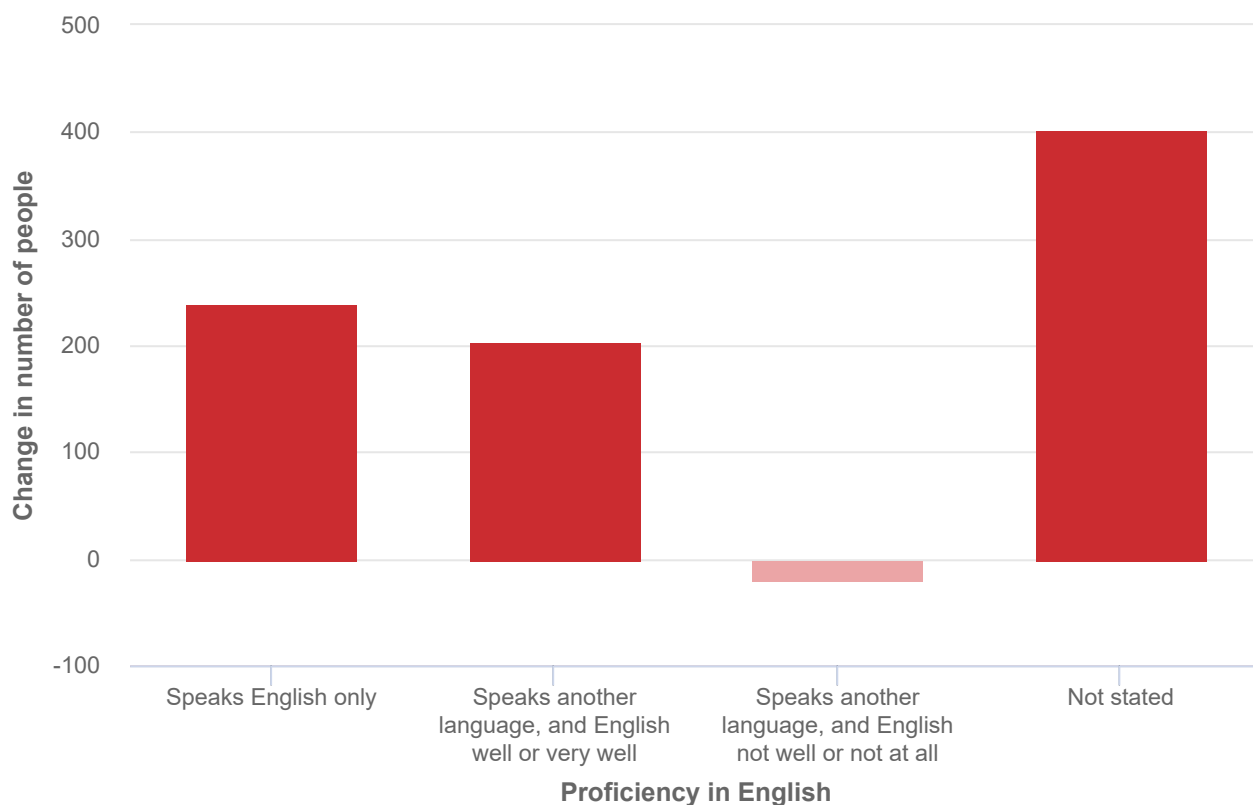
Total persons



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## Change in Proficiency in English, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - 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 Geraldton 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, 82.7% of people spoke English only, and 0.8% 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 (+240 persons)
- Speaks another language, and English well or very well (+204 persons)

# Geraldton

## Language spoken at home

Geraldton'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.

Geraldton'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.

*Please note: Due to ABS rules regarding perturbation of data to protect the confidentiality of individuals, counts of individual language groups and totals derived from them may differ slightly from those published by the ABS.*

### Language spoken at home - Summary

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Language summary	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Speaks English only	32,184	82.7	75.3	31,944	83.8	75.2	+240
Non-English total	2,947	7.6	18.4	2,806	7.4	17.5	+141
Not stated	3,809	9.8	6.3	3,367	8.8	7.3	+442
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>38,940</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+823</b>

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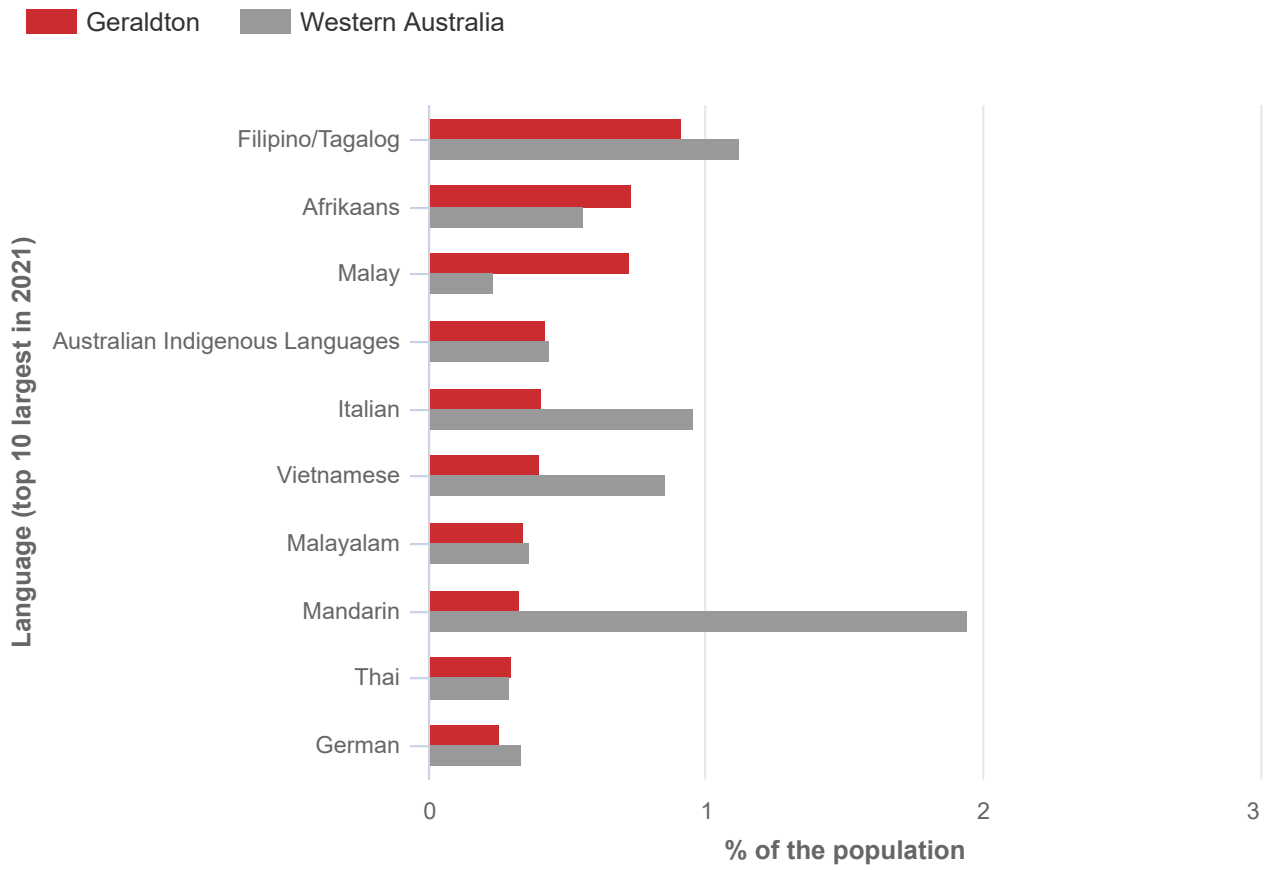
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## Language spoken at home - Ranked by size

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Language (excludes English)	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Filipino/Tagalog	354	0.9	1.1	405	1.1	1.0	-51
Afrikaans	283	0.7	0.6	304	0.8	0.6	-21
Malay	281	0.7	0.2	297	0.8	0.2	-16
Australian Indigenous Languages	162	0.4	0.4	68	0.2	0.4	+94
Italian	159	0.4	1.0	222	0.6	1.2	-63
Vietnamese	154	0.4	0.9	99	0.3	0.8	+55
Malayalam	131	0.3	0.4	98	0.3	0.3	+33
Mandarin	127	0.3	1.9	101	0.3	1.9	+26
Thai	115	0.3	0.3	103	0.3	0.3	+12
German	99	0.3	0.3	131	0.3	0.4	-32

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

## Language spoken at home, 2021

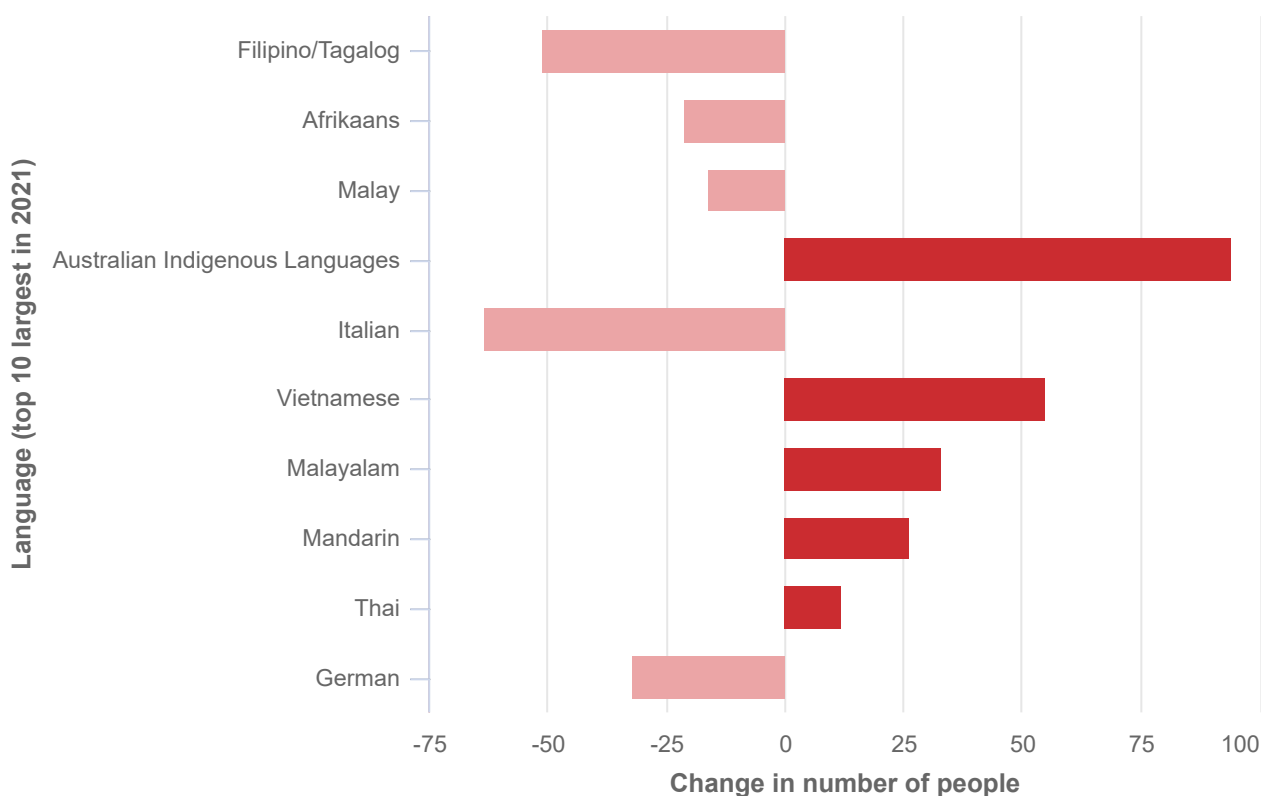


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## Change in language spoken at home, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the language spoken at home by the population of Geraldton 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, 82.7% of the population spoke English only, and 7.6% 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 Geraldton was Filipino/Tagalog, with 0.9% of the population, or 354 people speaking this language at home.

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

- A *smaller* percentage speaking Mandarin at home (0.3% compared to 1.9%)

## Emerging groups

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Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people who spoke a language other than English at home increased by 141 or 5.0%, and the number of people who spoke English only increased by 240 or 0.8%.

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

- Australian Indigenous Languages (+94 persons)
- Italian (-63 persons)
- Vietnamese (+55 persons)
- Filipino/Tagalog (-51 persons)

# Geraldton

## Religion

Geraldton'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.

Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Religion totals	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Christian total	17,375	44.6	41.1	21,120	55.4	49.8	-3,745
Non Christian total	1,254	3.2	8.0	1,214	3.2	6.9	+40
Non-classifiable religious belief	189	0.5	0.6	261	0.7	0.7	-72
No Religion/secular beliefs	16,061	41.2	42.8	11,472	30.1	32.8	+4,589
Not stated	4,068	10.4	7.5	4,034	10.6	9.9	+34
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>38,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+846</b>

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

## Religion - Ranked by size

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Religion	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Western (Roman) Catholic	8,647	22.2	18.6	10,099	26.5	21.4	-1,452
Anglican	4,688	12.0	10.1	6,340	16.6	14.3	-1,652
Christian,nfd	1,018	2.6	3.4	1,207	3.2	3.4	-189
Uniting Church	774	2.0	1.6	1,008	2.6	2.3	-234
Islam	563	1.4	2.5	541	1.4	2.0	+22
Pentecostal	559	1.4	1.0	436	1.1	1.1	+123
Baptist	355	0.9	1.6	403	1.1	1.7	-48
Buddhism	343	0.9	2.2	353	0.9	2.1	-10
Presbyterian and Reformed	316	0.8	1.3	521	1.4	1.8	-205
Jehova's Witnesses	255	0.7	0.4	220	0.6	0.4	+35

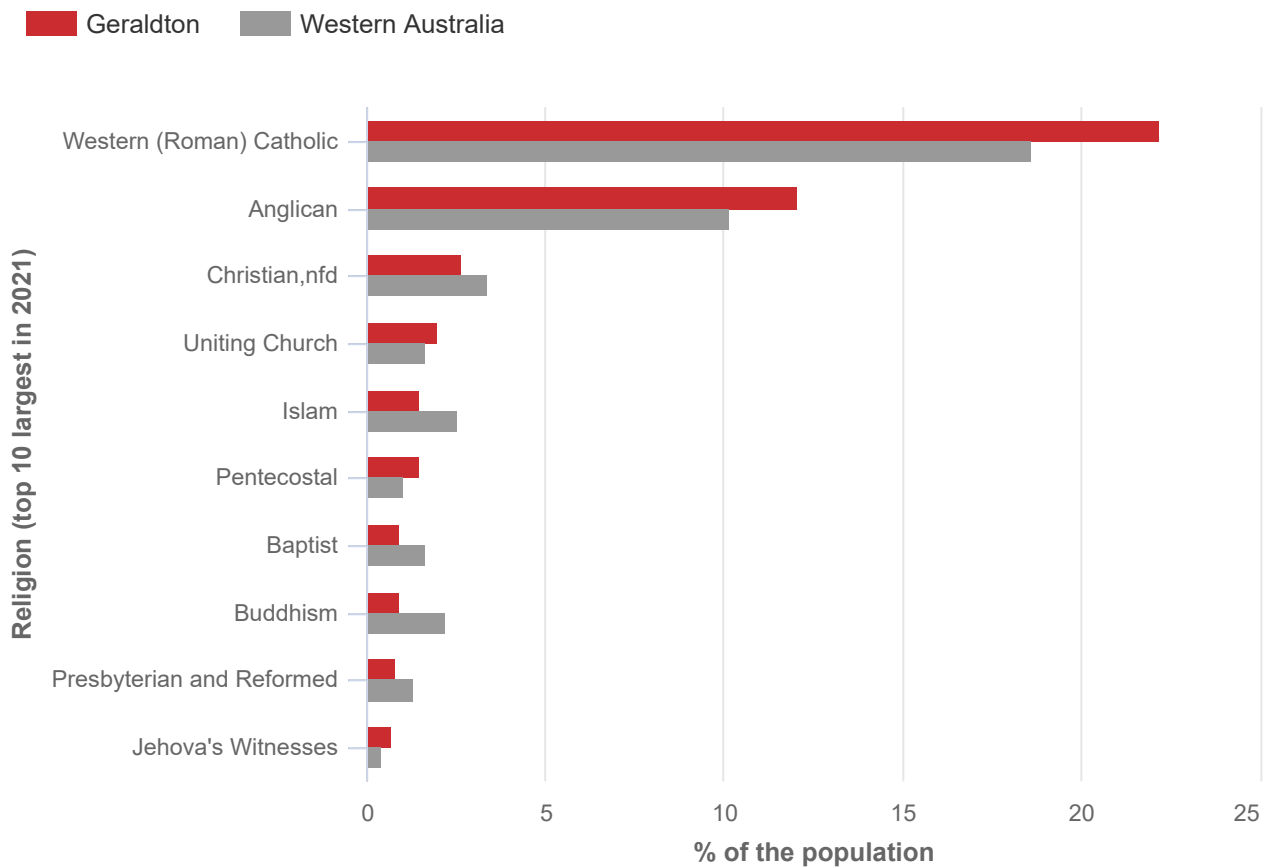
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Excludes religions with fewer than 10 adherents.

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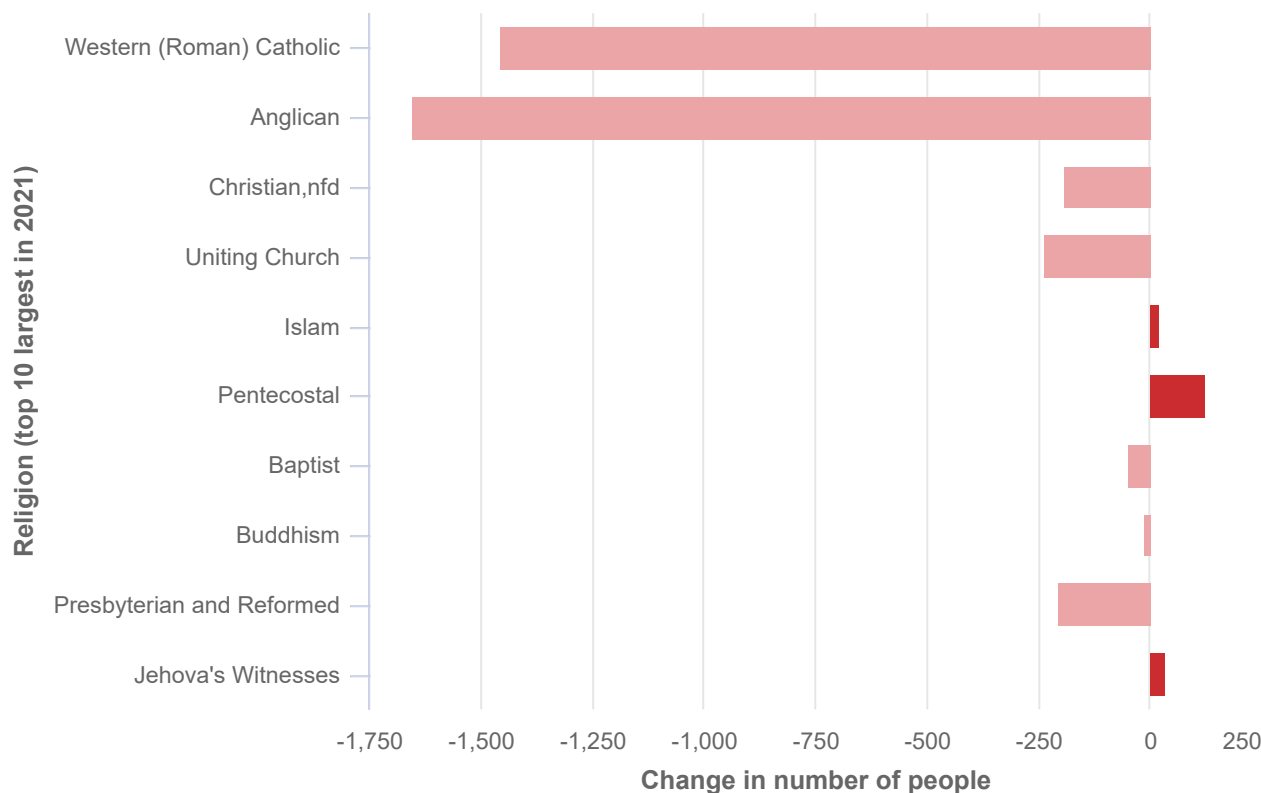
## Religion, 2021



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## Change in religion, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

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

Overall, 47.8% of the population nominated a religion, and 41.2% said they had no religion, compared with 49.1% and 42.8% respectively for Western Australia.

The largest single religion in Geraldton was Western (Roman) Catholic, with 22.2% of the population or 8,647 people as adherents.

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

- A *larger* percentage who nominated Western (Roman) Catholic (22.2% compared to 18.6%)
- A *larger* percentage who nominated Anglican (12.0% compared to 10.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage who nominated Hinduism (0.4% compared to 2.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage who nominated Buddhism (0.9% compared to 2.2%)

## Emerging groups

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

- Anglican (-1,652 persons)
- Western (Roman) Catholic (-1,452 persons)
- Uniting Church (-234 persons)
- Presbyterian and Reformed (-205 persons)

# Geraldton

## 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**, Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Qualification level	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Bachelor or Higher degree	3,825	12.3	23.8	3,174	10.5	20.5	+651
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	2,434	7.8	9.3	2,179	7.2	8.9	+255
Vocational	8,089	25.9	21.1	7,419	24.5	20.4	+670
No qualification	13,036	41.8	36.5	13,449	44.5	38.9	-413
Not stated	3,816	12.2	9.2	4,000	13.2	11.2	-184
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,221</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+979</b>

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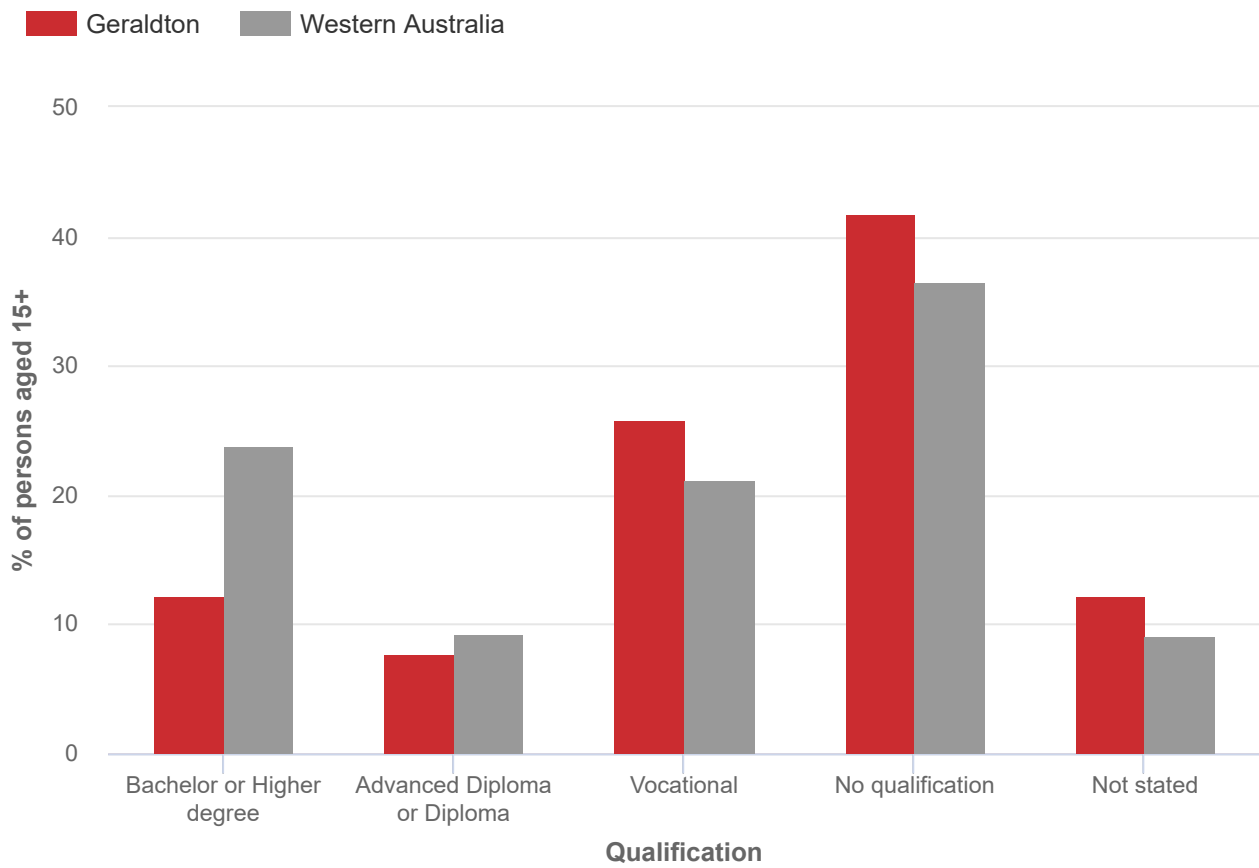
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**a** People with university qualifications

**a** People with trade qualifications (Certificate)



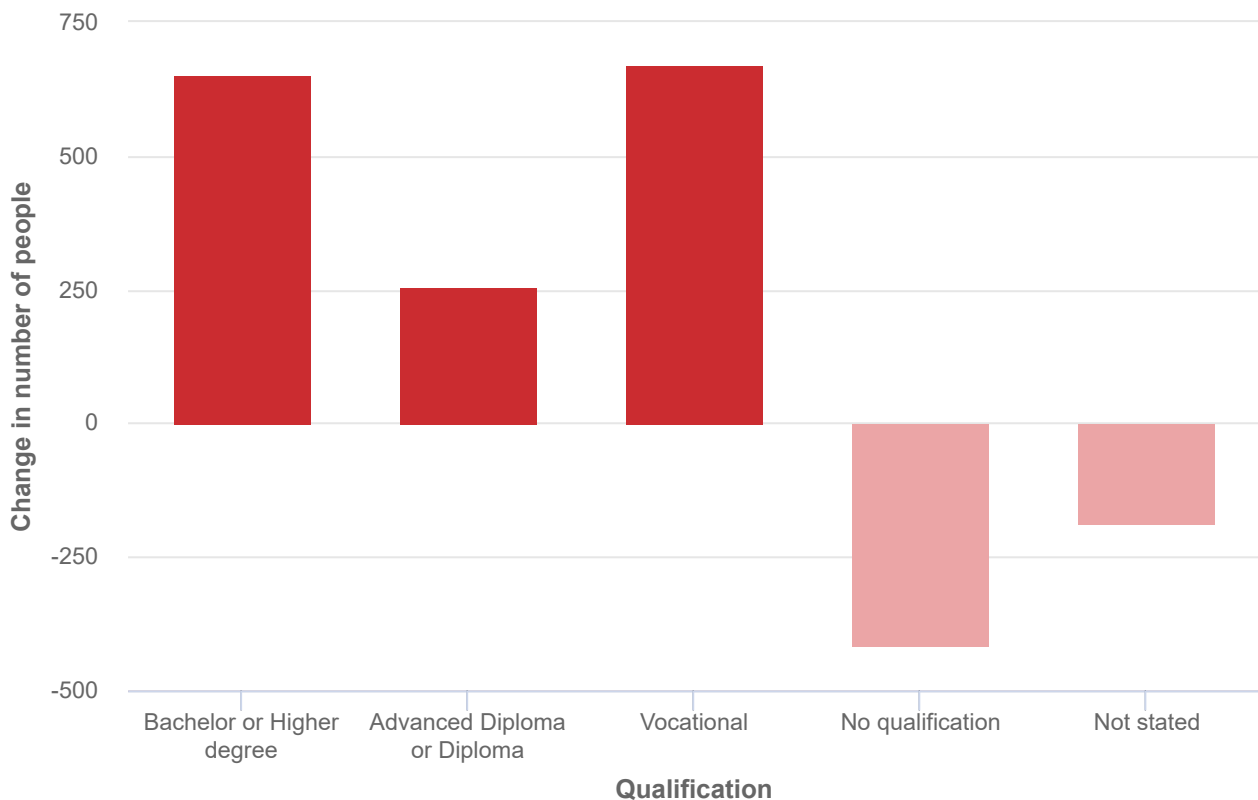
## Highest qualification achieved, 2021



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## Change in highest qualification achieved, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the qualifications of the population in Geraldton 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, 46.0% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons with No qualifications (41.8% compared to 36.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons with Vocational qualifications (25.9% compared to 21.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons with Bachelor or Higher degrees (12.3% compared to 23.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons with Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (7.8% compared to 9.3%)

## Emerging groups

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

- Vocational qualifications (+670 persons)
- Bachelor or Higher degrees (+651 persons)
- No qualifications (-413 persons)
- Advanced Diploma or Diplomas (+255 persons)

# Geraldton

## Highest level of schooling

Geraldton'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

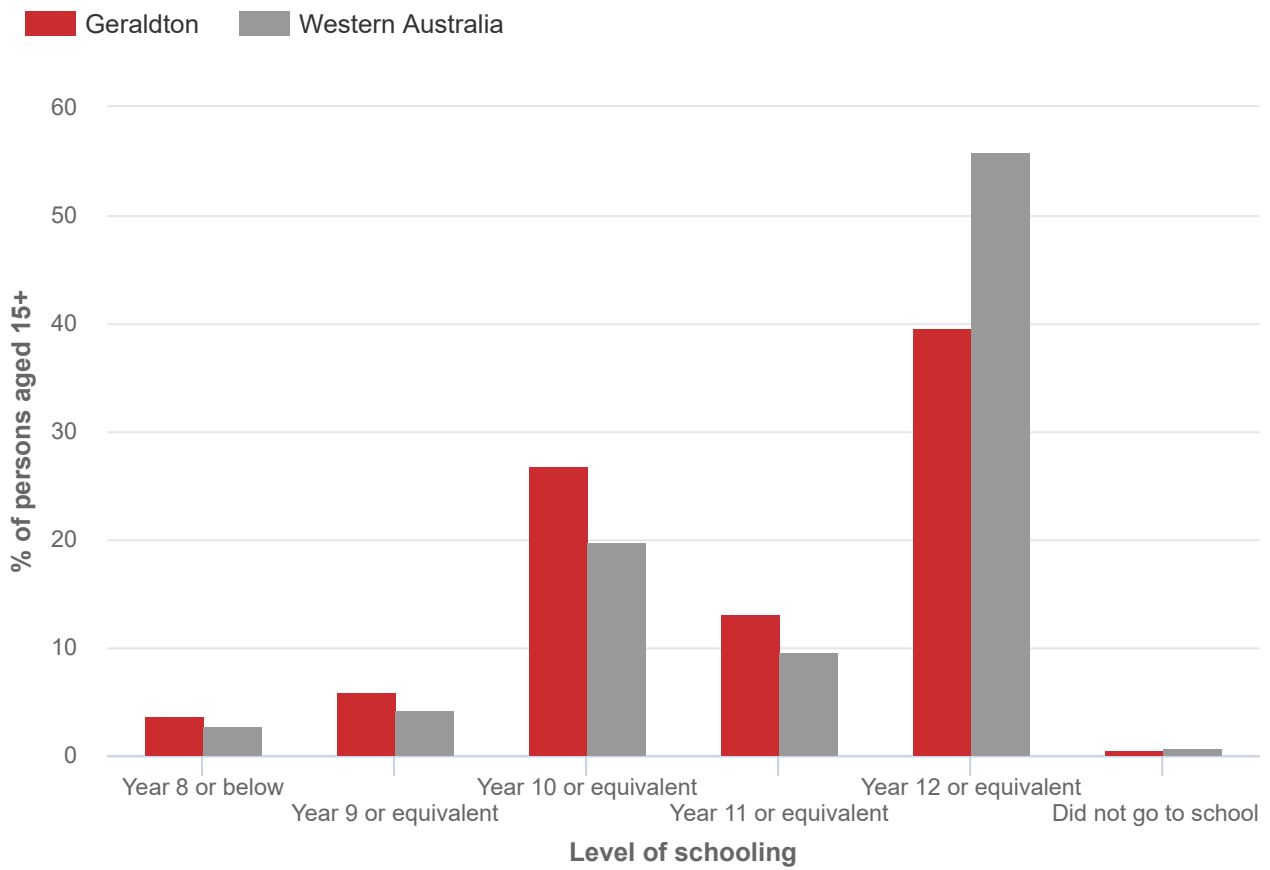
Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Level of schooling	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Year 8 or below	1,177	3.8	2.7	1,402	4.6	3.2	-225
Year 9 or equivalent	1,860	6.0	4.2	1,878	6.2	4.5	-18
Year 10 or equivalent	8,372	26.8	19.7	8,035	26.6	20.6	+337
Year 11 or equivalent	4,110	13.2	9.6	4,083	13.5	10.0	+27
Year 12 or equivalent	12,352	39.6	56.0	11,221	37.1	51.7	+1,131
Did not go to school	189	0.6	0.7	126	0.4	0.6	+63
Not stated	3,135	10.0	7.1	3,471	11.5	9.4	-336
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,216</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+979</b>

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

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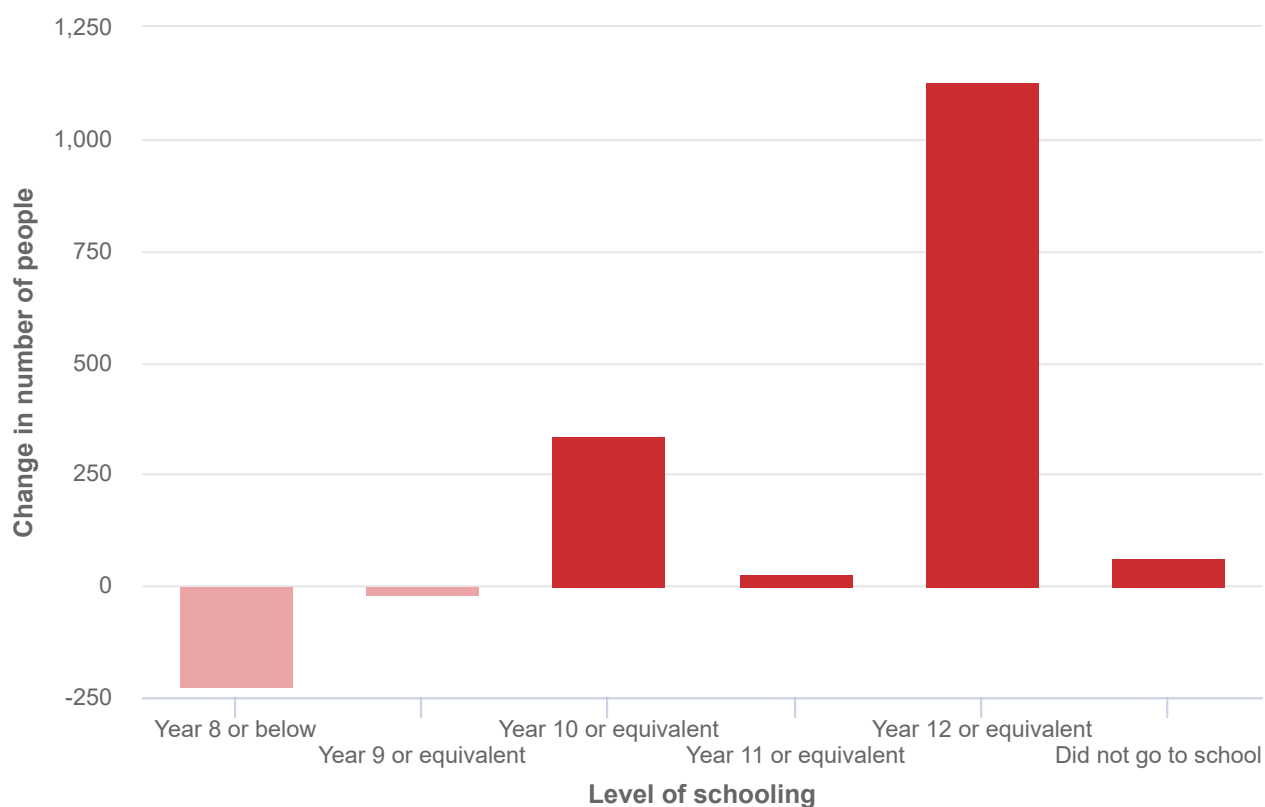
## Highest level of schooling completed, 2021



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## Change in highest level of schooling completed, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the population in Geraldton 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, 37.2% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 39.6% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 10 or equivalent (26.8% compared to 19.7%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 11 or equivalent (13.2% compared to 9.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 9 or equivalent (6.0% compared to 4.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 12 or equivalent (39.6% compared to 56.0%)

## Emerging groups

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

- Year 12 or equivalent (+1,131 persons)
- Year 10 or equivalent (+337 persons)
- Year 8 or below (-225 persons)
- Did not go to school (+63 persons)

# Geraldton

## Education institution attending

The share of Geraldton'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.

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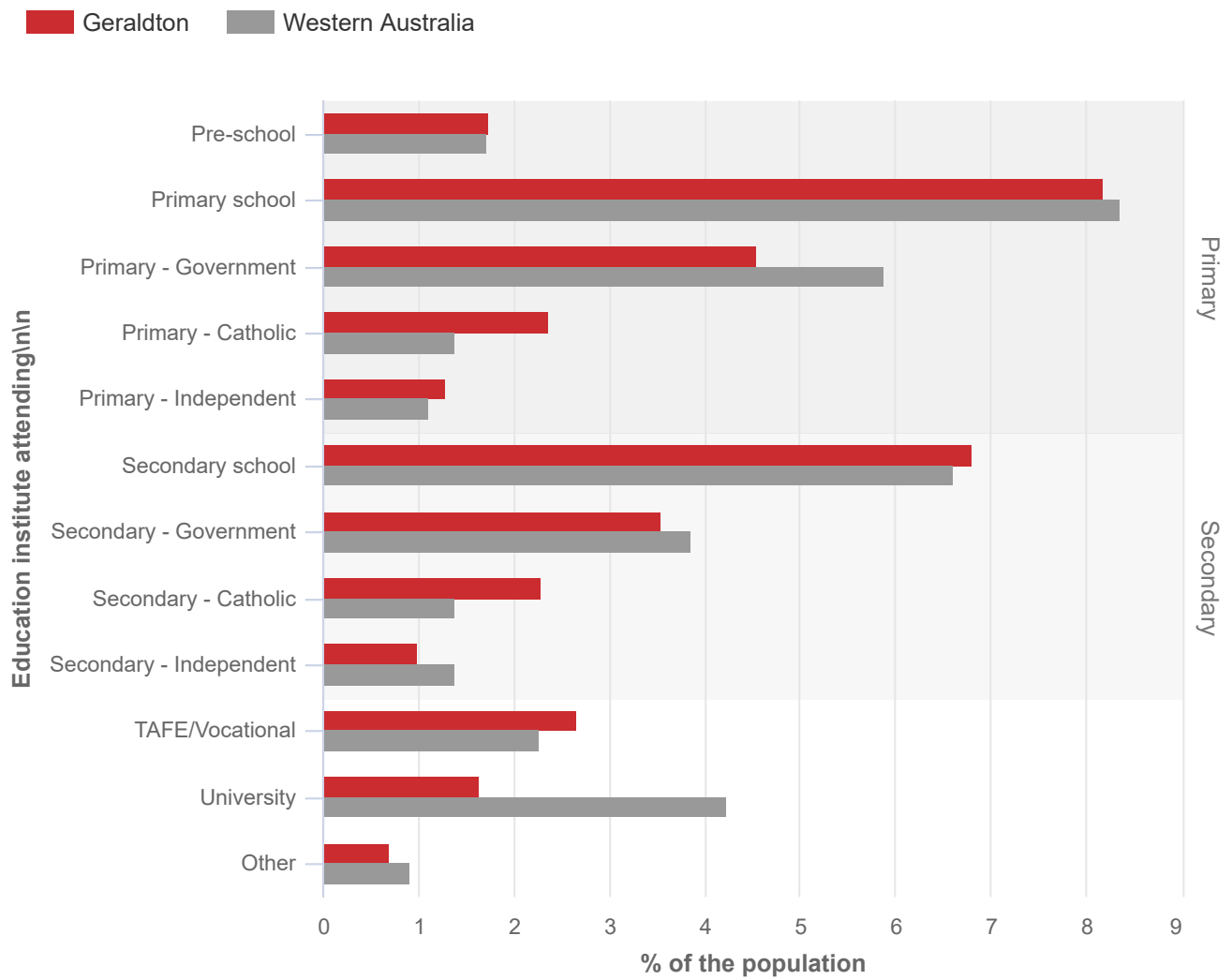
## Education institution attending

Geraldton - Total persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Type of institution	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Pre-school	673	1.7	1.7	439	1.2	1.2	+234
Primary school	3,184	8.2	8.4	3,484	9.3	8.5	-300
Primary - Government	1,769	4.5	5.9	1,958	5.2	5.9	-189
Primary - Catholic	918	2.4	1.4	1,032	2.7	1.5	-114
Primary - Independent	497	1.3	1.1	494	1.3	1.1	+3
Secondary school	2,648	6.8	6.6	2,713	7.2	6.3	-65
Secondary - Government	1,375	3.5	3.8	1,306	3.5	3.6	+69
Secondary - Catholic	888	2.3	1.4	975	2.6	1.4	-87
Secondary - Independent	385	1.0	1.4	432	1.1	1.4	-47
TAFE/Vocational	1,033	2.7	2.3	743	2.0	1.9	+290
University	638	1.6	4.2	591	1.6	4.3	+47
Other	266	0.7	0.9	163	0.4	0.7	+103
Not attending	26,778	68.8	69.7	25,857	68.7	69.0	+921
Not stated	3,716	9.5	6.3	3,653	9.7	8.0	+63
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,936</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>37,643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,293</b>

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

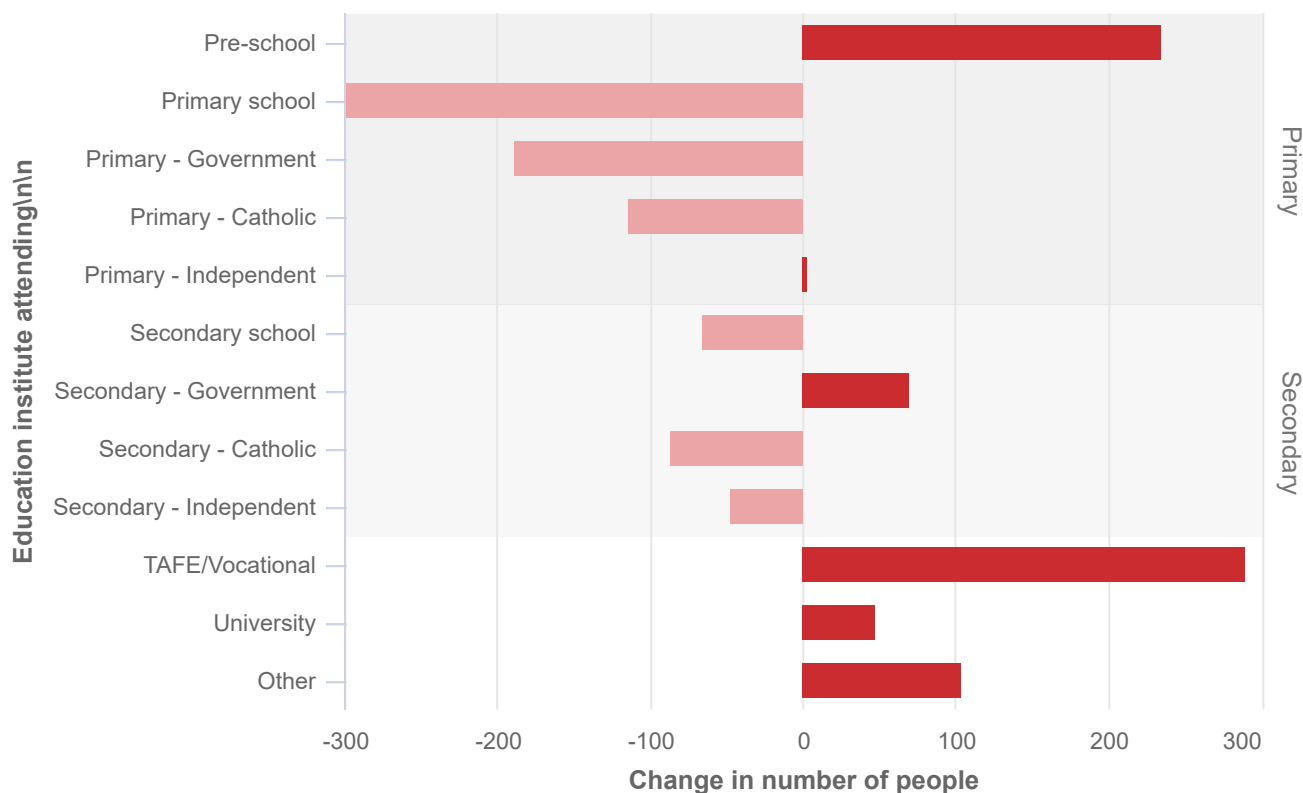


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## Change in education institution attending, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

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

Overall, 8.2% of the population were attending primary school, 6.8% of the population were attending secondary institutions, and 4.3% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *smaller* percentage of persons attending University (1.6% compared to 4.2%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons attending a Government primary school (4.5% compared to 5.9%)

## Emerging groups

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From 2016 to 2021, Geraldton's population increased by 1,293 people (+3.4%). This represents an average annual change of 0.68% per year over the period.

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

- Primary school (-300 persons)
- TAFE/Vocational (+290 persons)
- Pre-school (+234 persons)
- Primary - Government (-189 persons)

# Geraldton

## Need for assistance

Geraldton'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. Geraldton'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

Geraldton - 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	27	1.2	1.2	18	0.7	1.0	+9
5 to 9	123	4.6	3.6	54	2.0	2.5	+69
10 to 19	188	3.6	3.4	133	2.5	2.4	+55
20 to 59	471	2.4	2.1	509	2.6	1.9	-38
60 to 64	141	5.6	4.9	101	4.7	4.8	+40
65 to 69	134	6.4	6.1	131	7.0	6.2	+3
70 to 74	197	10.8	8.9	155	11.5	8.7	+42
75 to 79	221	17.8	14.3	164	15.7	13.9	+57
80 to 84	218	25.0	24.4	190	26.0	23.3	+28
85 and over	380	45.7	45.6	313	51.2	42.7	+67
<b>Total persons needing assistance</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>+332</b>

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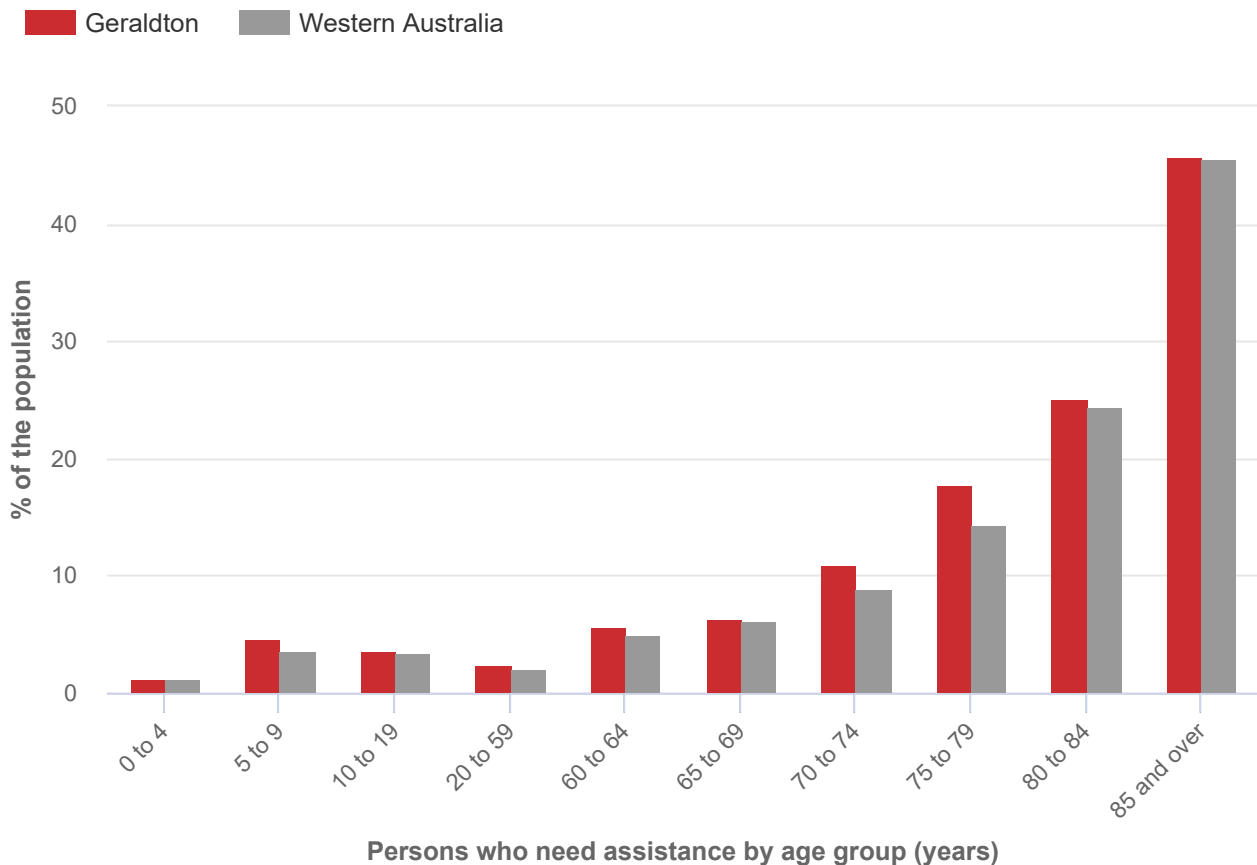
## Need for assistance with core activities summary

Geraldton - 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	2,112	5.4	4.6	1,780	4.7	3.9	+332
Total persons not needing assistance	33,007	84.8	89.0	32,729	85.9	88.3	+278
Not stated	3,819	9.8	6.4	3,600	9.4	7.8	+219
Total Population	38,938	100.0	100.0	38,109	100.0	100.0	+829

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

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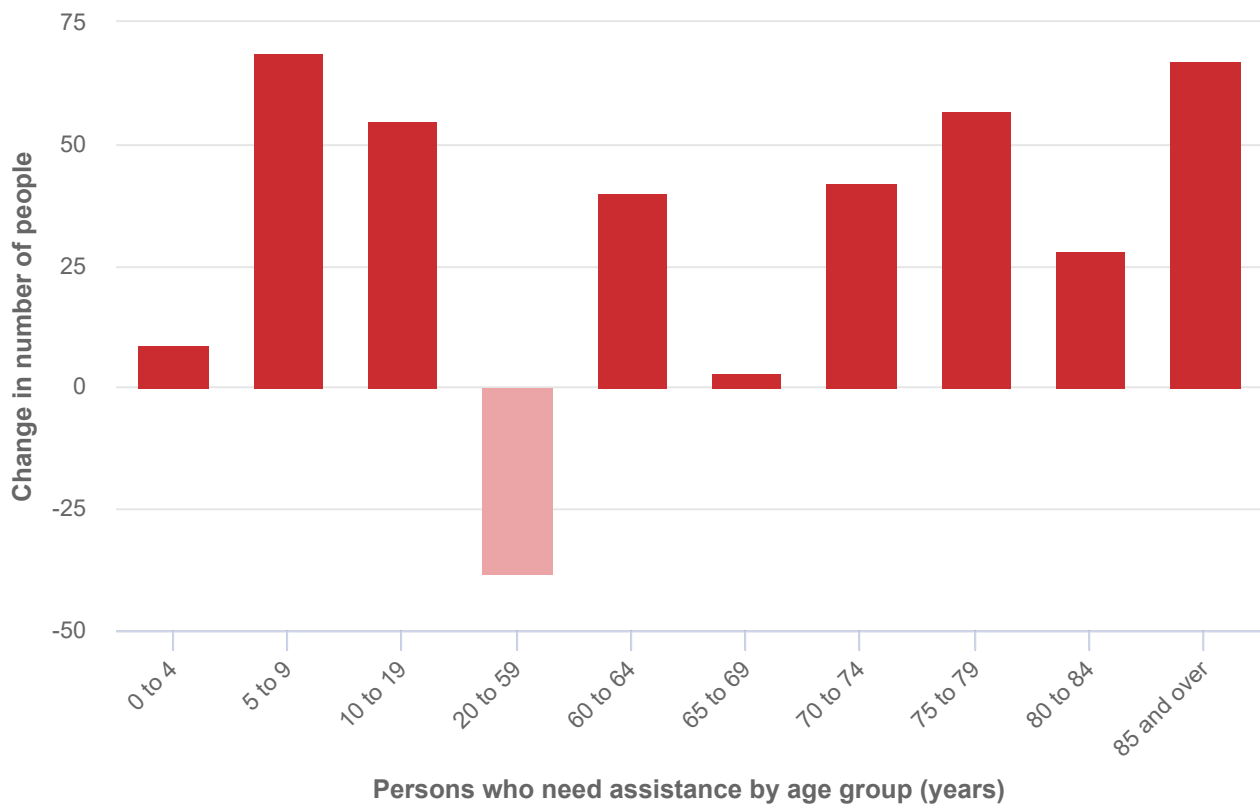
## Need for assistance with core activities, 2021



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

Geraldton - 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 Geraldton compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people who reported needing assistance with core activities.

Overall, 5.4% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 75 to 79 (17.8% compared to 14.3%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 70 to 74 (10.8% compared to 8.9%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons aged 5 to 9 (4.6% compared to 3.6%)

## Emerging groups

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

- 5 to 9 (+69 persons)
- 85 and over (+67 persons)
- 75 to 79 (+57 persons)
- 10 to 19 (+55 persons)

# Geraldton

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 for be viewed at 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

Geraldton - Persons (Usual residence)	2021		
Long-term health conditions	Number	%	Western Australia %
Arthritis	3,351	8.6	7.6
Asthma	3,401	8.7	7.3
Cancer (including remission)	1,244	3.2	2.7
Dementia (including Alzheimer's)	373	1.0	0.7
Diabetes	2,180	5.6	4.4
Heart disease	1,638	4.2	3.6
Kidney disease	471	1.2	0.8
Lung condition	805	2.1	1.6
Mental health condition	3,567	9.2	8.3
Stroke	367	0.9	0.8
Other long-term health condition	2,858	7.3	7.4

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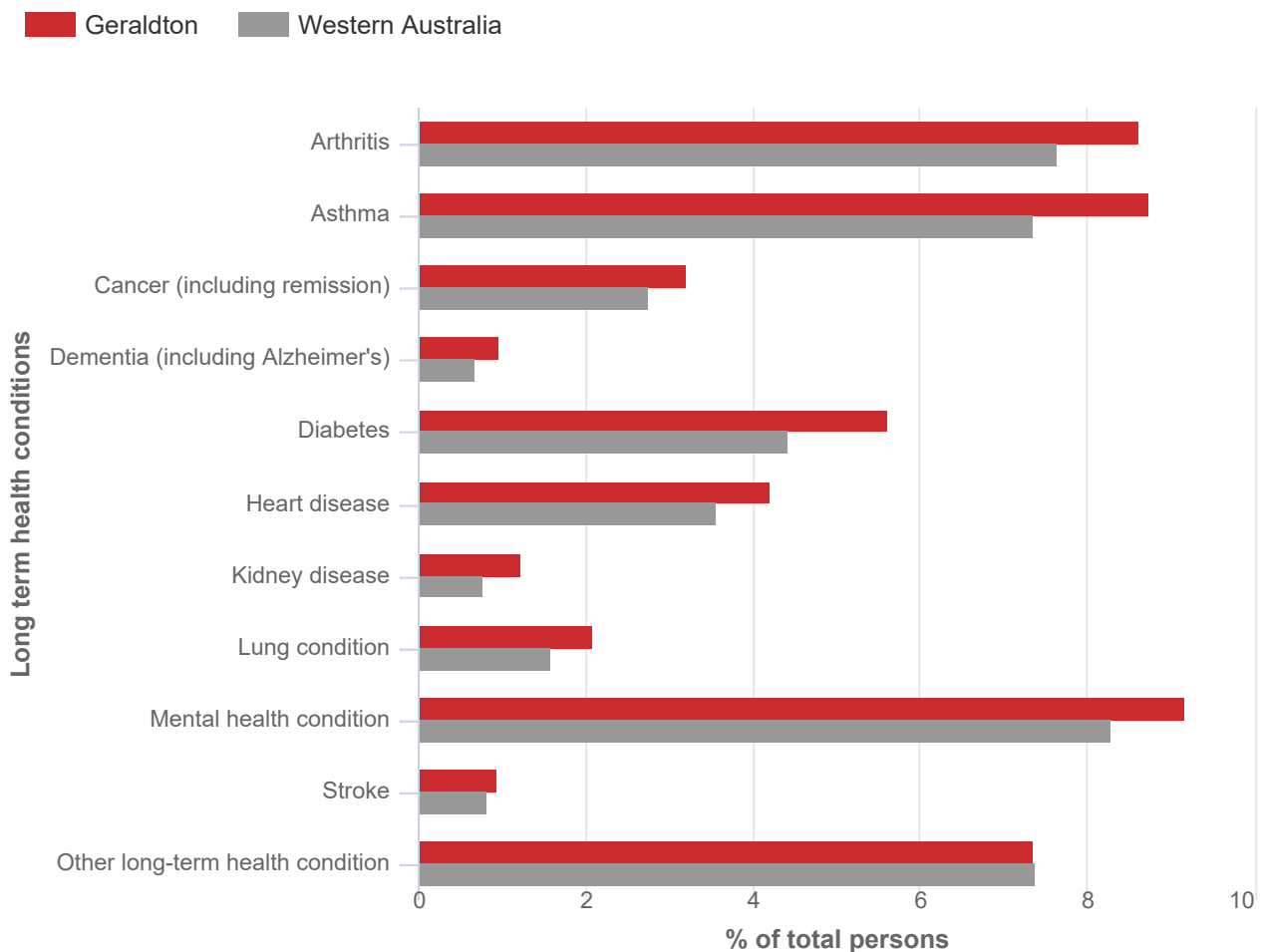
# Long term health conditions - Summary

Geraldton - Persons (Usual residence)	2021		
Long-term health conditions - Summary	Number	%	Western Australia %
Population with at least one long-term health condition	12,653	32.5	29.9
No long-term health conditions	21,312	54.7	61.2
Not stated	4,976	12.8	8.9
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>38,941</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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, all persons, 2021



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## Dominant groups

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Analysis of the long term health conditions of Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a higher proportion of people with a long-term health condition 32.5% compared to 29.9% in Western Australia.

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

- A *larger* percentage with asthma (8.7% compared to 7.3%)
- A *larger* percentage with diabetes (5.6% compared to 4.4%)
- A *larger* percentage with arthritis (8.6% compared to 7.6%)
- A *larger* percentage with mental health condition (9.2% compared to 8.3%)



# Geraldton

## Employment status

Geraldton'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

Geraldton - 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)	18,708	60.0	63.9	18,098	59.9	62.9	+610
Not in the labour force	9,592	30.7	29.8	9,549	31.6	29.8	+43
Labour force status not stated	2,896	9.3	6.3	2,571	8.5	7.3	+325
Total persons aged 15+	31,196	100.0	100.0	30,224	100.0	100.0	+972

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

Geraldton - Persons in the labour force (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Employment status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Employed	17,744	94.8	94.9	16,506	91.2	92.2	+1,238
Employed full-time	10,490	56.1	57.1	10,056	55.6	57.0	+434
Employed part-time	6,042	32.3	32.0	5,338	29.5	30.0	+704
Employed, away from work	1,212	6.5	5.8	1,112	6.1	5.2	+100
Unemployed (Unemployment rate)	964	5.2	5.1	1,592	8.8	7.8	-628
Looking for full-time work	526	2.8	2.7	1,077	6.0	4.7	-551
Looking for part-time work	438	2.3	2.4	515	2.8	3.1	-77
<b>Total labour force</b>	<b>18,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,098</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+610</b>

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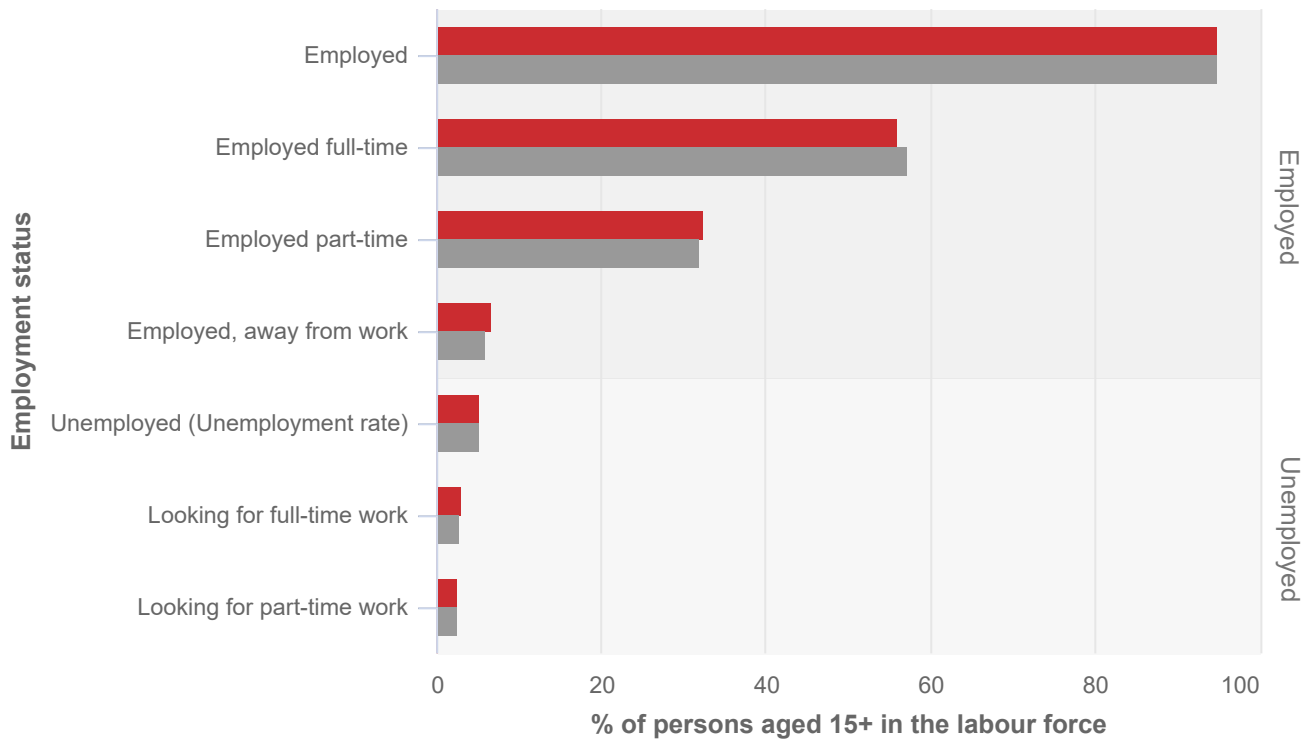
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## Employment status, 2021

Total persons in the labour force

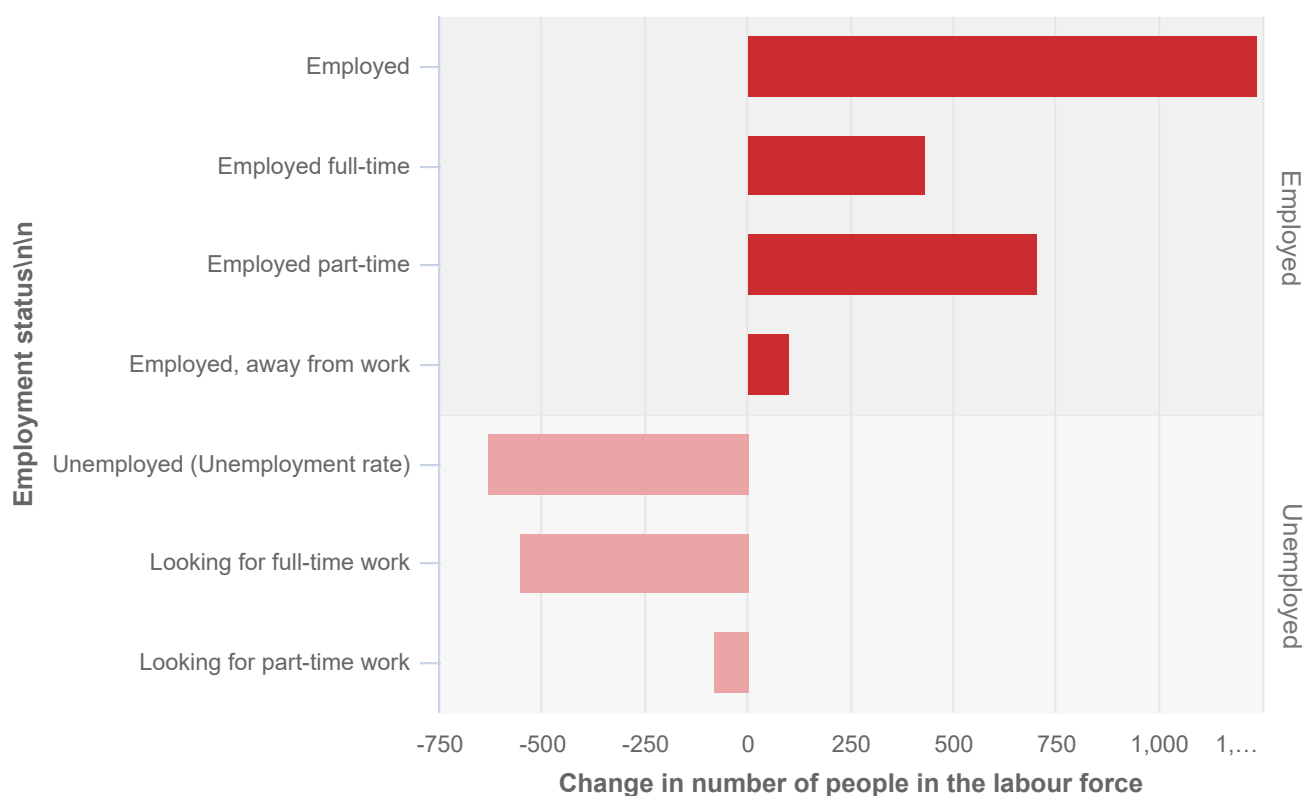
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## Change in employment status, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons in the labour force



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## Dominant groups

The size of Geraldton's labour force in 2021 was 18,708, of which 6,042 were employed part-time and 10,490 were full time workers.

Analysis of the employment status (as a percentage of the labour force) in Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a similar proportion in employment, as well as a similar proportion unemployed. Overall, 94.8% of the labour force was employed, and 5.2% unemployed, compared with 94.9% and 5.1% respectively for Western Australia.

Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the population in Geraldton in 2021 shows that there was a lower proportion in the labour force (60.0%) compared with Western Australia (63.9%).

## Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people employed in Geraldton showed an increase of 1,238, and the number unemployed showed a decrease of 628. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed an increase of 610 or 3.4%.

# Geraldton

## Industry sector of employment

Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Industry sector	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	676	3.8	2.3	643	3.9	2.5	+33
Mining	1,168	6.6	7.5	881	5.3	6.3	+287
Manufacturing	455	2.6	5.3	580	3.5	5.6	-125
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	180	1.0	1.2	171	1.0	1.2	+9
Construction	1,634	9.2	8.8	1,544	9.4	9.8	+90
Wholesale trade	455	2.6	2.5	388	2.4	2.5	+67
Retail Trade	1,888	10.6	8.8	1,841	11.2	9.5	+47
Accommodation and Food Services	1,249	7.0	6.5	1,122	6.8	6.4	+127
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,139	6.4	4.5	1,120	6.8	4.6	+19
Information Media and Telecommunications	108	0.6	0.8	116	0.7	1.0	-8
Financial and Insurance Services	210	1.2	2.2	268	1.6	2.4	-58
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	167	0.9	1.4	257	1.6	1.7	-90
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	661	3.7	6.9	655	4.0	6.4	+6
Administrative and Support Services	478	2.7	3.1	484	2.9	3.3	-6
Public Administration and Safety	1,107	6.2	5.9	1,088	6.6	6.2	+19
Education and Training	1,846	10.4	8.8	1,654	10.0	8.7	+192
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,745	15.5	13.6	2,099	12.7	11.7	+646
Arts and Recreation Services	141	0.8	1.6	148	0.9	1.6	-7
Other Services	777	4.4	3.9	735	4.5	4.0	+42
Inadequately described or not stated	668	3.8	4.6	723	4.4	4.6	-55
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>17,752</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,501</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,251</b>

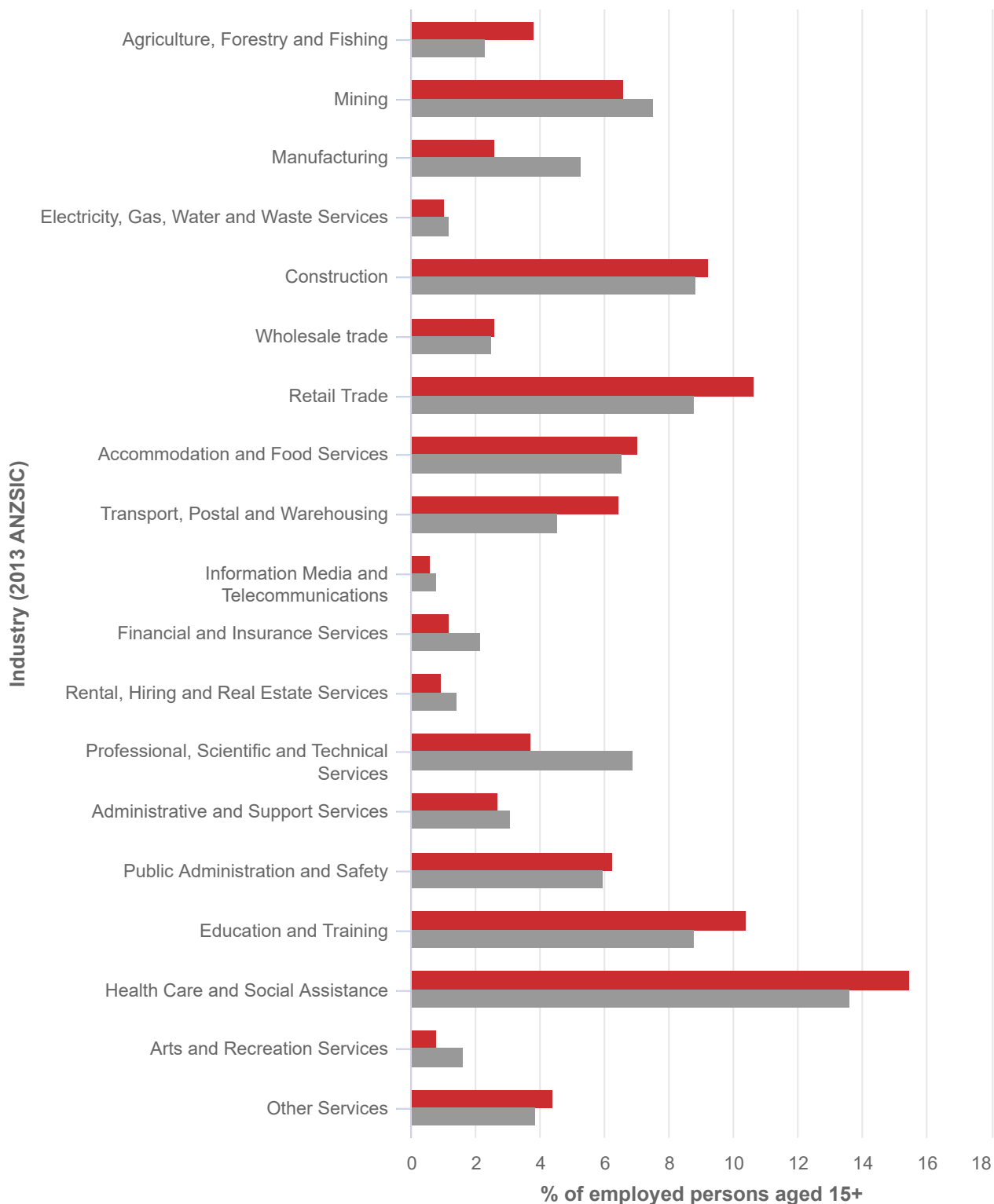
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# Industry sector of employment, 2021

Total employed persons

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## Change in industry sector of employment, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total employed persons



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## Dominant groups

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

- Health Care and Social Assistance (2,745 people or 15.5%)
- Retail Trade (1,888 people or 10.6%)
- Education and Training (1,846 people or 10.4%)

In combination, these three industries employed 6,479 people in total or 36.5% of the total employed resident population.

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

**The major differences between the jobs held by the population of Geraldton and Western Australia were:**

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed in transport, postal and warehousing (6.4% compared to 4.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons employed in health care and social assistance (15.5% compared to 13.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in professional, scientific and technical services (3.7% compared to 6.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed in manufacturing (2.6% compared to 5.3%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in Geraldton increased by 1,251 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- Health Care and Social Assistance (+646 persons)
- Mining (+287 persons)
- Education and Training (+192 persons)
- Accommodation and Food Services (+127 persons)

# Geraldton

## Occupation of employment

Geraldton'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 Geraldton's socio-economic status and skill base.

## Occupation of employment

Geraldton - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Occupation	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Managers	1,798	10.1	12.3	1,758	10.6	12.0	+40
Professionals	3,009	17.0	22.0	2,670	16.2	20.5	+339
Technicians and Trades Workers	3,002	16.9	15.3	2,821	17.1	16.2	+181
Community and Personal Service Workers	2,399	13.5	11.8	1,894	11.5	10.6	+505
Clerical and Administrative Workers	2,011	11.3	12.1	2,060	12.5	13.0	-49
Sales Workers	1,609	9.1	7.8	1,622	9.8	8.8	-13
Machinery Operators And Drivers	1,627	9.2	7.7	1,483	9.0	7.5	+144
Labourers	2,013	11.3	9.4	1,906	11.5	9.7	+107
Not stated or inadequately described	275	1.5	1.7	301	1.8	1.7	-26
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>17,751</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,509</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,242</b>

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

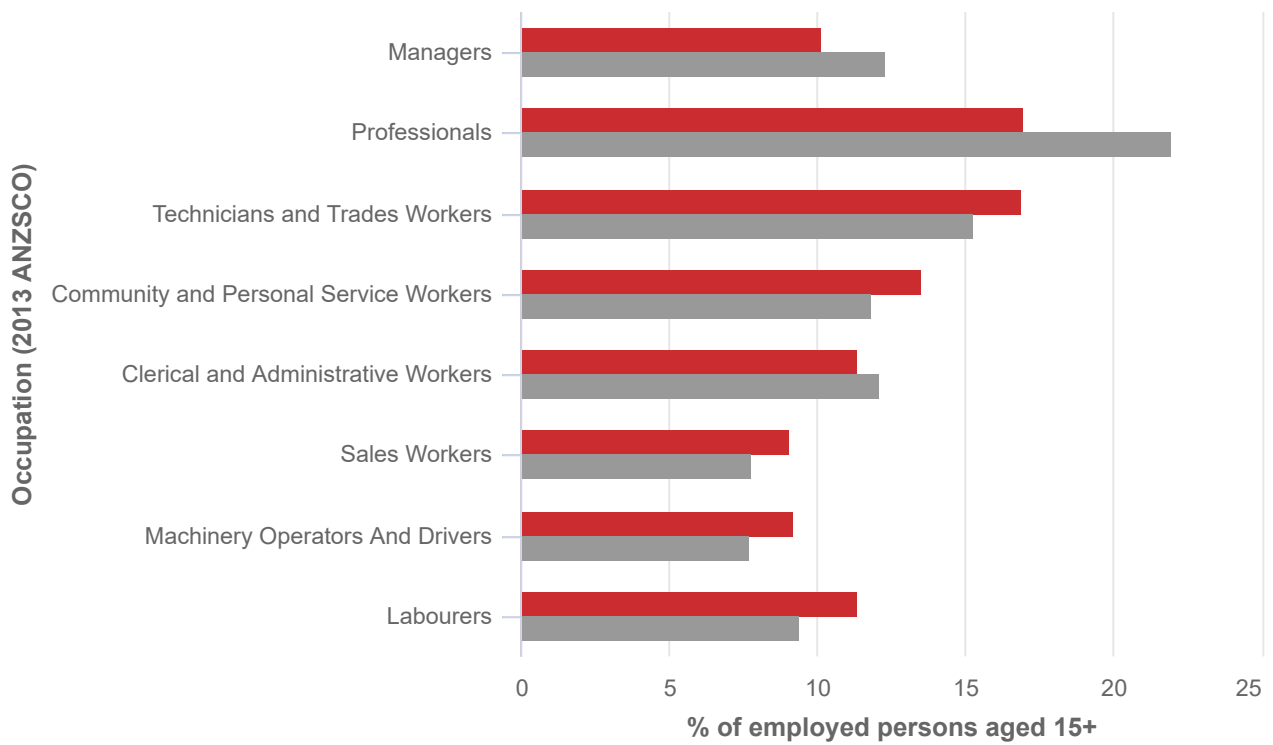
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**a** People employed as Managers or Professionals

## Occupation of employment, 2021

Total employed persons

■ Geraldton ■ Western Australia



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## Change in occupation of employment, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total employed persons



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## Dominant groups

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

- Professionals (3,009 people or 17.0%)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (3,002 people or 16.9%)
- Community and Personal Service Workers (2,399 people or 13.5%)

In combination these three occupations accounted for 8,410 people in total or 47.4% of the employed resident population.

In comparison, Western Australia employed 22.0% in Professionals; 15.3% in Technicians and Trades Workers; and 11.8% in Community and Personal Service Workers.

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

- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Labourers (11.3% compared to 9.4%)
- A *larger* percentage of persons employed as Community and Personal Service Workers (13.5% compared to 11.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed as Professionals (17.0% compared to 22.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons employed as Managers (10.1% compared to 12.3%)

## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in Geraldton increased by 1,242 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- Community and Personal Service Workers (+505 persons)
- Professionals (+339 persons)
- Technicians and Trades Workers (+181 persons)
- Machinery Operators And Drivers (+144 persons)

# Geraldton

## Method of travel to work

Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Employed persons (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Main method of travel	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Train	13	0.1	4.0	291	1.8	4.9	-278
Bus	243	1.4	3.3	289	1.8	4.3	-46
Tram	0	--	0.0	0	--	0.0	0
Ferry	4	0.0	0.0	5	0.0	0.0	-1
Taxi/ride-share	30	0.2	0.3	34	0.2	0.2	-4
Car - as driver	12,349	69.6	62.1	11,513	69.8	63.3	+836
Car - as passenger	1,017	5.7	4.6	968	5.9	4.9	+49
Truck	153	0.9	0.6	141	0.9	0.7	+12
Motorbike	95	0.5	0.3	137	0.8	0.5	-42
Bicycle	163	0.9	0.7	190	1.2	1.0	-27
Walked only	353	2.0	2.2	445	2.7	2.8	-92
Other	335	1.9	2.2	4	0.0	2.0	+331
Worked at home	752	4.2	7.5	550	3.3	4.3	+202
Did not go to work	2,170	12.2	11.7	1,737	10.5	10.1	+433
Not stated	69	0.4	0.5	198	1.2	1.1	-129
<b>Total employed persons aged 15+</b>	<b>17,746</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,244</b>

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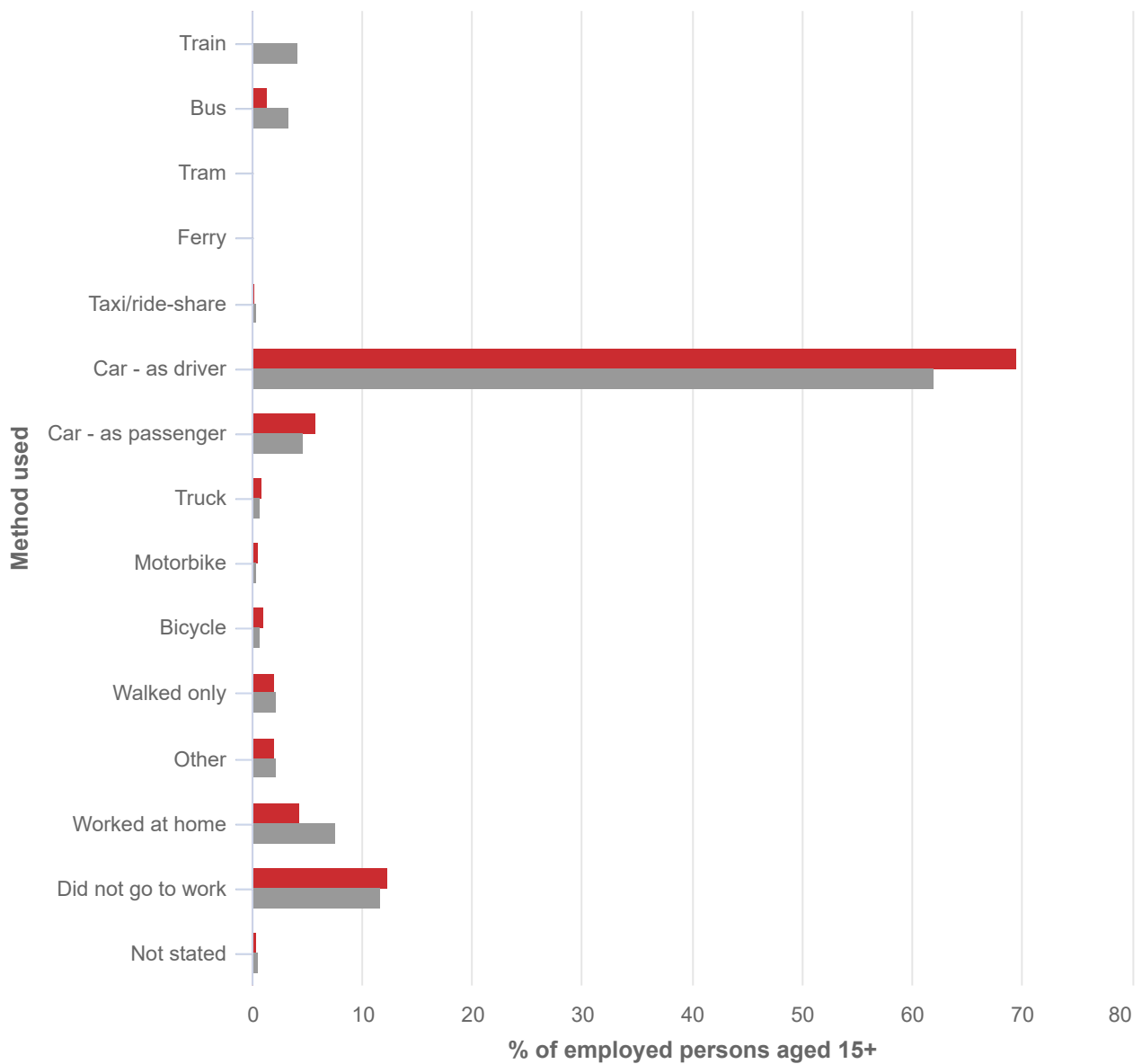
a People who travelled to work by car

a People who travelled to work on public transport

## Method of travel to work, 2021

Total employed persons

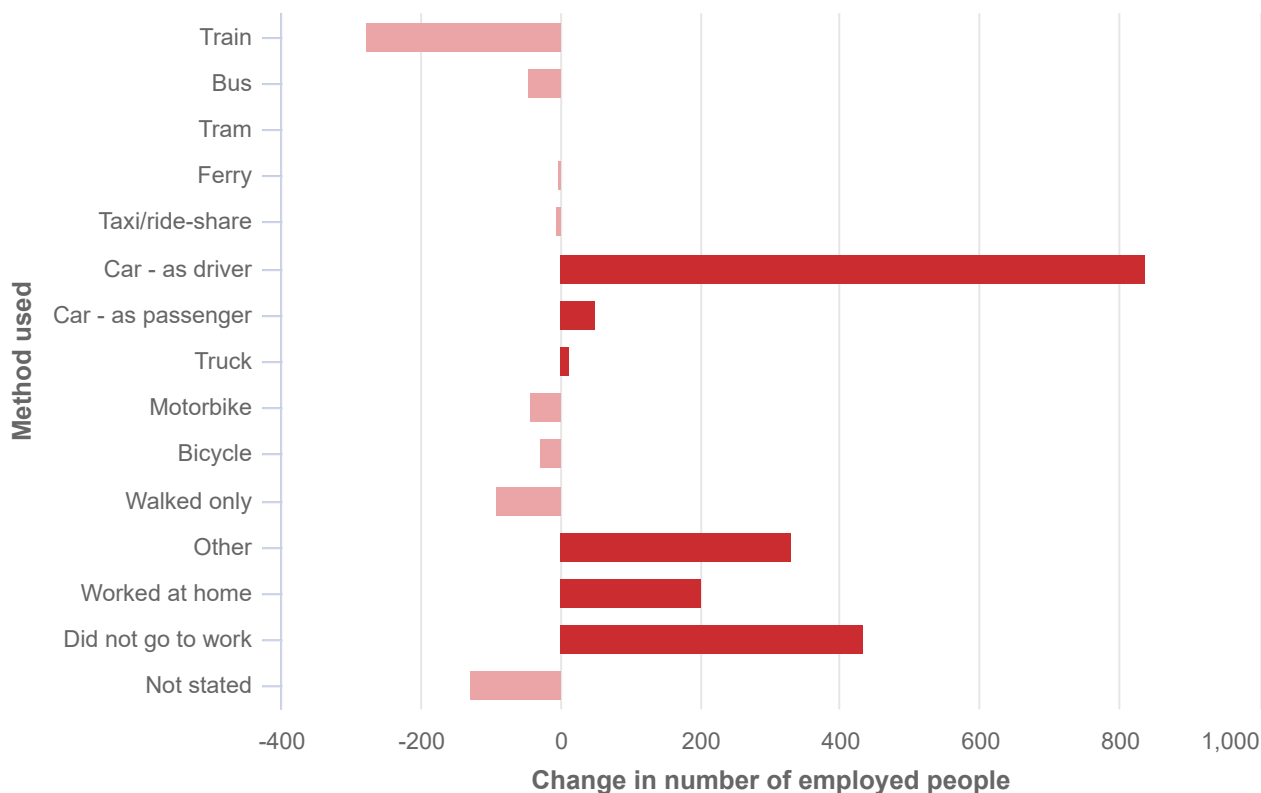
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## Change in method of travel to work, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - 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 260 people who caught public transport to work (train, bus, tram or ferry) in Geraldton, compared with 13,614 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 Geraldton in 2021, compared to Western Australia, shows that 1.5% used public transport, while 75.3% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who travelled by car (as driver) (69.6% compared to 62.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who travelled by train (0.1% compared to 4.0%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who worked at home (4.2% compared to 7.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who travelled by bus (1.4% compared to 3.3%)



## Emerging groups

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The number of employed people in Geraldton increased by 1,244 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- Car - as driver (+836 persons)
- Did not go to work (+433 persons)
- Other (+331 persons)
- Train (-278 persons)

# Geraldton

## 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

Geraldton - 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	2,795	61.8	72.5	2,987	61.5	70.7	-192
15 to 24 years	Partially engaged	756	16.7	13.0	686	14.1	12.3	+70
15 to 24 years	Disengaged	547	12.1	8.8	720	14.8	10.5	-173
15 to 24 years	Undetermined/Not stated	426	9.4	5.7	461	9.5	6.5	-35
15 to 24 years	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-330</b>
25 to 54 years	Fully engaged	7,350	49.9	55.6	7,275	48.3	53.7	+75
25 to 54 years	Partially engaged	3,573	24.3	23.6	3,491	23.2	22.1	+82
25 to 54 years	Disengaged	2,198	14.9	13.6	2,804	18.6	16.4	-606
25 to 54 years	Undetermined/Not stated	1,599	10.9	7.2	1,496	9.9	7.9	+103
25 to 54 years	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,720</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,066</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-346</b>
55 to 64 years	Fully engaged	2,010	39.5	41.0	1,703	36.4	37.9	+307
55 to 64 years	Partially engaged	1,277	25.1	25.2	1,105	23.6	23.9	+172
55 to 64 years	Disengaged	1,382	27.2	27.8	1,454	31.1	30.9	-72
55 to 64 years	Undetermined/Not stated	417	8.2	5.9	417	8.9	7.3	0
55 to 64 years	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,086</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+407</b>
65 years and over	Fully engaged	451	6.6	6.5	299	5.3	5.7	+152
65 years and over	Partially engaged	640	9.3	9.4	409	7.3	8.6	+231
65 years and over	Disengaged	5,026	73.2	76.2	4,162	74.1	74.4	+864
65 years and over	Undetermined/Not stated	753	11.0	7.9	744	13.3	11.2	+9
65 years and over	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,614</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,256</b>
Total aged 15+	Fully engaged	12,606	40.4	46.2	12,264	40.6	45.8	+342
Total aged 15+	Partially engaged	6,246	20.0	19.5	5,691	18.8	18.5	+555

## Workforce and educational engagement by age

Geraldton - 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	9,153	29.3	27.4	9,140	30.3	27.6	+13
Total aged 15+	Undetermined/Not stated	3,195	10.2	6.9	3,118	10.3	8.2	+77
Total aged 15+	Total	31,200	100.0	100.0	30,213	100.0	100.0	+987

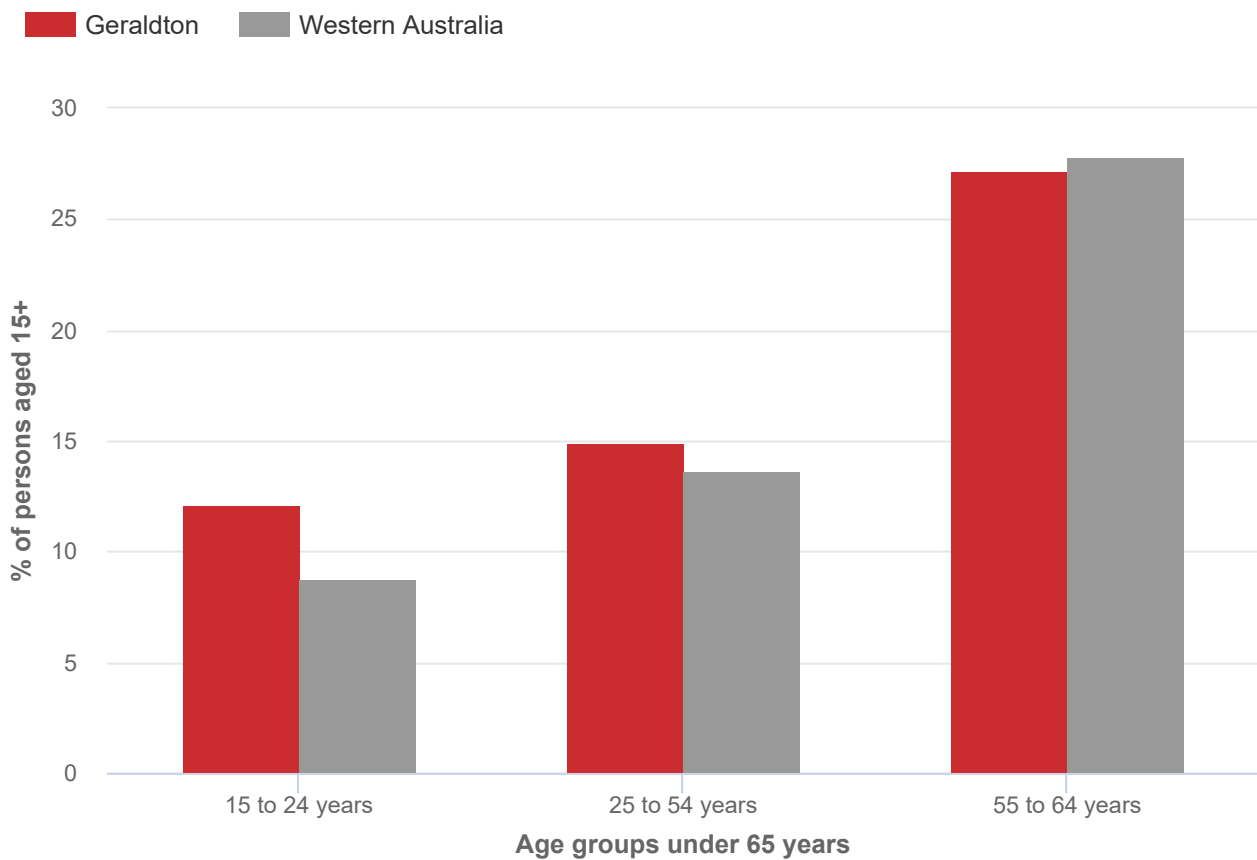
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### a Disengaged youth (aged 15-24 not employed or in education)

## Disengaged persons by age, 2021

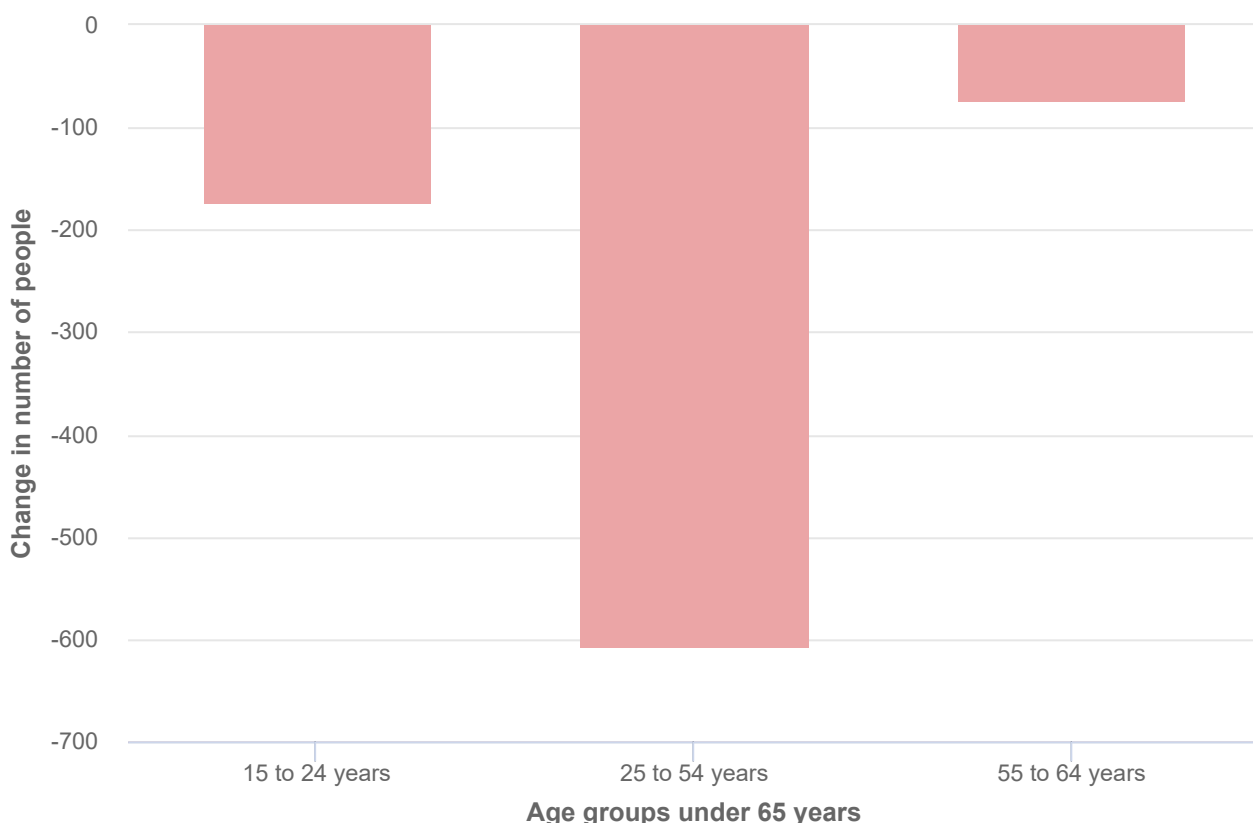
Total disengaged persons under 65 years



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## Change in disengaged persons by age, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total disengaged persons under 65 years



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## Dominant groups

The number of people aged 15 to 24 years in Geraldton in 2016 was 4,524, of this, 12.1% were disengaged and 16.7% 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 Geraldton showed a decrease of -330.

The number of disengaged people aged 15 to 24 years showed a decrease of 173 or 24.0%.

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton 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

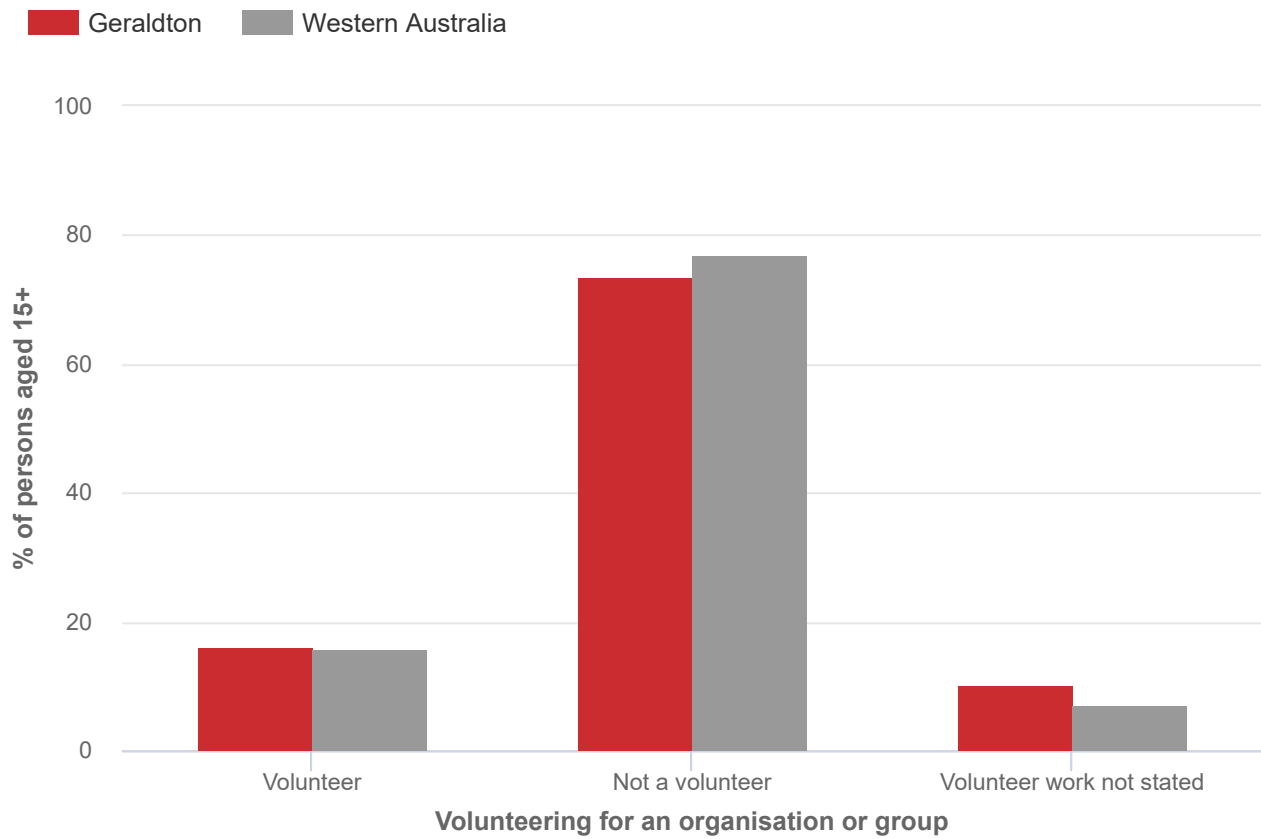
Geraldton - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Volunteer status	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Volunteer	5,040	16.2	15.9	6,136	20.3	19.0	-1,096
Not a volunteer	22,925	73.5	77.0	20,743	68.6	72.1	+2,182
Volunteer work not stated	3,233	10.4	7.1	3,338	11.0	8.9	-105
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,198</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,217</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+981</b>

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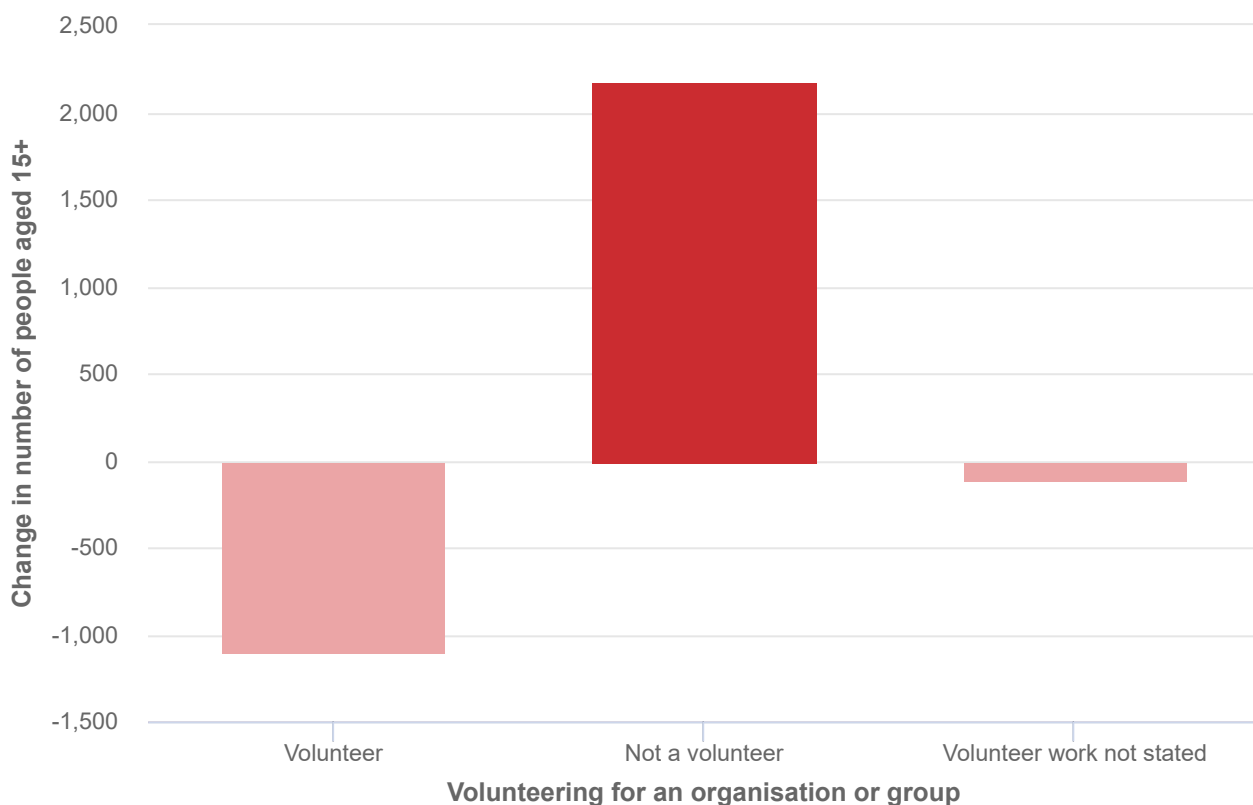
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## Change in volunteer work, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

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

Overall, 16.2% of the population reported performing voluntary work, compared with 15.9% for Western Australia.

## Emerging groups

The number of volunteers in Geraldton decreased by 1,096 people between 2016 and 2021.



# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton may also be related to Household Income, as higher income households are able to outsource some of these tasks.

## Unpaid domestic work

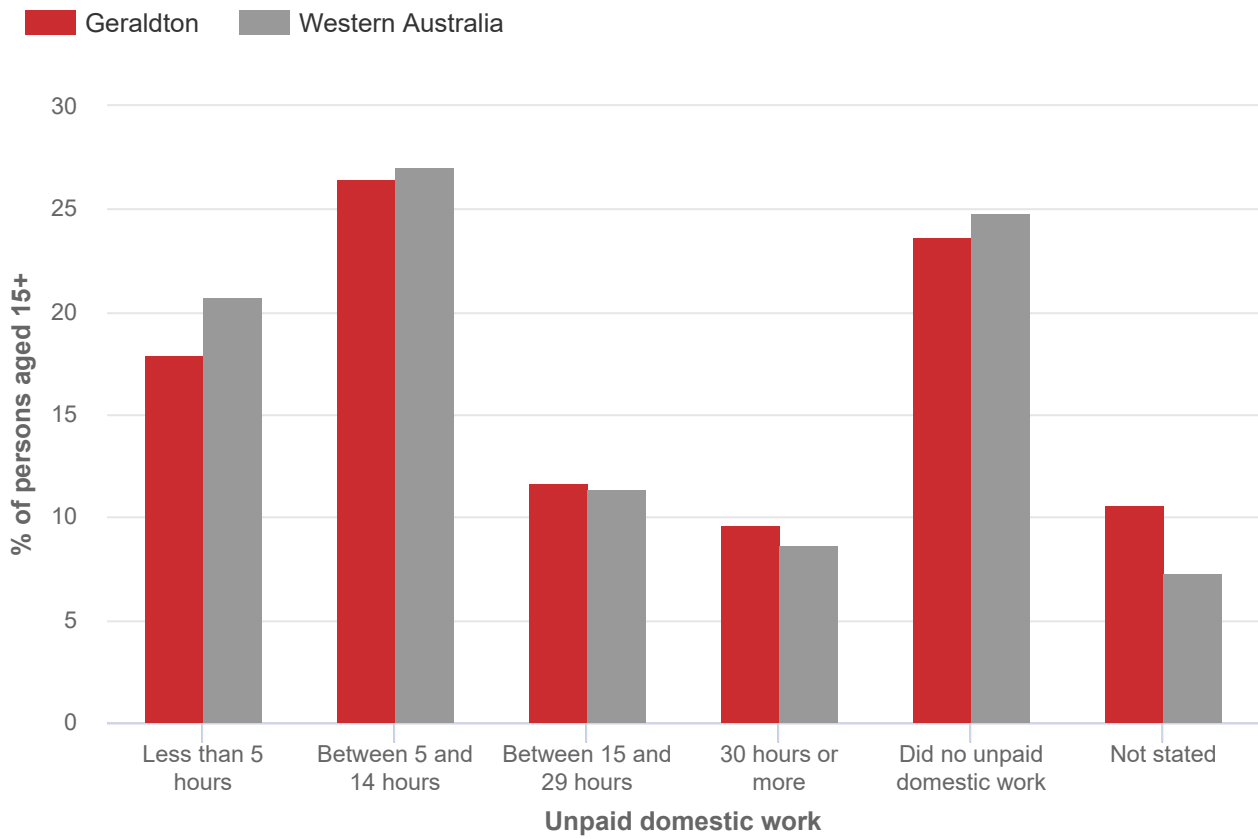
Geraldton - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Hours spent on unpaid domestic work	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Did unpaid domestic work	20,497	65.7	67.9	20,588	68.1	69.4	-91
Less than 5 hours	5,596	17.9	20.8	5,863	19.4	22.4	-267
Between 5 and 14 hours	8,259	26.5	27.1	7,746	25.6	26.1	+513
Between 15 and 29 hours	3,644	11.7	11.4	3,673	12.2	11.4	-29
30 hours or more	2,998	9.6	8.7	3,306	10.9	9.5	-308
Did no unpaid domestic work	7,382	23.7	24.8	6,092	20.2	21.2	+1,290
Not stated	3,320	10.6	7.3	3,533	11.7	9.4	-213
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,199</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+986</b>

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## Unpaid domestic work, 2021

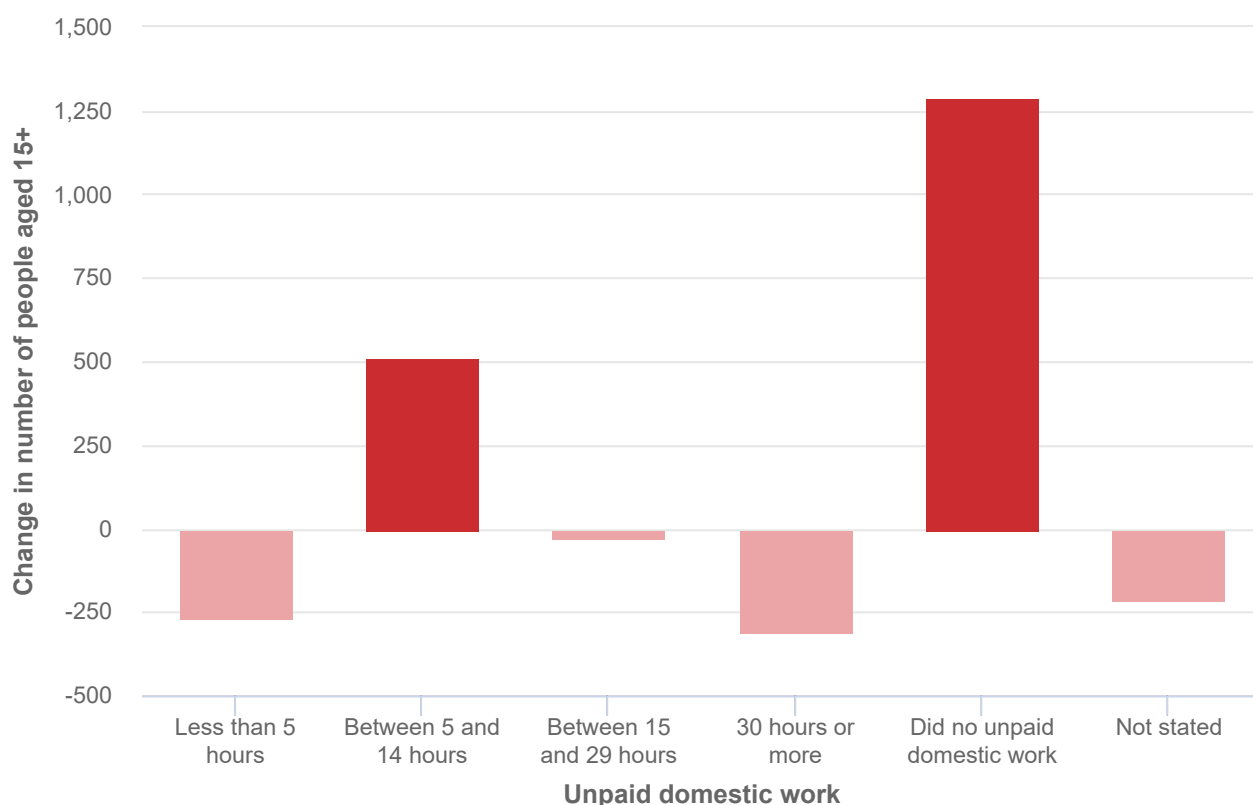
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## Change in unpaid domestic work, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid domestic work performed by the population in Geraldton 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *larger* percentage of persons who did 30 hours or more of domestic work (9.6% compared to 8.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did less than 5 hours of domestic work (17.9% compared to 20.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did unpaid domestic work (total) (65.7% compared to 67.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who did no unpaid domestic work (23.7% compared to 24.8%)

## Emerging groups

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

- Did no unpaid domestic work (+1,290 persons)
- Between 5 and 14 hours (+513 persons)
- 30 hours or more (-308 persons)
- Less than 5 hours (-267 persons)

# Geraldton

## Unpaid care

The proportion of people providing unpaid care for the aged and disabled in Geraldton 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

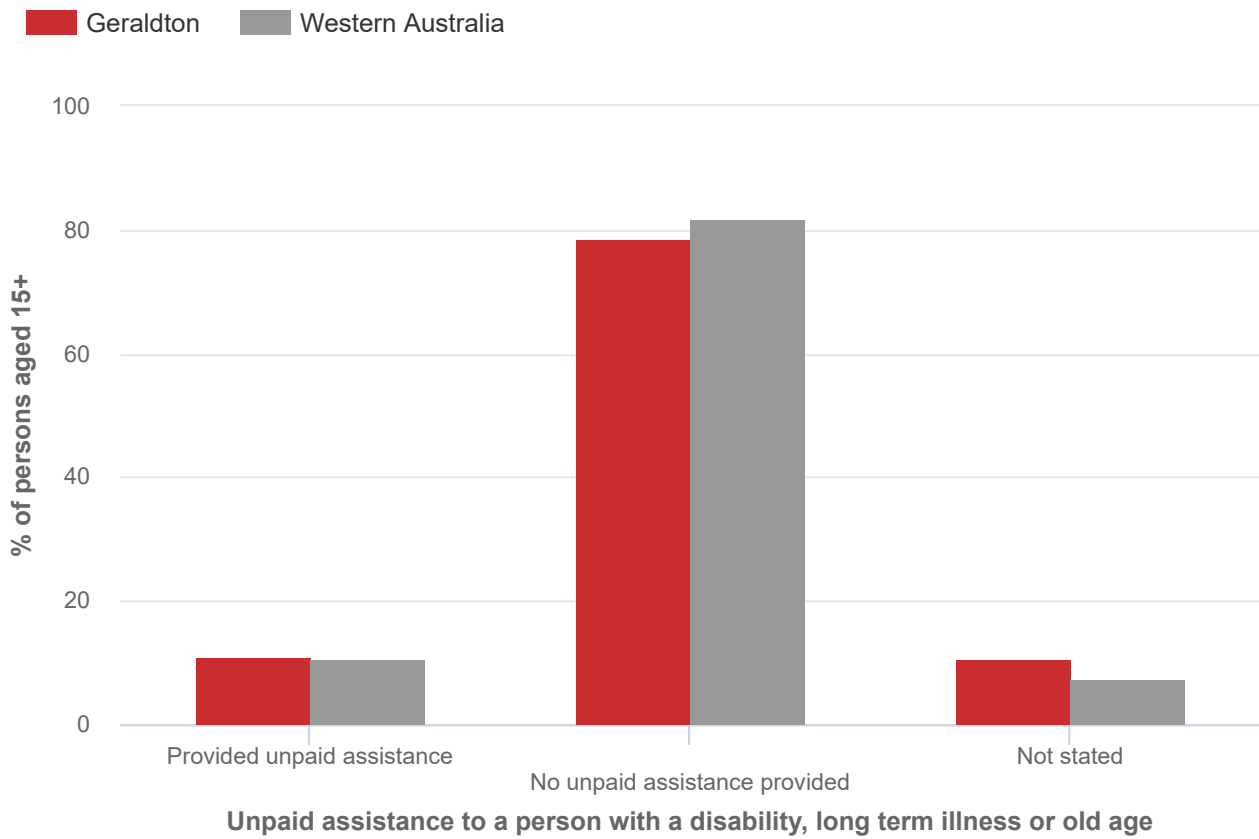
Geraldton - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Provided unpaid assistance	3,405	10.9	10.7	3,119	10.3	9.8	+286
No unpaid assistance provided	24,487	78.5	81.9	23,550	77.9	80.7	+937
Not stated	3,309	10.6	7.3	3,550	11.7	9.5	-241
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,219</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+982</b>

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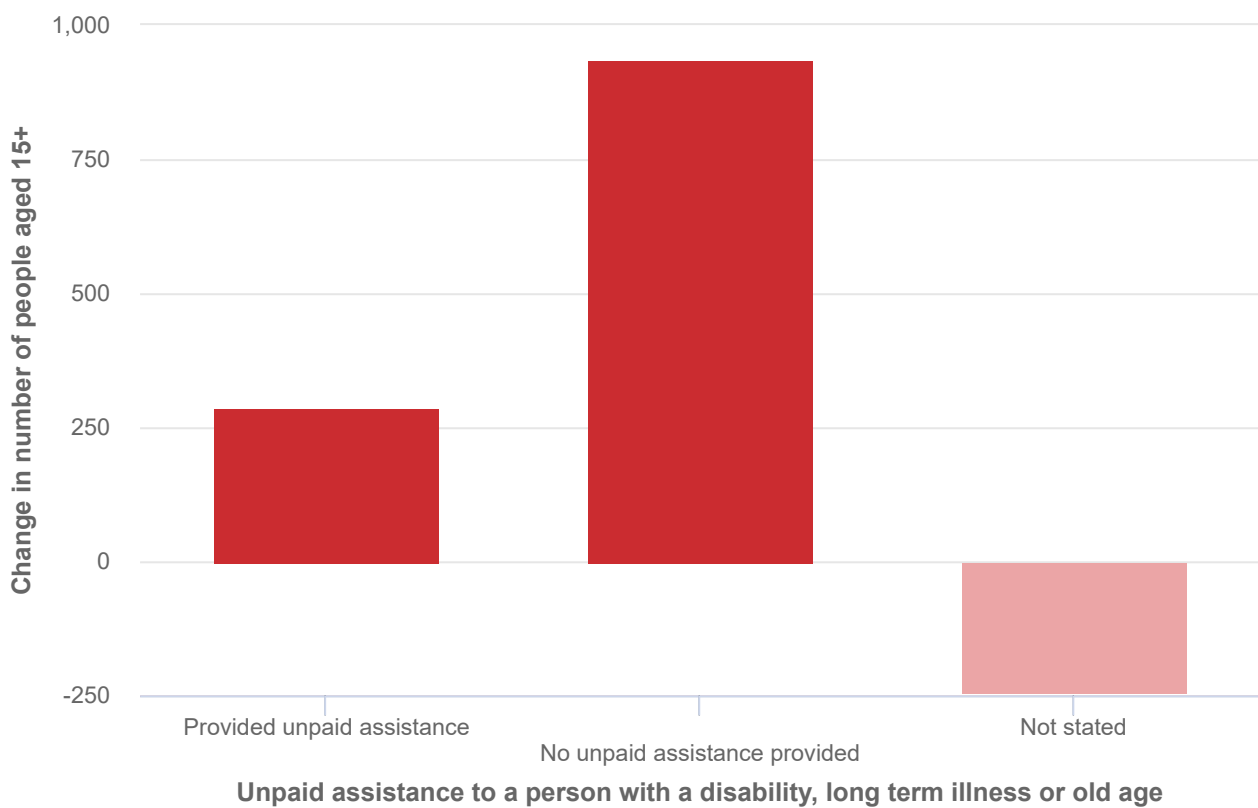
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## Change in unpaid care, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid care provided by the population in Geraldton 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 Geraldton increased by 286 between 2016 and 2021.

# Geraldton

## Unpaid childcare

The role of unpaid childcare in Geraldton 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

Geraldton - 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)	8,249	26.4	28.5	8,449	28.0	28.5	-200
Cared for own child/ren	5,736	18.4	20.5	5,956	19.7	20.6	-220
Cared for other child/ren	2,172	7.0	7.1	2,222	7.4	7.0	-50
Cared for own child/ren and other child/ren	341	1.1	0.9	271	0.9	0.8	+70
No unpaid child care provided	19,728	63.2	64.4	18,403	60.9	62.6	+1,325
Not stated	3,218	10.3	7.1	3,373	11.2	9.0	-155
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,225</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+970</b>

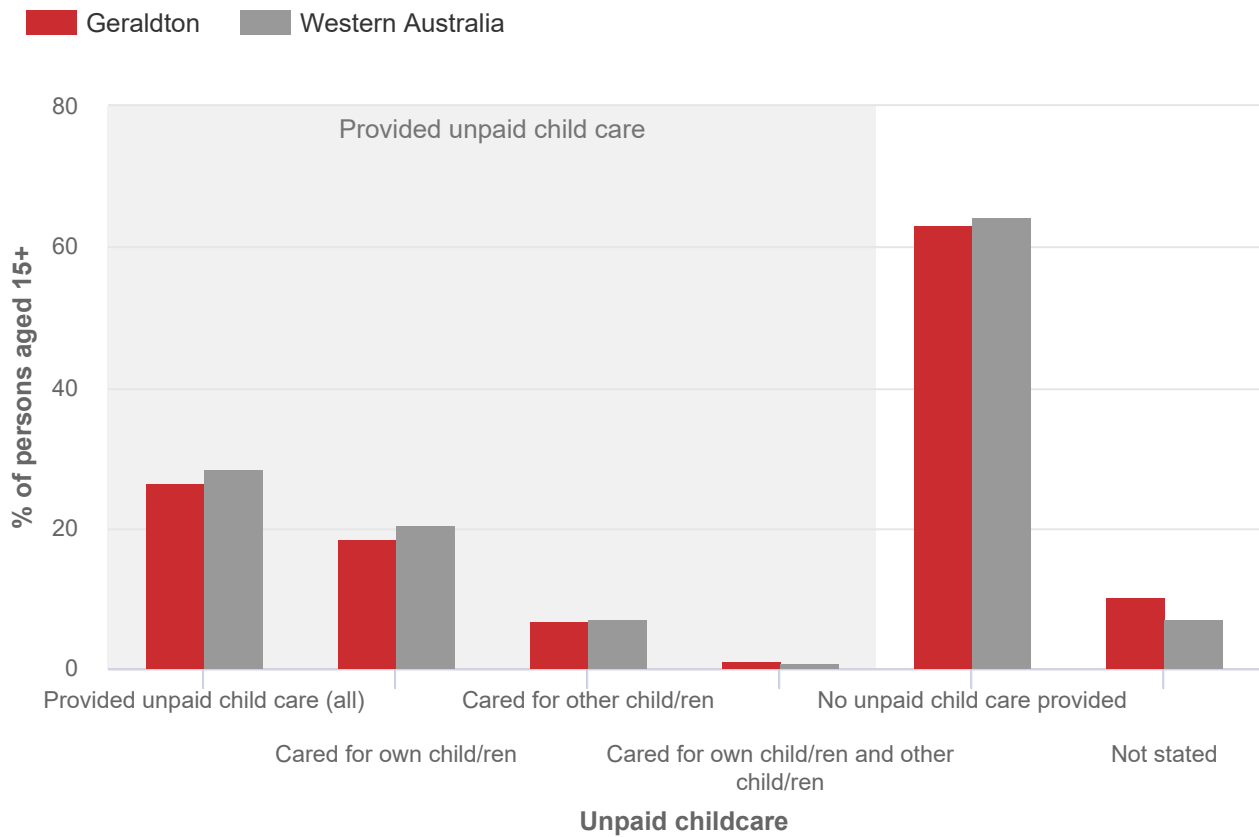
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## Unpaid childcare, 2021

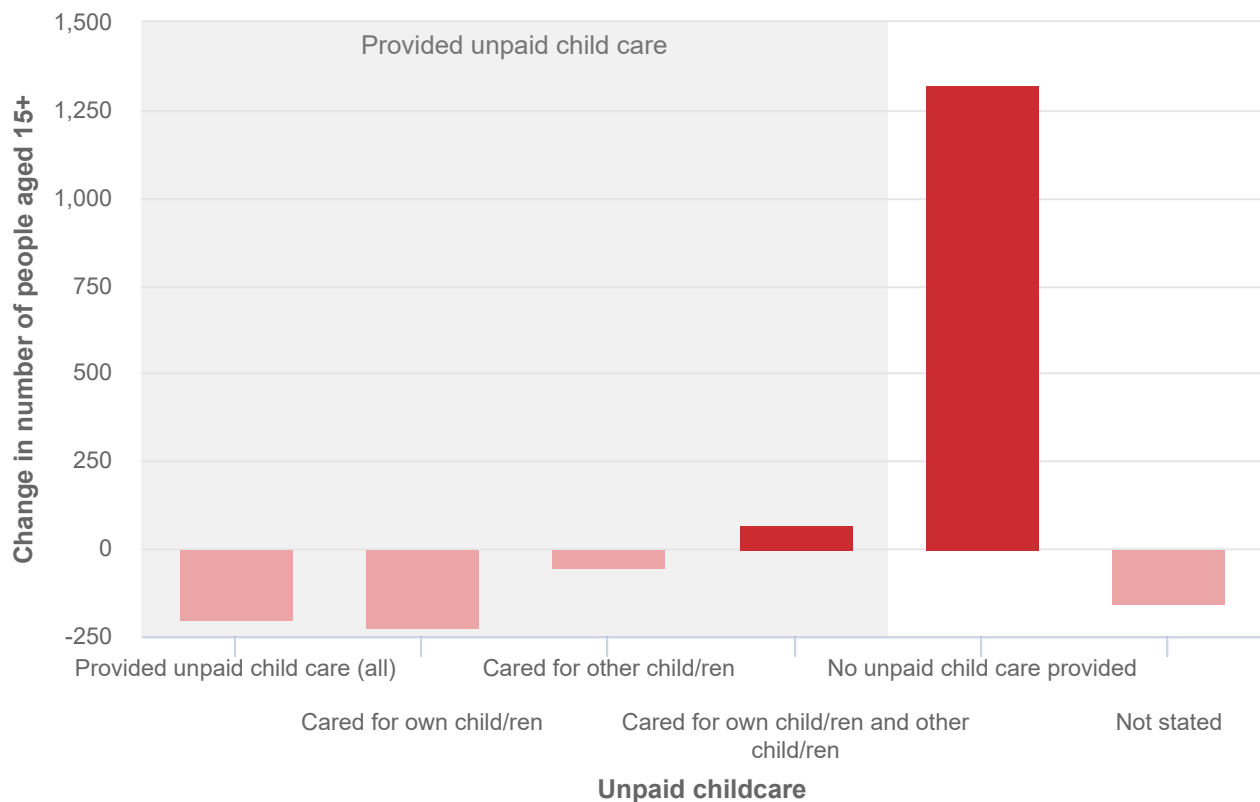
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## Change in unpaid childcare, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton - Total persons



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the unpaid child care provided by the population in Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people who provided unpaid child care either to their own or to other children. Overall, 26.4% 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 Geraldton and Western Australia were:

- A *smaller* percentage who provided unpaid childcare for own child/ren (18.4% compared to 20.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage who did not provide care for children (63.2% 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 Geraldton decreased by 200 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- No unpaid child care provided (+1,325 persons)
- Cared for own child/ren (-220 persons)
- Cared for own child/ren and other child/ren (+70 persons)
- Cared for other child/ren (-50 persons)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton. 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

Geraldton - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021		
	Number	%	Western Australia %
Weekly gross income			
Negative Income/ Nil income	2,251	7.2	8.8
\$1 - \$149	983	3.1	3.5
\$150 - \$299	1,570	5.0	4.9
\$300 - \$399	2,556	8.2	7.1
\$400 - \$499	2,435	7.8	7.0
\$500 - \$649	2,221	7.1	6.8
\$650 - \$799	2,185	7.0	6.3
\$800 - \$999	2,322	7.4	7.2
\$1,000 - \$1,249	2,523	8.1	8.5
\$1,250 - \$1,499	1,898	6.1	6.7
\$1,500 - \$1,749	1,834	5.9	6.1
\$1,750 - \$1,999	1,405	4.5	4.7
\$2,000 - \$2,999	2,491	8.0	8.8
\$3,000 - \$3,499	517	1.7	2.3
\$3,500 or more	602	1.9	3.6
Not stated	3,419	11.0	7.7
<b>Total persons aged 15+</b>	<b>31,212</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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## Weekly individual income, 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 individual income levels in Geraldton 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) and a similar proportion of low income people (those earning less than \$500 per week).

Overall, 11.6% of the population earned a high income, and 31.4% earned a low income, compared with 14.7% and 31.3% respectively for Western Australia.

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

- A *larger* percentage of persons who earned \$300 - \$399 (8.2% compared to 7.1%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned \$3,500 or more (1.9% compared to 3.6%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned Negative Income/ Nil income (7.2% compared to 8.8%)
- A *smaller* percentage of persons who earned \$2,000 - \$2,999 (8.0% compared to 8.8%)

# Geraldton

## Individual income quartiles

Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	6,900	24.8	25.0	6,535	24.6	25.0	+364
Medium lowest	7,864	28.3	25.0	7,653	28.8	25.0	+212
Medium highest	6,915	24.9	25.0	6,589	24.8	25.0	+326
Highest group	6,112	22.0	25.0	5,823	21.9	25.0	+289
Total persons aged 15+	27,792	100.0	100.0	26,602	100.0	100.0	+1,191

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

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## Individual income - Quartile group dollar ranges

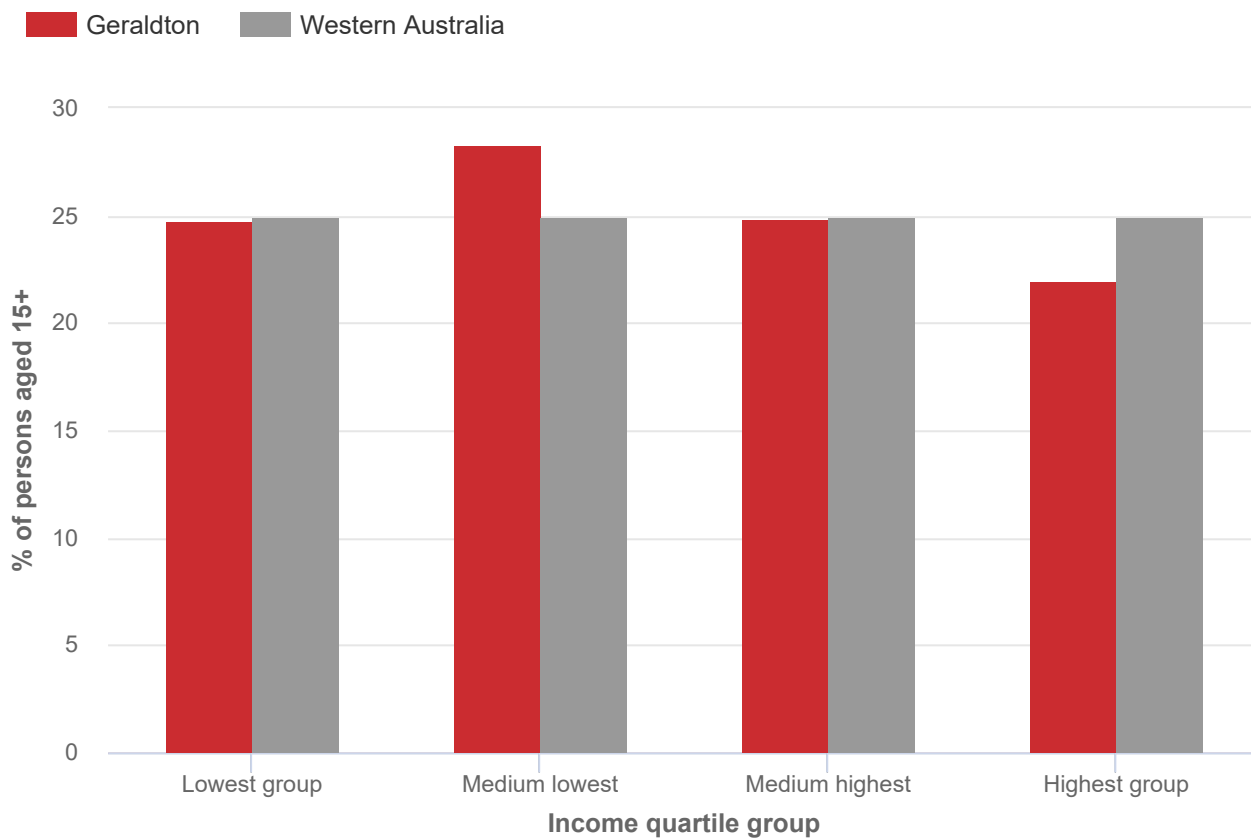
Calculated from income data for WA - Total persons aged 15+

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

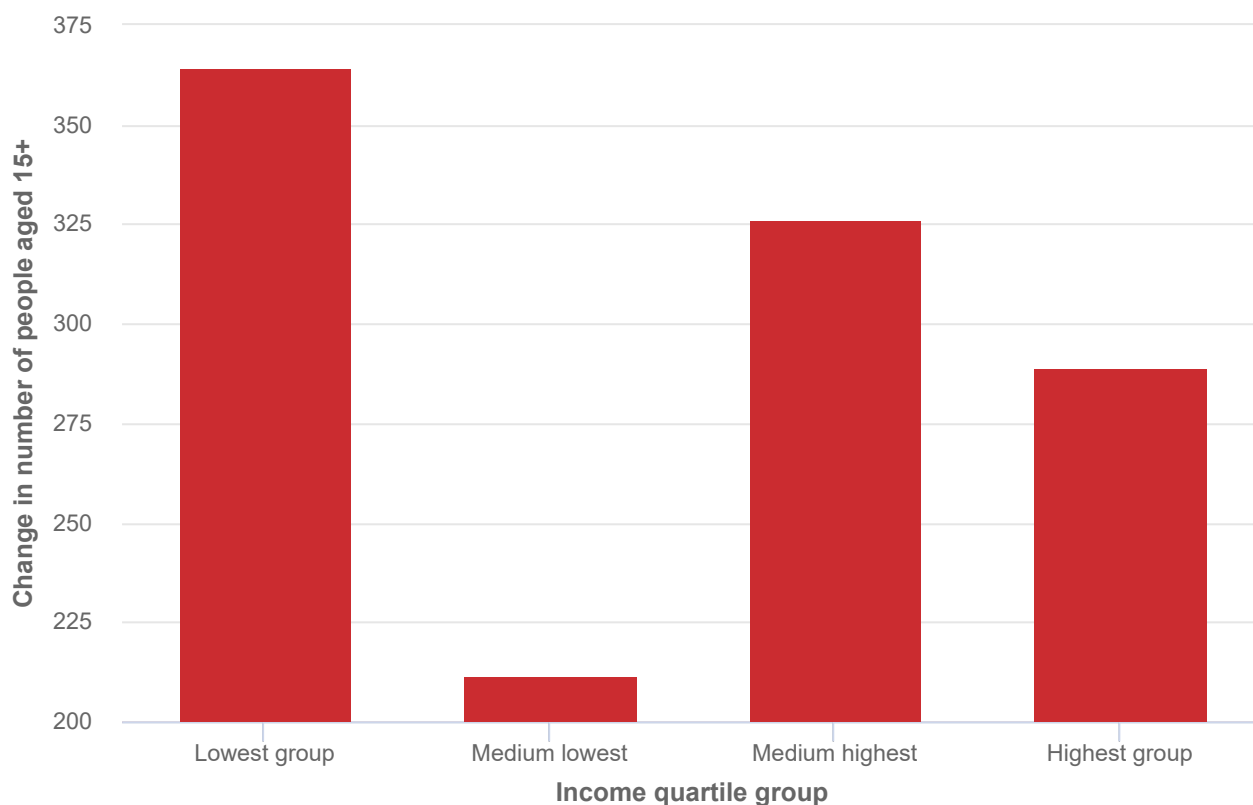
Total persons



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 individual income quartiles, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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

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

### Emerging groups

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The most significant change in Geraldton in persons between 2016 and 2021 was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 364 persons.

# Geraldton

## Household income

Households form the common 'economic unit' in our society. Geraldton'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 Geraldton. 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

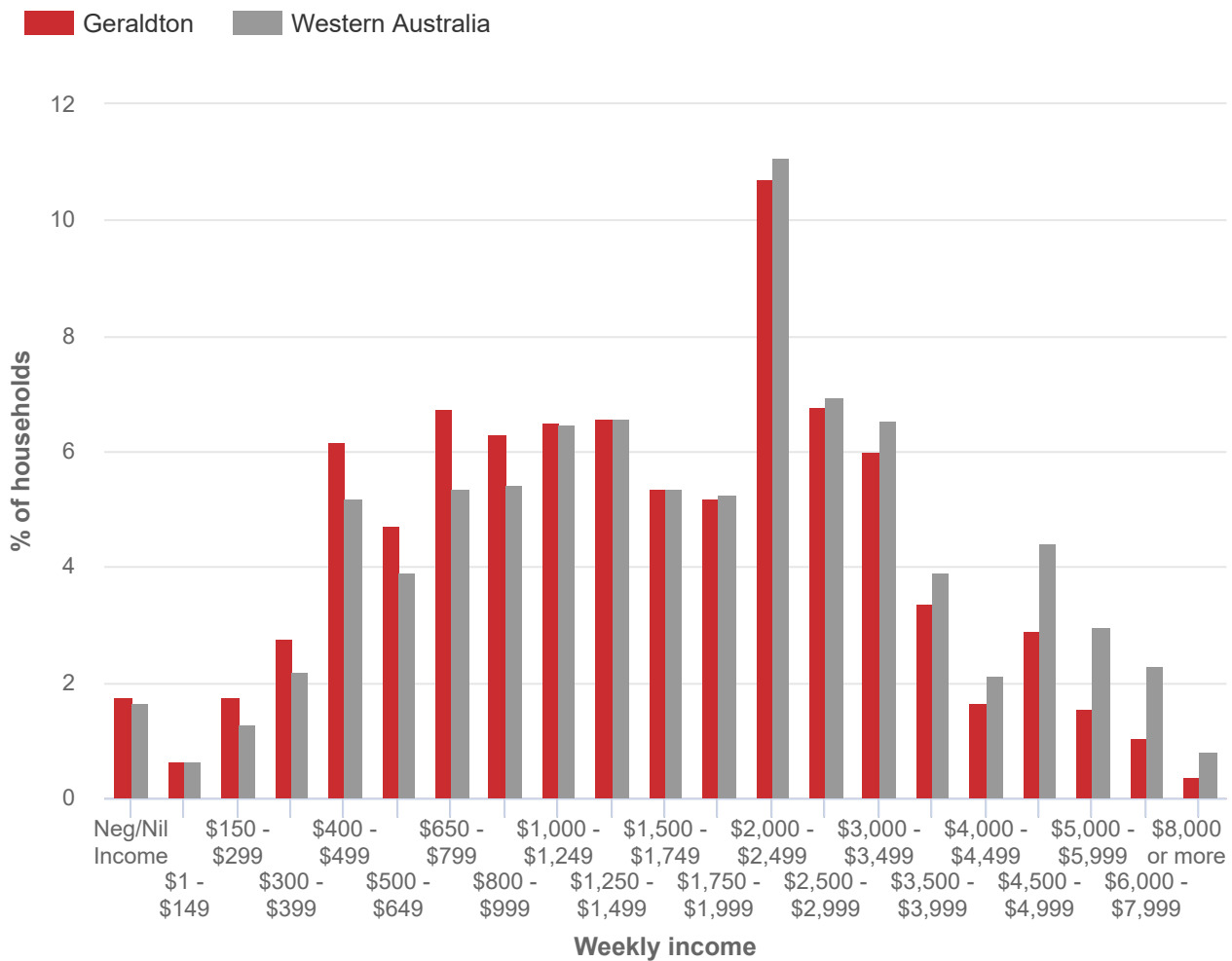
Geraldton - Total households (Enumerated)	2021		
	Number	%	Western Australia %
Neg/Nil Income	256	1.7	1.6
\$1 - \$149	94	0.6	0.6
\$150 - \$299	256	1.7	1.3
\$300 - \$399	407	2.8	2.2
\$400 - \$499	907	6.2	5.2
\$500 - \$649	694	4.7	3.9
\$650 - \$799	988	6.7	5.3
\$800 - \$999	923	6.3	5.4
\$1,000 - \$1,249	953	6.5	6.5
\$1,250 - \$1,499	965	6.6	6.6
\$1,500 - \$1,749	788	5.4	5.4
\$1,750 - \$1,999	762	5.2	5.3
\$2,000 - \$2,499	1,573	10.7	11.1
\$2,500 - \$2,999	992	6.8	7.0
\$3,000 - \$3,499	883	6.0	6.5
\$3,500 - \$3,999	496	3.4	3.9
\$4,000 - \$4,499	240	1.6	2.1
\$4,500 - \$4,999	424	2.9	4.4
\$5,000 - \$5,999	227	1.5	3.0
\$6,000 - \$7,999	155	1.1	2.3
\$8,000 or more	56	0.4	0.8
Not stated	1,638	11.2	9.6
<b>Total households</b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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 Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of high income households (those earning \$3,000 per week or more) and a higher proportion of low income households (those earning less than \$800 per week).

Overall, 16.9% of the households earned a high income and 24.5% were low income households, compared with 23.0% and 20.2% respectively for Western Australia.

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

- A *larger* percentage of households who earned Not stated (11.2% compared to 9.6%)
- A *larger* percentage of households who earned \$650 - \$799 (6.7% compared to 5.3%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned \$4,500 - \$4,999 (2.9% compared to 4.4%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households who earned \$5,000 - \$5,999 (1.5% compared to 3.0%)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	4,010	30.8	25.0	3,693	31.0	25.0	+317
Medium lowest	3,387	26.0	25.0	3,098	26.0	25.0	+289
Medium highest	3,218	24.7	25.0	2,876	24.2	25.0	+341
Highest group	2,423	18.6	25.0	2,243	18.8	25.0	+180
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>13,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,912</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+1,127</b>

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

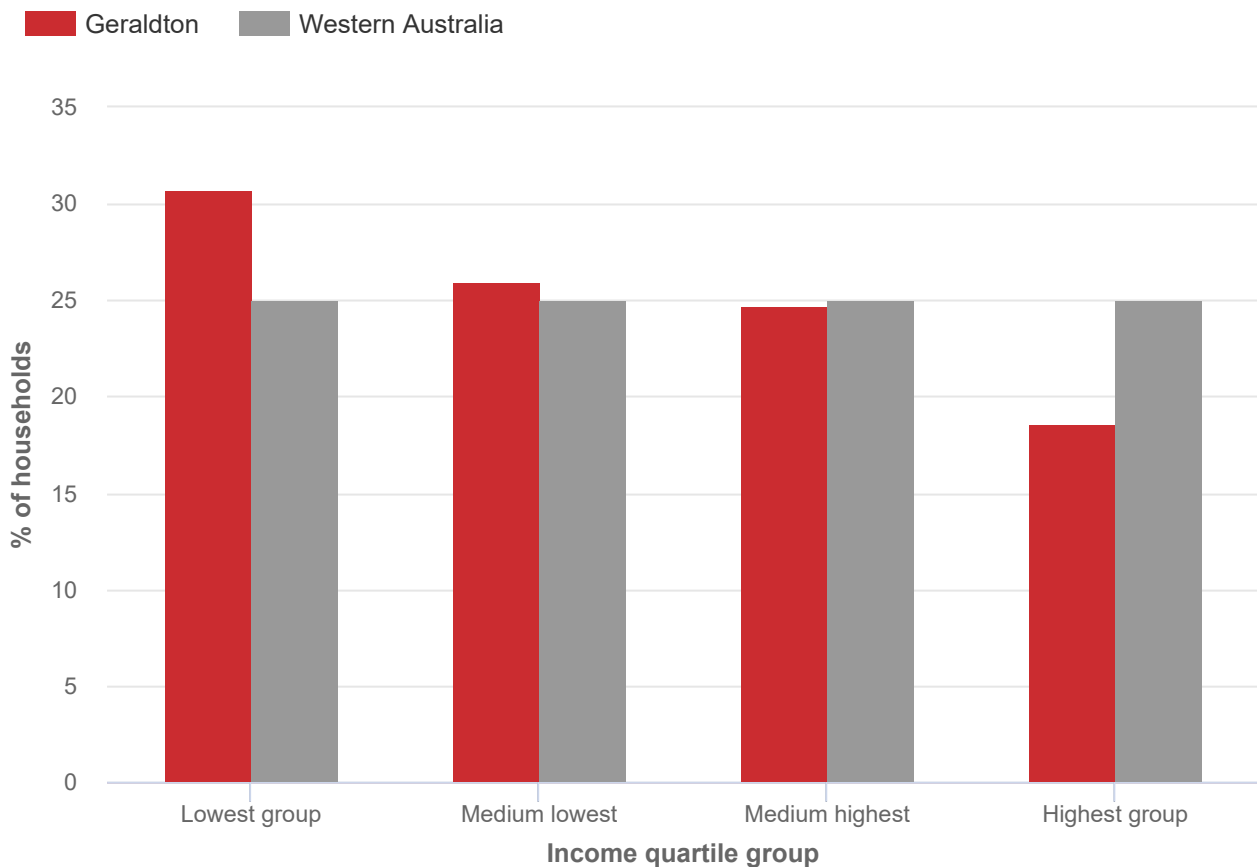
Household income ranges	2021	2016	2011	2006	2001	1996	1991
Lowest group	\$0 to \$888	\$0 to \$790	\$0 to \$693	\$0 to \$565	\$0 to \$416	\$0 to \$348	\$0 to \$305
Medium lowest	\$889 to \$1,804	\$791 to \$1,582	\$694 to \$1,405	\$566 to \$1,062	\$417 to \$783	\$349 to \$651	\$306 to \$556
Medium highest	\$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

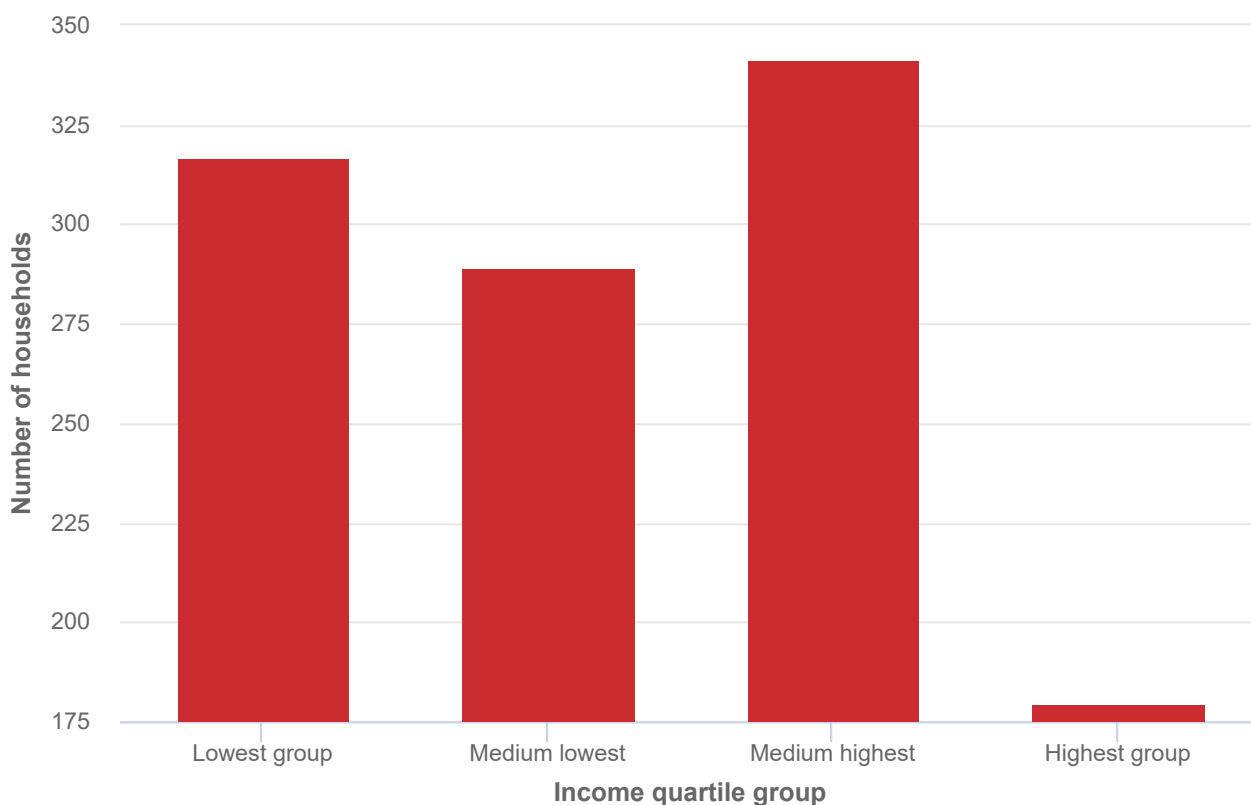
## Household income quartiles, 2021



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## Change in household income quartile, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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

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

### Emerging groups

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The most significant change in Geraldton between 2016 and 2021 was in the medium highest quartile which showed an increase of 341 households.

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton.

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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	3,771	29.9	25.0	3,508	30.2	25.0	+263
Medium lowest	3,341	26.5	25.0	3,104	26.7	25.0	+237
Medium highest	3,068	24.4	25.0	2,781	23.9	25.0	+287
Highest group	2,416	19.2	25.0	2,231	19.2	25.0	+185
Total Households	12,598	100.0	100.0	11,626	100.0	100.0	+972

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

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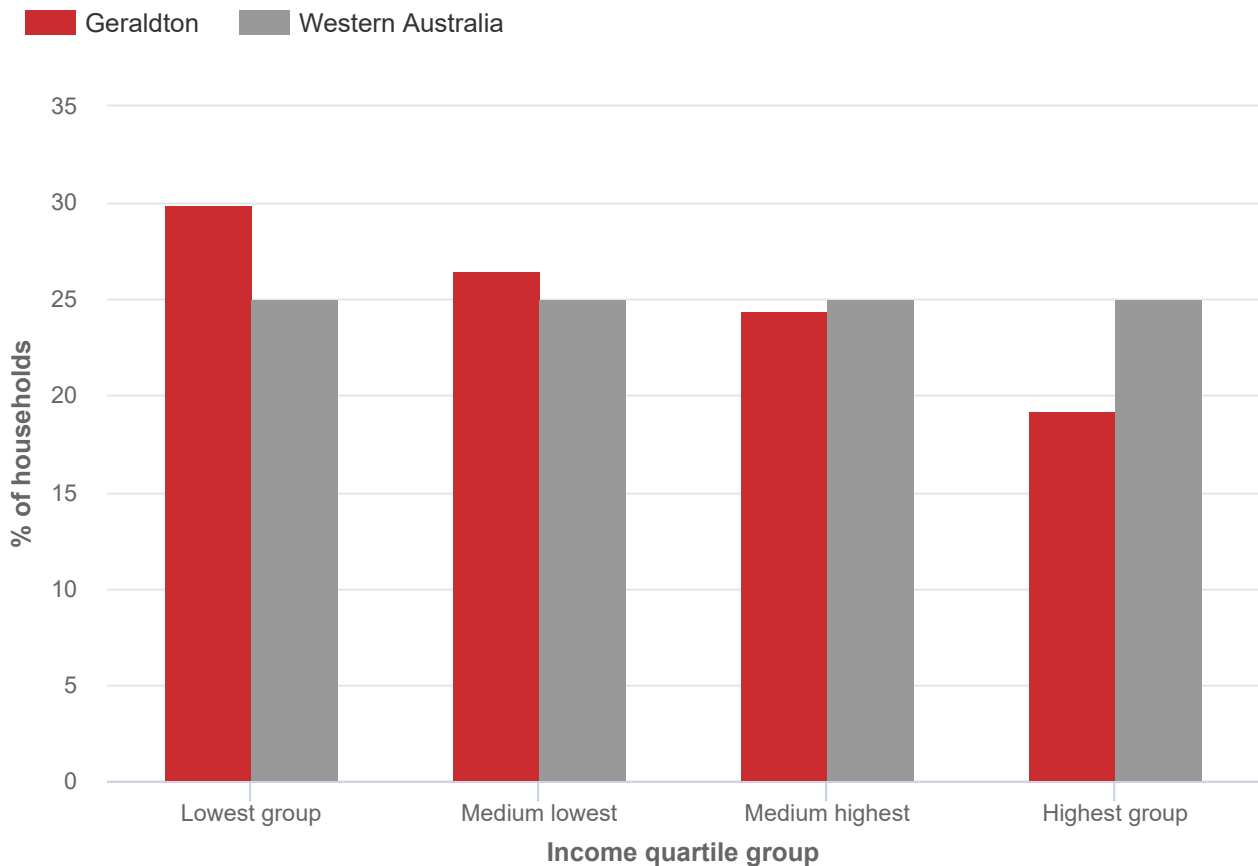
# Equivalised household income - Quartile group dollar ranges

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

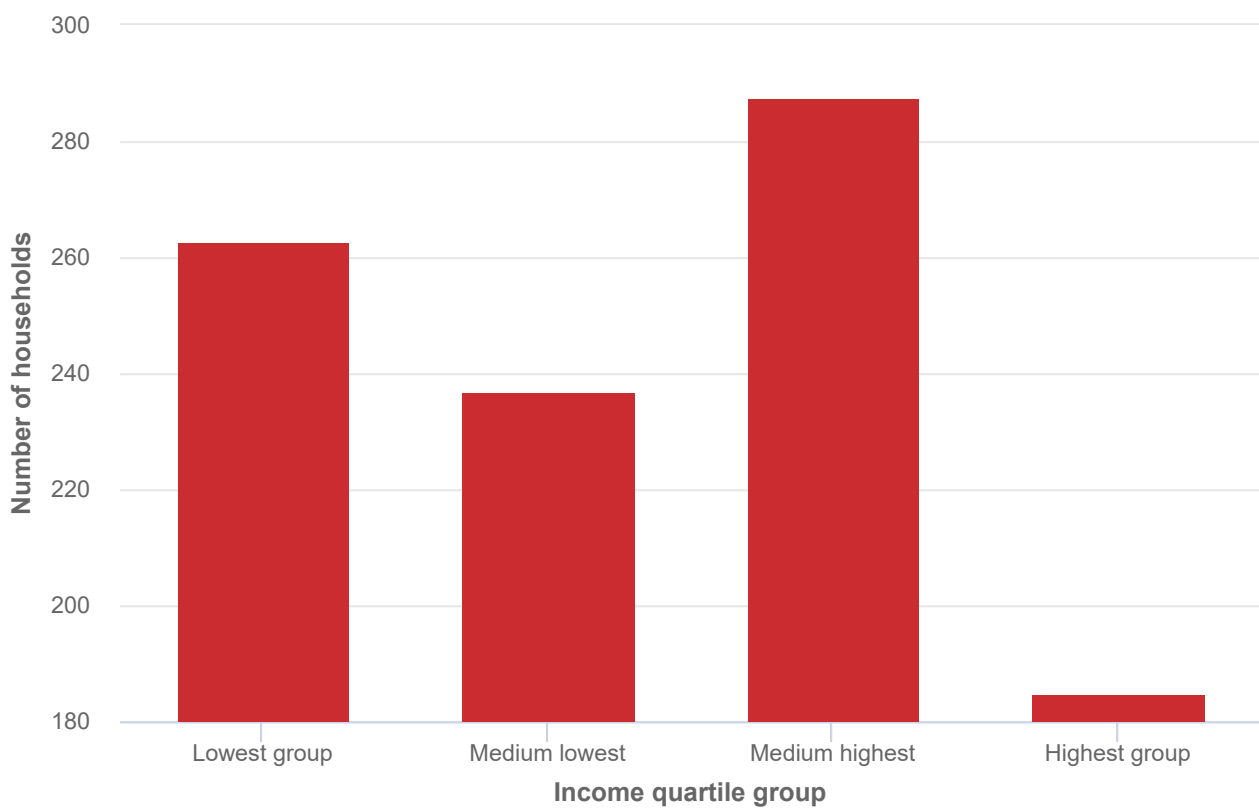
## Equivalised household income quartiles, 2021



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 equivalised household income quartiles, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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

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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 Geraldton compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lesser proportion of households in the highest equivalised income quartile, and a greater proportion in the lowest equivalised income quartile.

### Emerging groups

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The most significant change in Geraldton between 2016 and 2021 was in the medium highest quartile which showed an increase of 287 households.



# Geraldton

## Household type

Geraldton'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, Geraldton'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

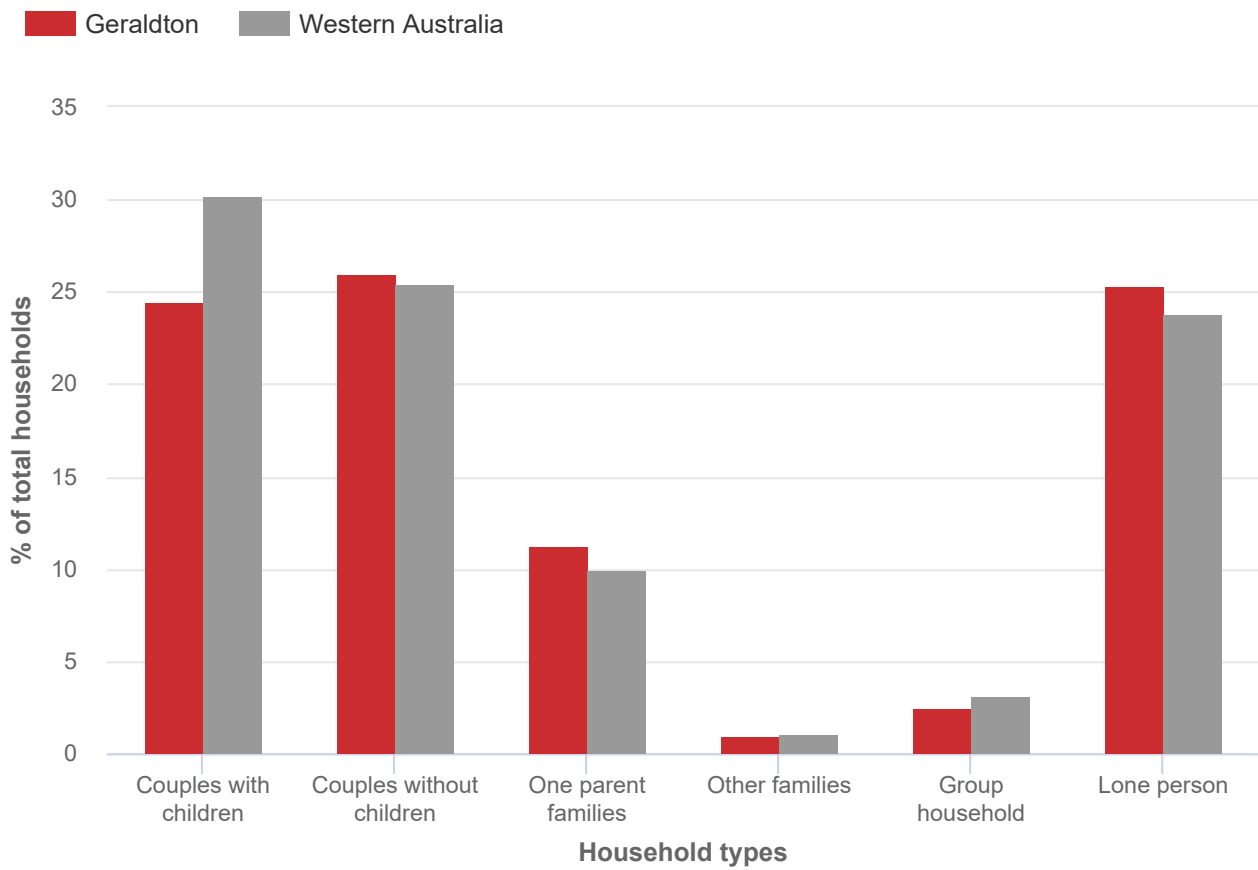
Geraldton - Total households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Households by type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Couples with children	3,827	24.5	30.2	3,989	27.0	30.9	-162
Couples without children	4,064	26.0	25.4	3,896	26.4	25.6	+168
One parent families	1,767	11.3	10.0	1,691	11.5	9.6	+76
Other families	156	1.0	1.1	157	1.1	1.2	-1
Group household	387	2.5	3.2	396	2.7	3.5	-9
Lone person	3,959	25.3	23.8	3,390	23.0	21.8	+569
Other not classifiable household	962	6.2	3.6	890	6.0	5.2	+72
Visitor only households	518	3.3	2.7	351	2.4	2.4	+167
<b>Total households</b>	<b>15,640</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,760</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+880</b>

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](#)

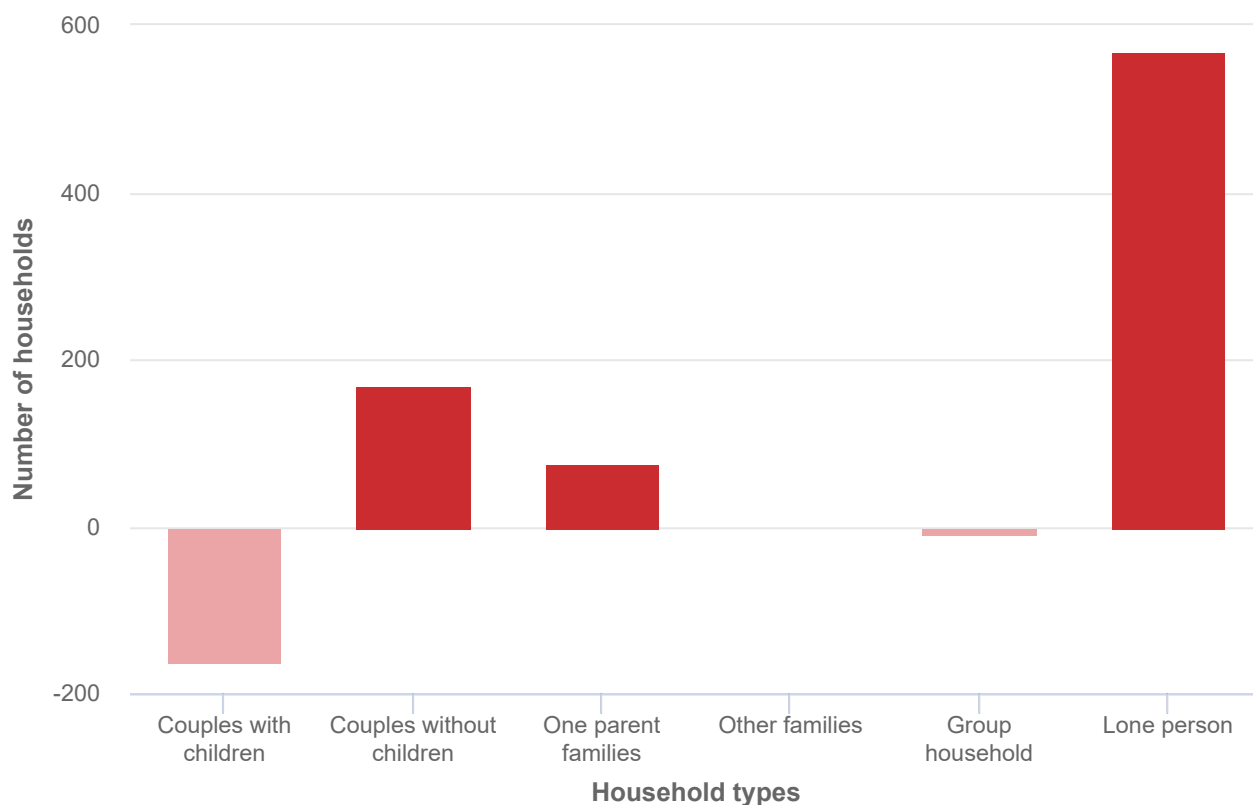
## Household type, 2021



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## Change in household type, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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

Analysis of the household/family types in Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of couple families with child(ren) as well as a higher proportion of one-parent families. Overall, 24.5% of total families were couple families with child(ren), and 11.3% were one-parent families, compared with 30.2% and 10.0% respectively for Western Australia.

There were a higher proportion of lone person households and a higher proportion of couples without children. Overall, the proportion of lone person households was 25.3% compared to 23.8% in Western Australia while the proportion of couples without children was 26.0% compared to 25.4% in Western Australia.

## Emerging groups

The number of households in Geraldton increased by 880 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- Lone person (+569 households)
- Couples without children (+168 households)
- Couples with children (-162 households)
- One parent families (+76 households)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton, 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, Geraldton's Household data should be viewed in conjunction with Household Size, Age Structure and Dwelling Type.

## Households with children by life stage

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
<b>Households with children</b>							
Couples with children	3,827	24.5	30.2	3,989	27.0	30.9	-162
Couples with young children	2,203	14.1	17.1	2,234	15.1	17.5	-31
Couples with mixed-age children	576	3.7	4.3	624	4.2	4.3	-48
Couples with older children	1,048	6.7	8.8	1,131	7.7	9.1	-83
Single parents with children	1,767	11.3	10.0	1,691	11.5	9.6	+76
Single parents with young children	748	4.8	3.9	744	5.0	3.7	+4
Single parents with mixed-age children	271	1.7	1.3	255	1.7	1.2	+16
Single parents with older children	748	4.8	4.8	692	4.7	4.7	+56
Total households with children	5,594	35.8	40.2	5,680	38.5	40.4	-86
Total households	15,640	100.0	100.0	14,760	100.0	100.0	+880

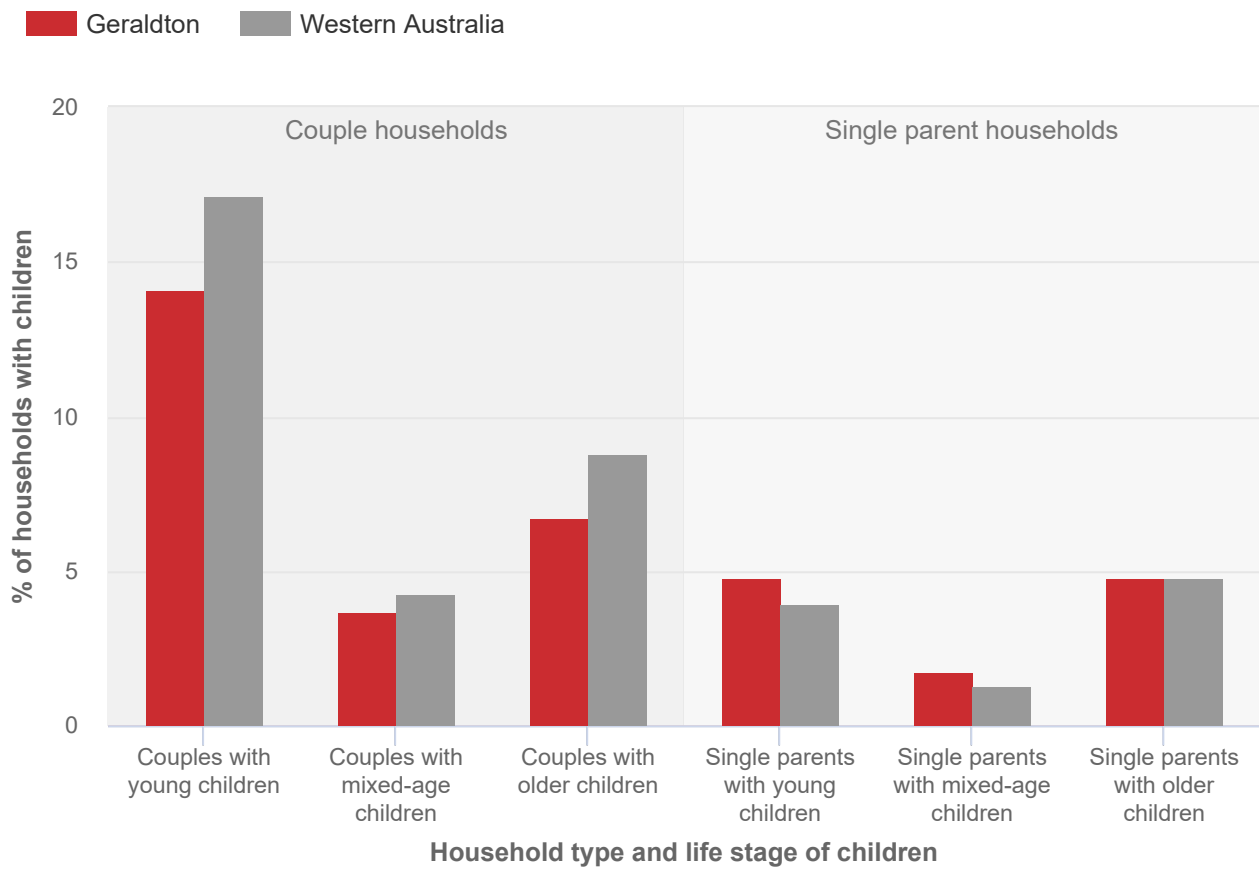
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**a** One parent families with dependent children

**a** Couple families with dependent children

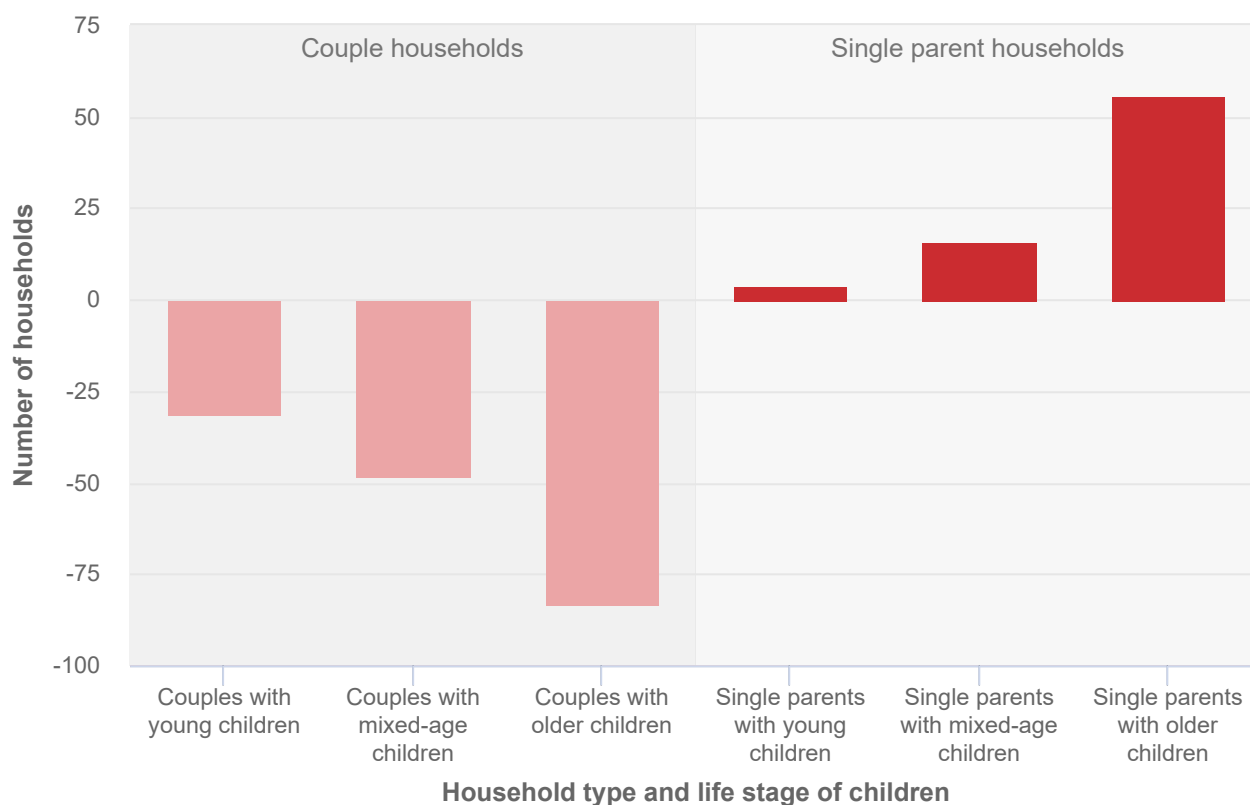
## Households with children, 2021



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## Change in households with children, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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

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

Overall, 14.1% of total households with children were couple with young children, and 6.7% 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 4.8% compared to 3.9% in Western Australia while the proportion of single parent households with older children was 4.8% compared to 4.8% in Western Australia.

## Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of households with children decreased by 86 households or 1.5%.

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

- Couples with older children (-83 households)
- Single parents with older children (+56 households)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton, 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, Geraldton's Household data should be viewed in conjunction with Household Size, Age Structure and Dwelling Type.

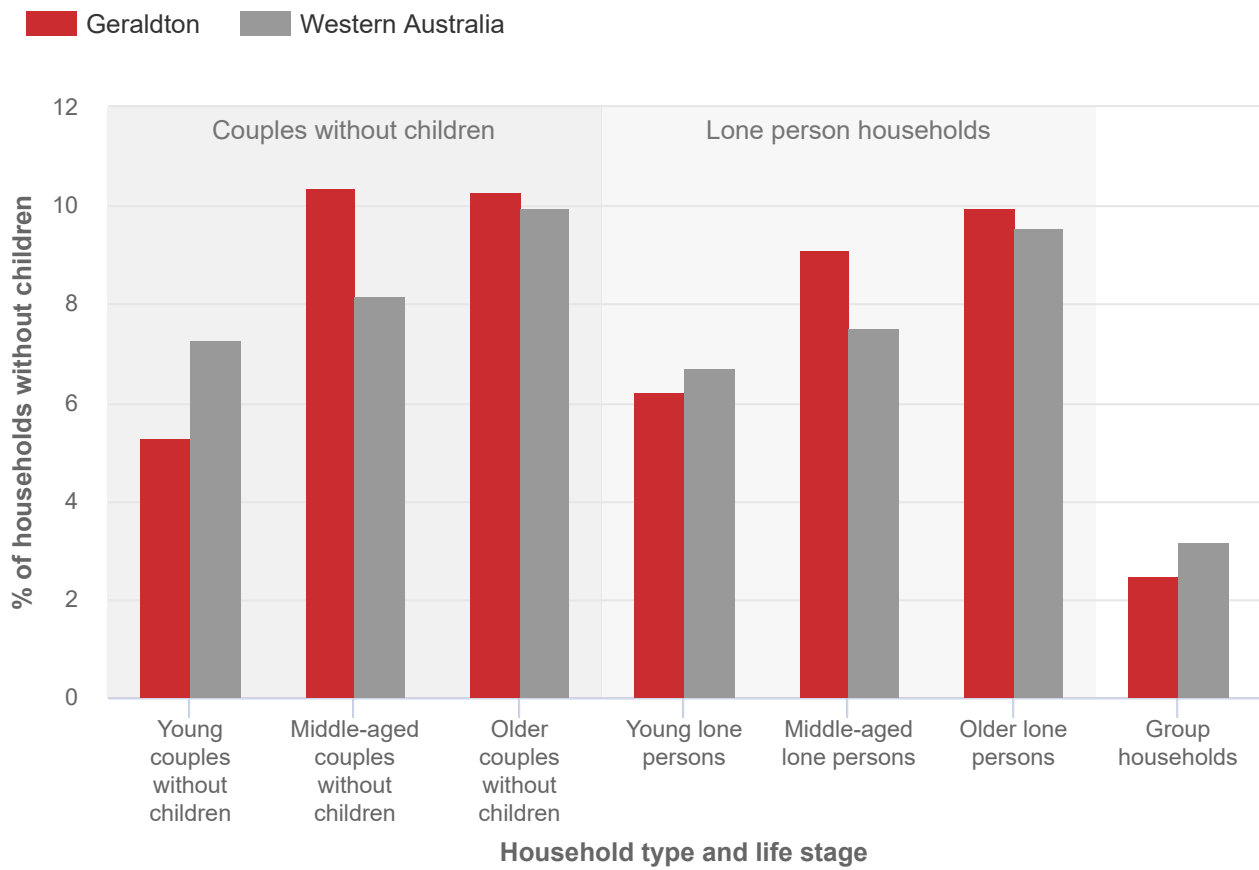
## Households without children by life stage

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change 2016 to 2021
	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	
<b>Households without children</b>							
Couples without children	4,064	26.0	25.4	3,896	26.4	25.6	+168
Young couples without children	829	5.3	7.3	877	5.9	7.8	-48
Middle-aged couples without children	1,624	10.4	8.2	1,610	10.9	8.6	+14
Older couples without children	1,611	10.3	10.0	1,409	9.5	9.1	+202
Lone person households	3,959	25.3	23.8	3,390	23.0	21.8	+569
Young lone persons	975	6.2	6.7	834	5.7	6.1	+141
Middle-aged lone persons	1,425	9.1	7.5	1,265	8.6	7.3	+160
Older lone persons	1,559	10.0	9.6	1,291	8.7	8.3	+268
Group households	387	2.5	3.2	396	2.7	3.5	-9
<b>Total households without children</b>	<b>8,410</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>+728</b>
<b>Total households</b>	<b>15,640</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,760</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+880</b>

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## Households without children, 2021

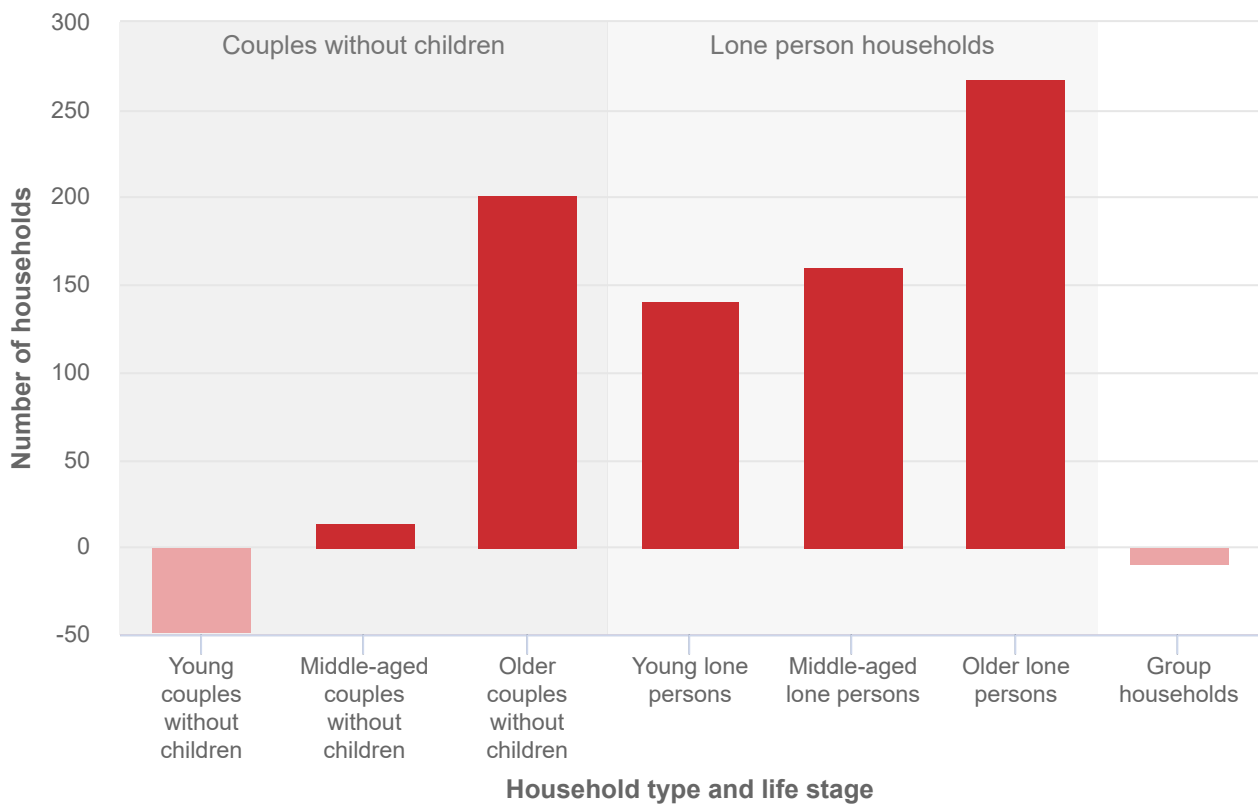


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## Change in households without children, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the households without children in Geraldton 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 similar proportion of older couples without children.

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

## Emerging groups

Between 2016 and 2021, the number of households without children increased by 728.

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

- Older lone persons (+268 persons)
- Older couples without children (+202 persons)
- Middle-aged lone persons (+160 persons)
- Young lone persons (+141 persons)

# Geraldton

## 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, Geraldton'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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Number of persons usually resident	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
1 person	3,962	28.0	25.4	3,400	25.1	23.6	+562
2 persons	5,035	35.6	33.5	4,830	35.7	33.9	+205
3 persons	2,072	14.6	15.9	2,037	15.1	16.3	+35
4 persons	1,846	13.0	15.9	1,993	14.7	16.4	-147
5 persons	817	5.8	6.4	858	6.3	6.7	-41
6 or more persons	422	3.0	2.9	408	3.0	3.1	+14
Total classifiable households	14,154	100.0	100.0	13,526	100.0	100.0	+628

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 size - Summary

Geraldton - Enumerated	2021			2016			Change
Dwellings	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Occupied private dwellings	15,645	--	--	14,766	--	--	+879
Persons in occupied private dwellings	37,308	--	--	36,453	--	--	+855
<i>Average household size (persons per dwelling)</i>	2.38	--	2.48	2.47	--	2.52	-0.08

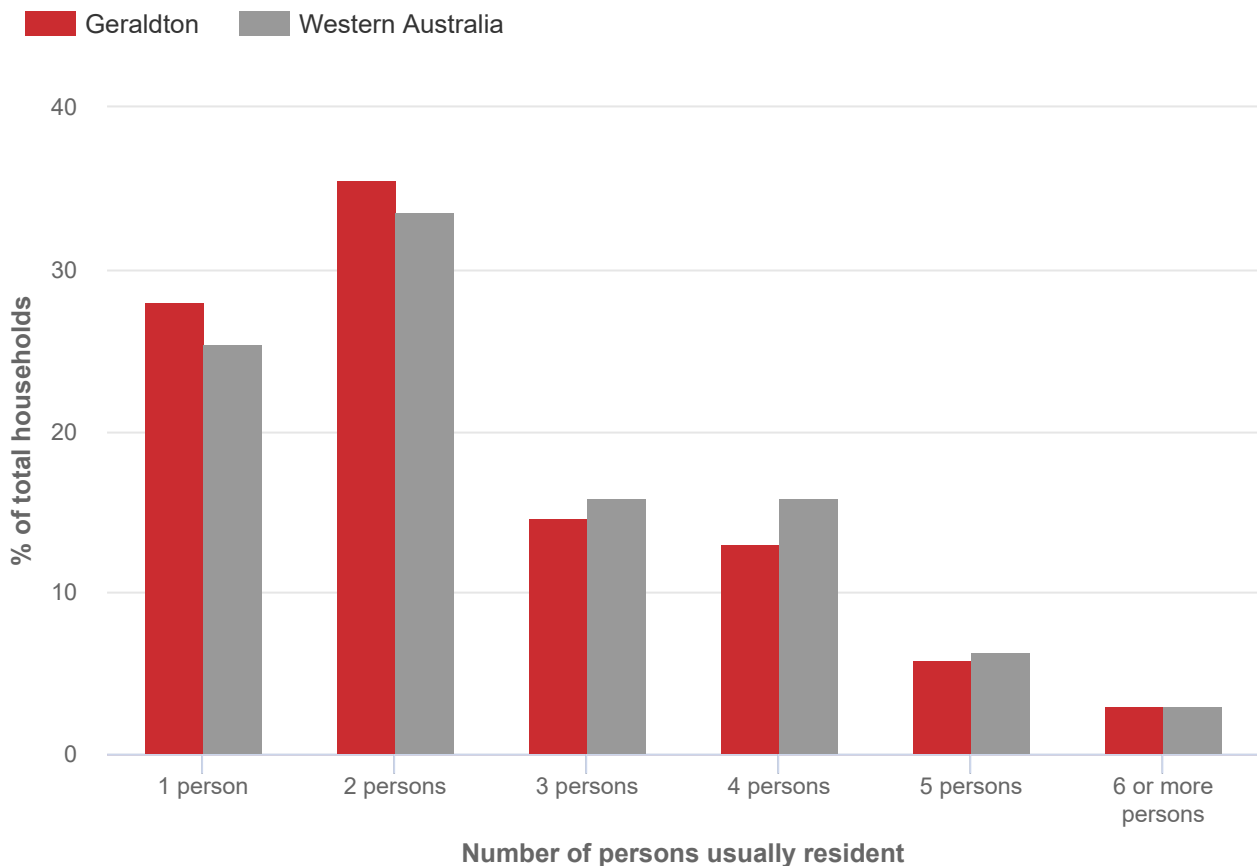
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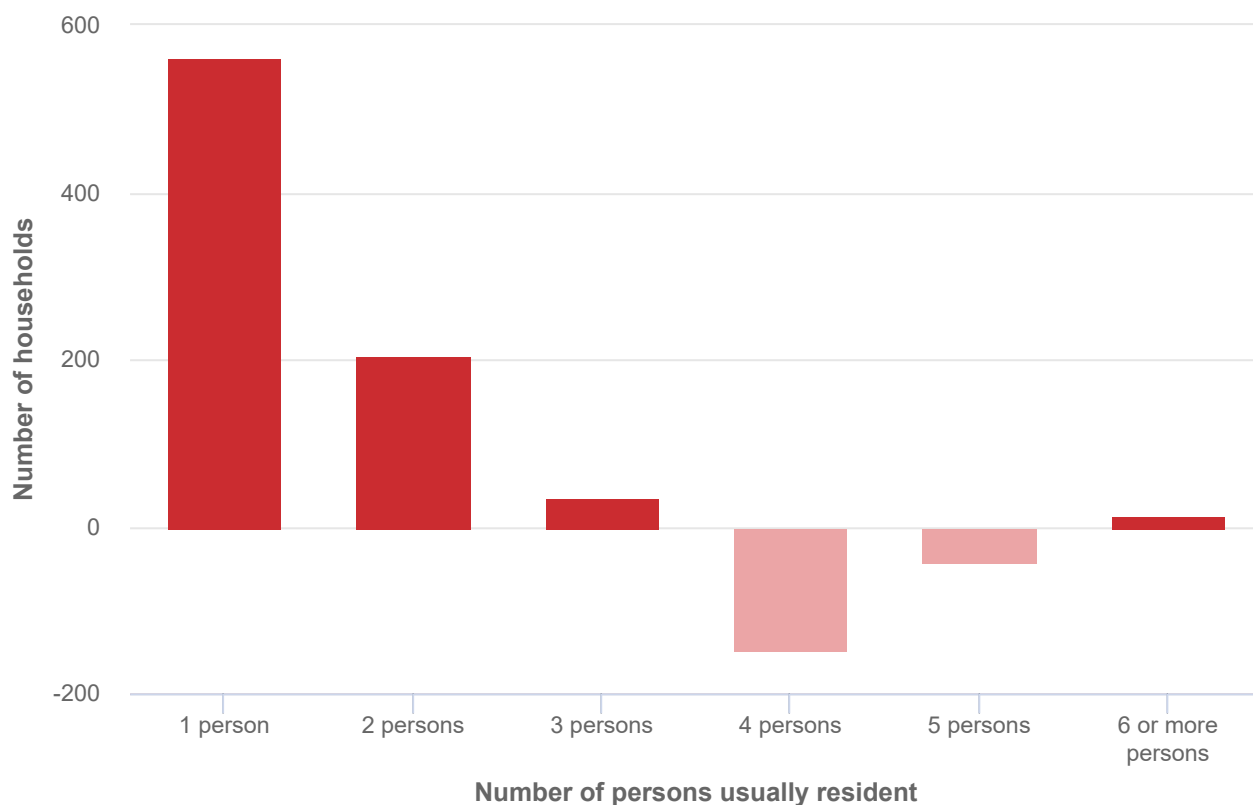
### Household size, 2021



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## Change in household size, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of persons usually resident in a household in Geraldton compared with Western Australia shows that there were a higher proportion of lone person households, and a lower proportion of larger households (those with 4 persons or more). Overall there were 28.0% of lone person households, and 21.8% of larger households, compared with 25.4% and 25.2% respectively for Western Australia.

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

- A *larger* percentage of households with 1 person usually resident (28.0% compared to 25.4%)
- A *larger* percentage of households with 2 persons usually resident (35.6% compared to 33.5%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households with 4 persons usually resident (13.0% compared to 15.9%)
- A *smaller* percentage of households with 3 persons usually resident (14.6% compared to 15.9%)

## Emerging groups

The number of households in Geraldton increased by 628 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- 1 person (+562 households)
- 2 persons (+205 households)
- 4 persons (-147 households)

# Geraldton

## 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

Geraldton - Total couples with children (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Family blending by type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Intact Family	2,905	75.3	82.2	3,466	86.2	88.9	-561
Step family	714	18.5	13.5	304	7.6	6.6	+410
Blended family	204	5.3	3.8	204	5.1	3.9	0
Other couple family	36	0.9	0.6	46	1.1	0.6	-10
Total couples with children	3,859	100.0	100.0	4,020	100.0	100.0	-161

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

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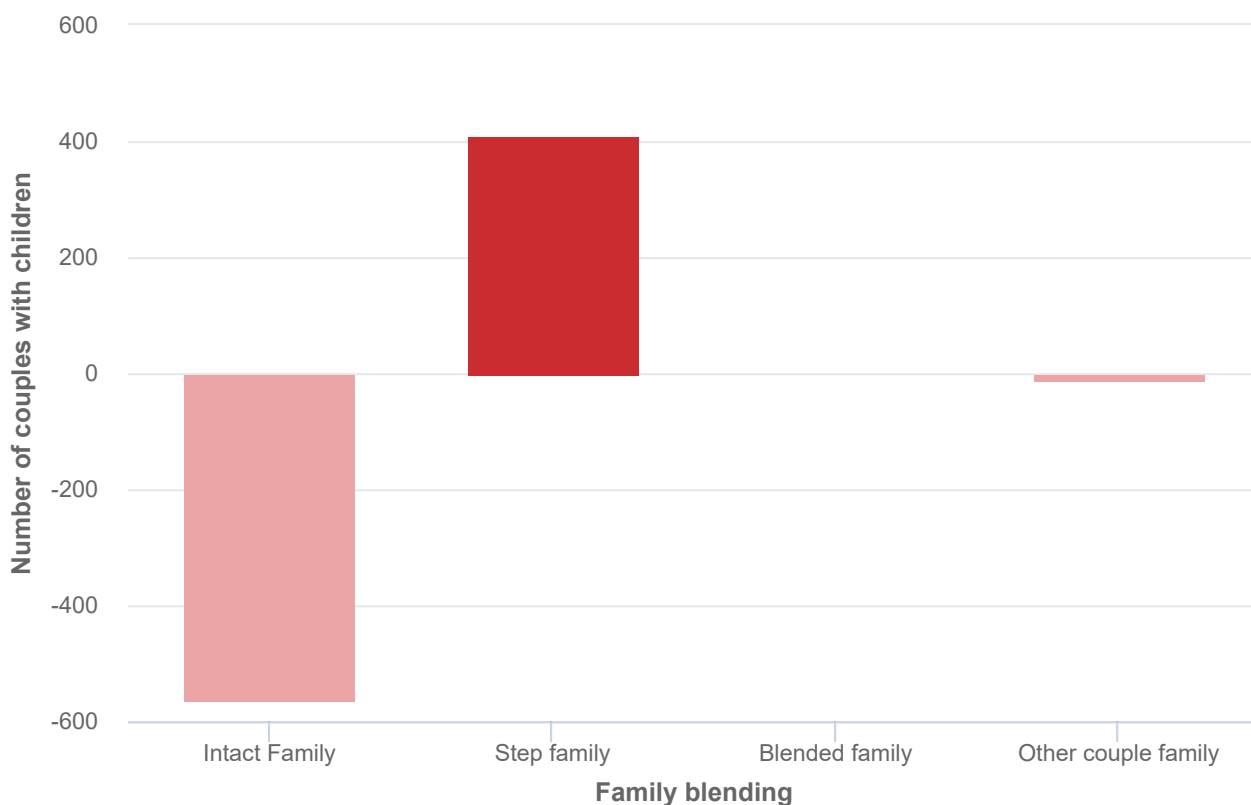
## Family blending, 2021



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## Change in family blending, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the family blending in Geraldton 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, 18.5% of total couple families with children were step families, and 5.3% 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 0.9% compared to 0.6% in Western Australia while the proportion of intact families was 75.3% compared to 82.2% in Western Australia.

## Emerging groups

The number of couple families with children in Geraldton decreased by 161 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- Intact Family (-561 couples with children)
- Step family (+410 couples with children)

# Geraldton

## Dwelling type

Dwelling Type is an important determinant of Geraldton'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 Geraldton.

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

## Dwelling structure

Geraldton - Dwellings (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Separate house	14,644	82.9	77.1	14,129	82.3	76.5	+515
Medium density	2,469	14.0	15.9	2,437	14.2	17.3	+32
High density	50	0.3	4.8	41	0.2	4.0	+9
Caravans, cabin, houseboat	321	1.8	1.5	270	1.6	1.4	+51
Other	94	0.5	0.4	176	1.0	0.5	-82
Not stated	88	0.5	0.4	109	0.6	0.4	-21
<b>Total Private Dwellings</b>	<b>17,666</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,162</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+504</b>

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

Geraldton	2021			2016			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Occupied private dwellings	15,645	88.4	89.5	15,036	86.0	87.4	+609
Unoccupied private dwellings	2,013	11.4	10.3	2,392	13.7	12.4	-379
Non private dwellings	43	0.2	0.2	47	0.3	0.2	-4
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>17,701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,475</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+226</b>

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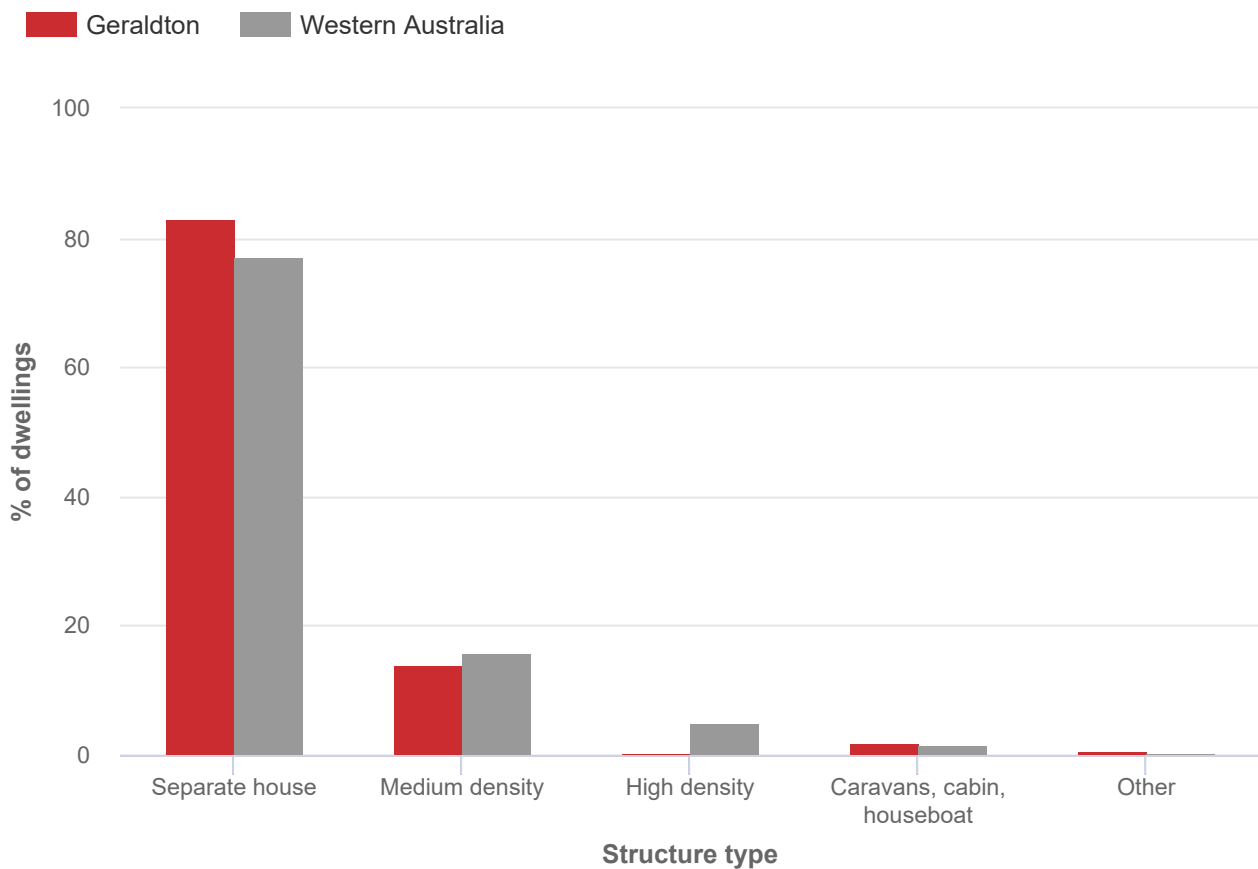
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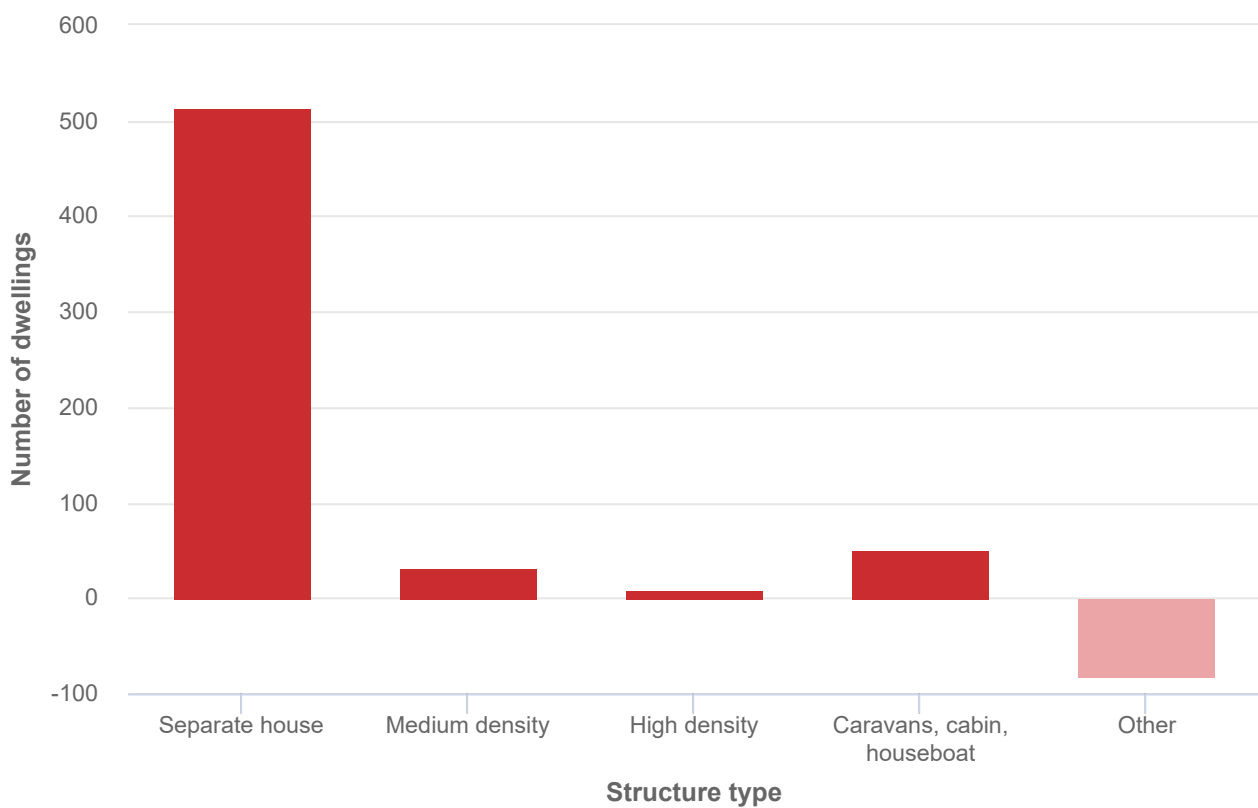
## Dwelling structure, 2021



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## Change in dwelling structure, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

In 2021, there were 14,644 separate houses in the area, 2,469 medium density dwellings, and 50 high density dwellings. In addition, there were 321 caravans/cabins/houseboats in the area.

Analysis of the types of dwellings in Geraldton in 2021 shows that 82.9% of all dwellings were separate houses; 14.0% were medium density dwellings, and 0.3% were in high density dwellings, compared with 77.1%, 15.9%, and 4.8% in the Western Australia respectively.

In 2021, a total of 88.4% of the dwellings in Geraldton were occupied on Census night, compared to 89.5% in Western Australia. The proportion of unoccupied dwellings was 11.4%, which is larger compared to that found in Western Australia (10.3%).

## Emerging groups

The total number of dwellings in Geraldton increased by 226 between 2016 and 2021.

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

- Separate house (+515 dwellings)
- Other (-82 dwellings)
- Caravans, cabin, houseboat (+51 dwellings)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton 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.

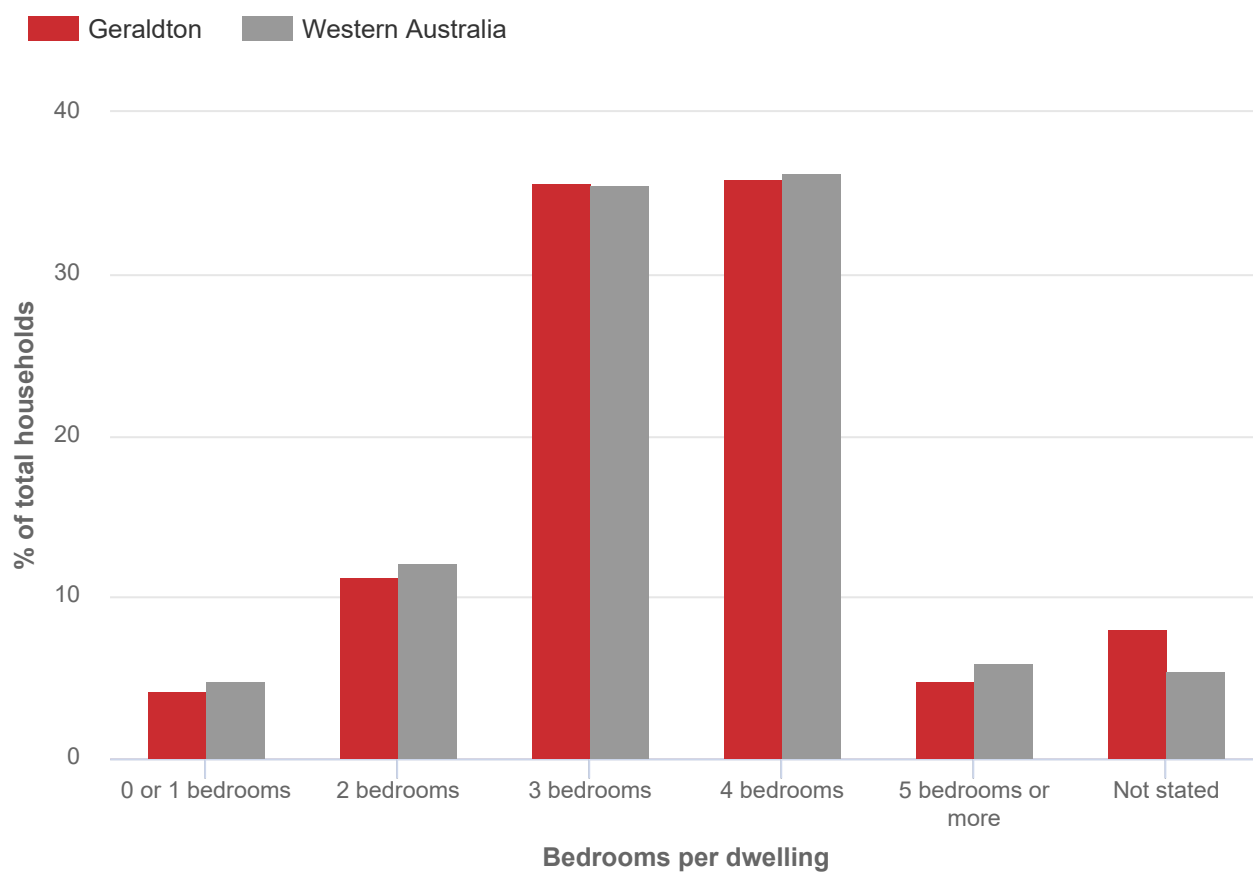
## Number of bedrooms per dwelling

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
0 or 1 bedrooms	664	4.2	4.8	3	2.2	4.3	+661
2 bedrooms	1,766	11.3	12.1	16	11.7	11.7	+1,750
3 bedrooms	5,576	35.7	35.5	29	21.2	35.4	+5,547
4 bedrooms	5,607	35.9	36.2	69	50.4	35.4	+5,538
5 bedrooms or more	763	4.9	6.0	9	6.6	5.6	+754
Not stated	1,262	8.1	5.4	11	8.0	7.7	+1,251
<b>Total households</b>	<b>15,638</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+15,501</b>

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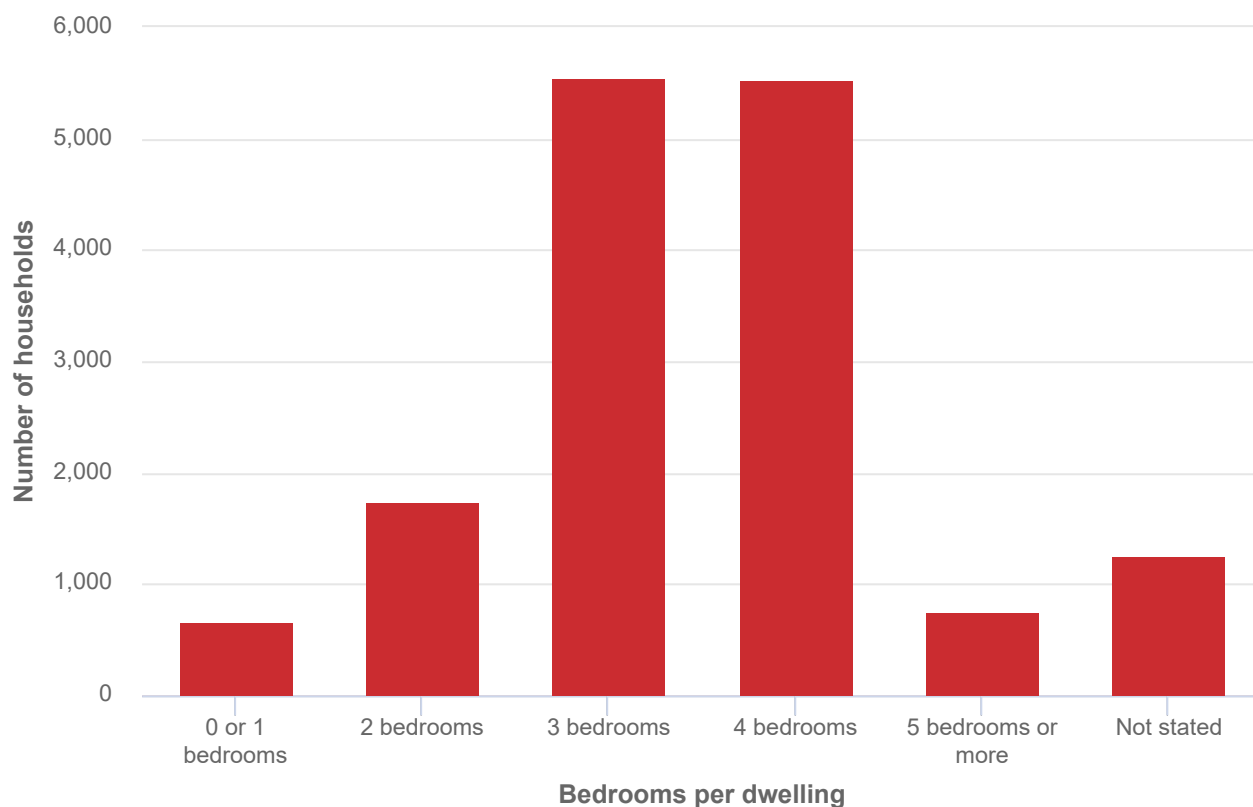
## Number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2021



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## Change in number of bedrooms per dwelling, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the number of bedrooms in dwellings in Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of dwellings with 2 bedrooms or less, as well as a lower proportion of dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms.

Overall, 15.5% of households were in dwellings with 2 bedrooms or less, and 40.7% of 4 or more bedroom dwellings, compared with 16.9% and 42.2% for Western Australia respectively.

The major difference between the number of bedrooms per dwelling of Geraldton and Western Australia was:

- A *smaller* percentage of 5 or more bedroom dwellings (4.9% compared to 6.0%)

## Emerging groups

The largest changes in the number of bedrooms per dwelling in Geraldton between 2016 and 2021 were:

- 3 bedrooms (+5,547 dwellings)
- 4 bedrooms (+5,538 dwellings)
- 2 bedrooms (+1,750 dwellings)
- 5 bedrooms or more (+754 dwellings)

# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton should be looked at in conjunction with Household Type and Age Structure, as well as Education Levels.

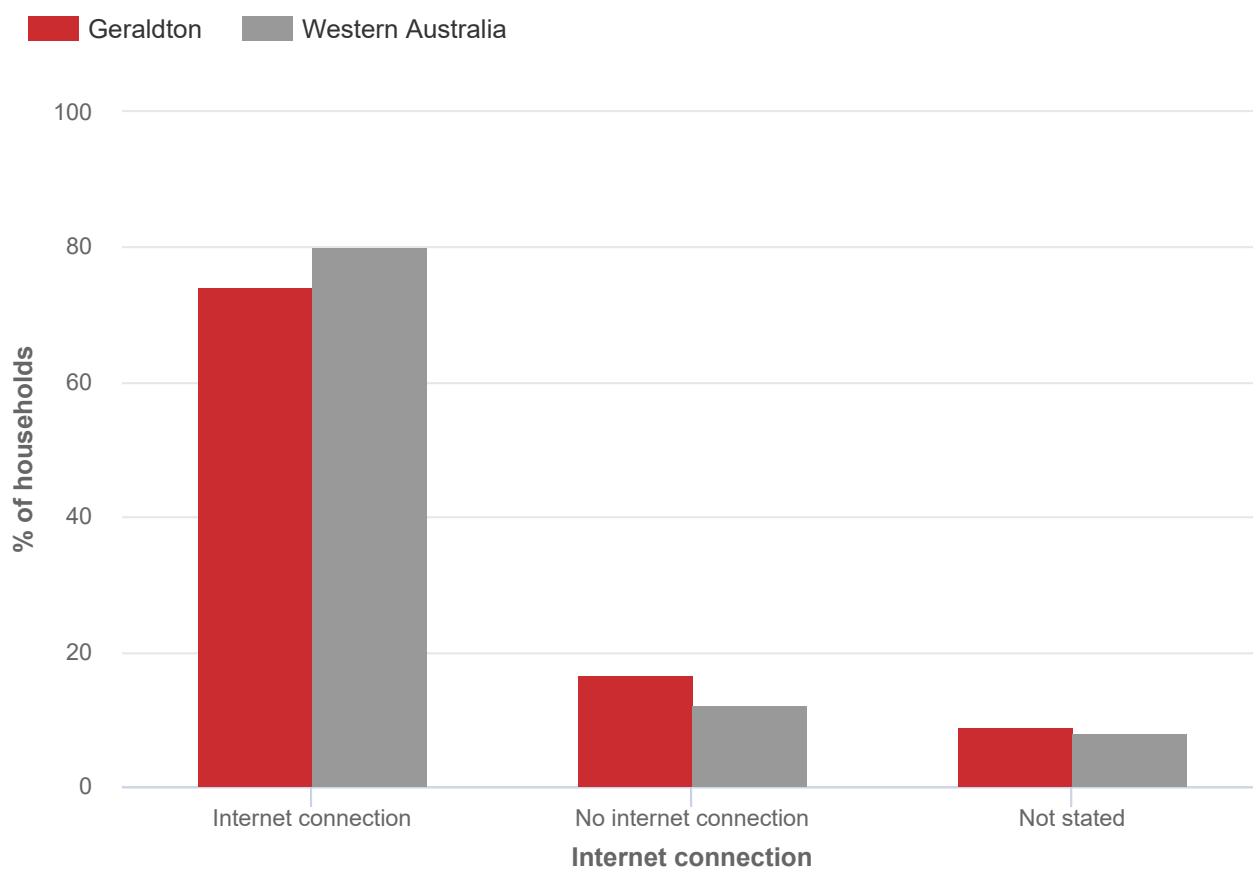
### Type of internet connection

Geraldton - Households	2016			2011			Change
Connection type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2011 to 2016
Internet connection	10,963	74.2	80.1	9,756	70.2	75.0	+1,206
No internet connection	2,467	16.7	12.1	3,143	22.6	17.3	-677
Not stated	1,336	9.0	7.9	1,001	7.2	7.6	+335
Total households	14,766	100.0	100.0	13,901	100.0	100.0	+864

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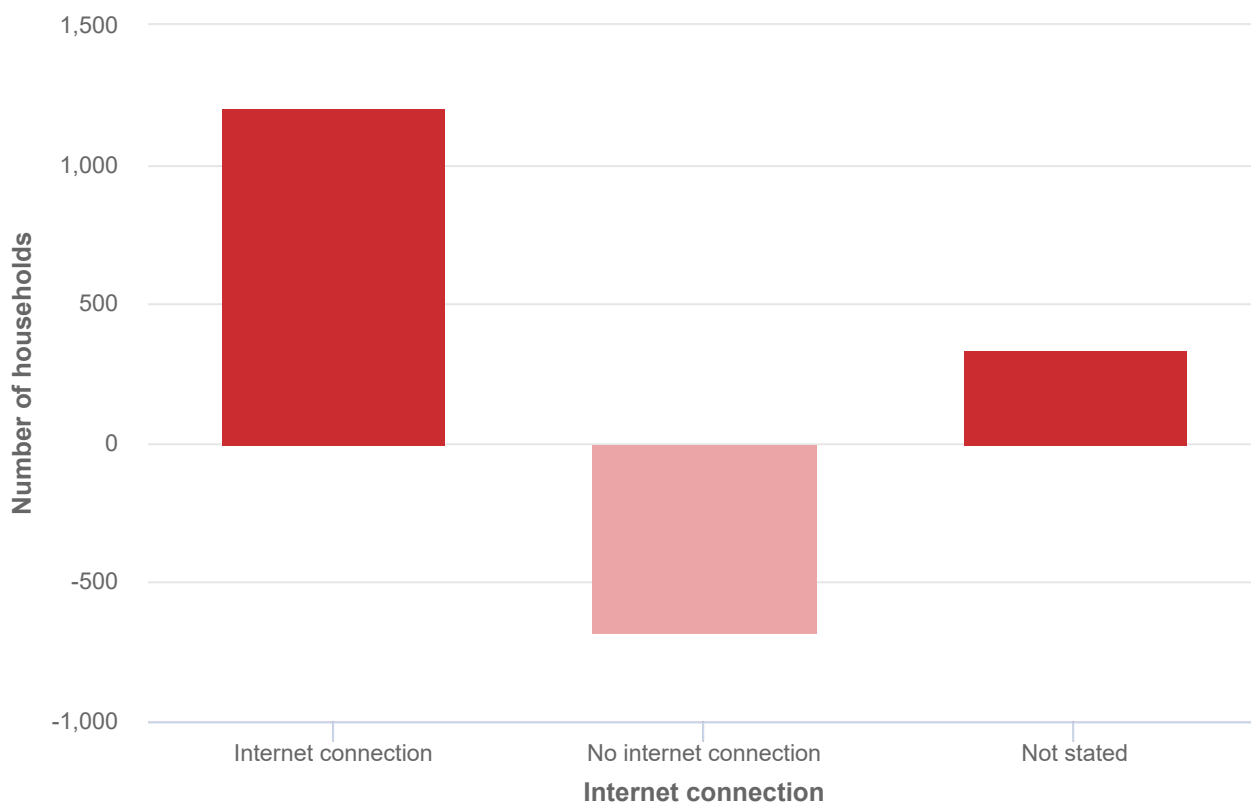
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## Change in type of internet connection, 2011 to 2016

Geraldton



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### Dominant groups

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

Overall 74.2% of households had an internet connection, compared with 80.1% in Western Australia.

### Emerging groups

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Between 2011 and 2016 the number of households with an internet connection increased by 1,207.



# Geraldton

## 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 Geraldton 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

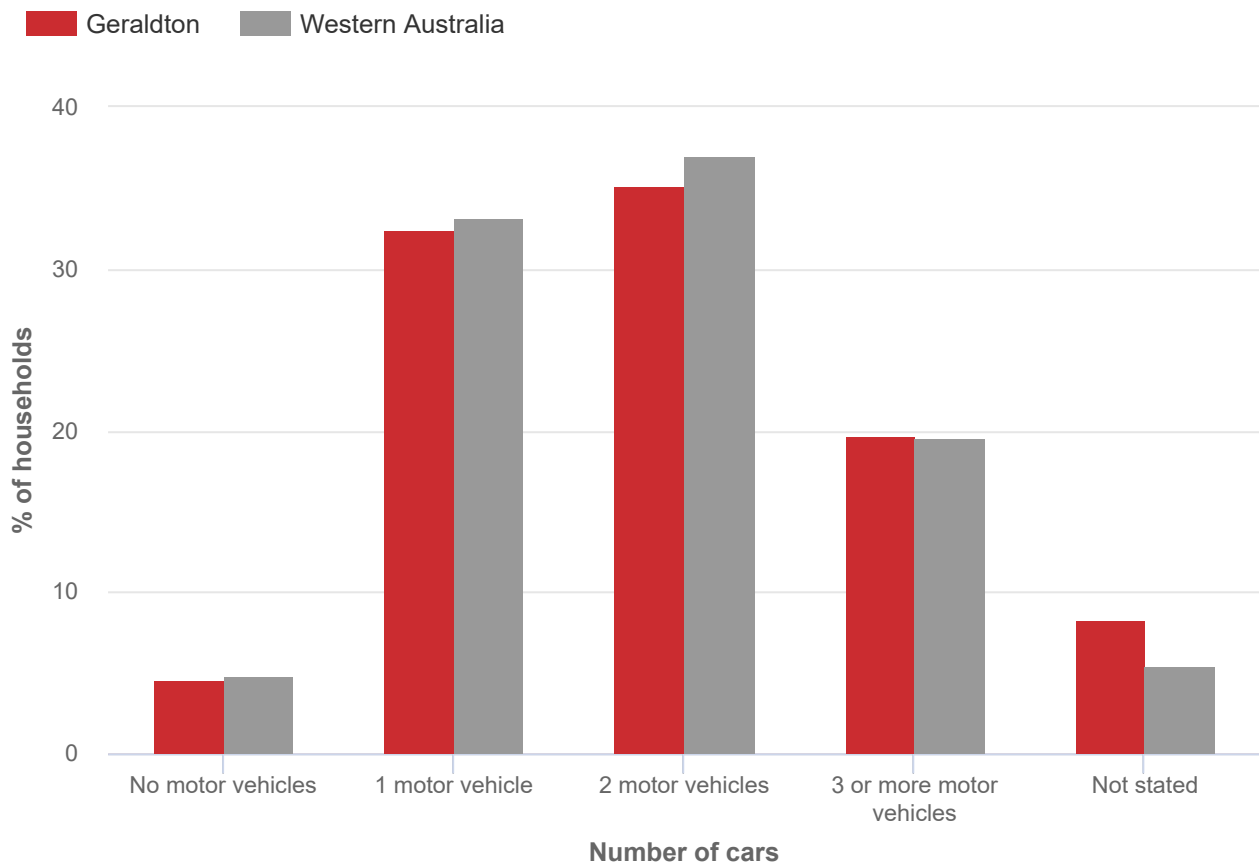
Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Number of cars	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
No motor vehicles	710	4.5	4.8	740	5.0	4.8	-30
1 motor vehicle	5,074	32.5	33.2	4,323	29.3	30.3	+751
2 motor vehicles	5,494	35.1	37.0	5,153	34.9	36.4	+341
3 or more motor vehicles	3,069	19.6	19.5	3,090	20.9	20.1	-21
Not stated	1,288	8.2	5.4	1,468	9.9	8.5	-180
<b>Total households</b>	<b>15,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,774</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+861</b>

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**a** People who travelled to work by car

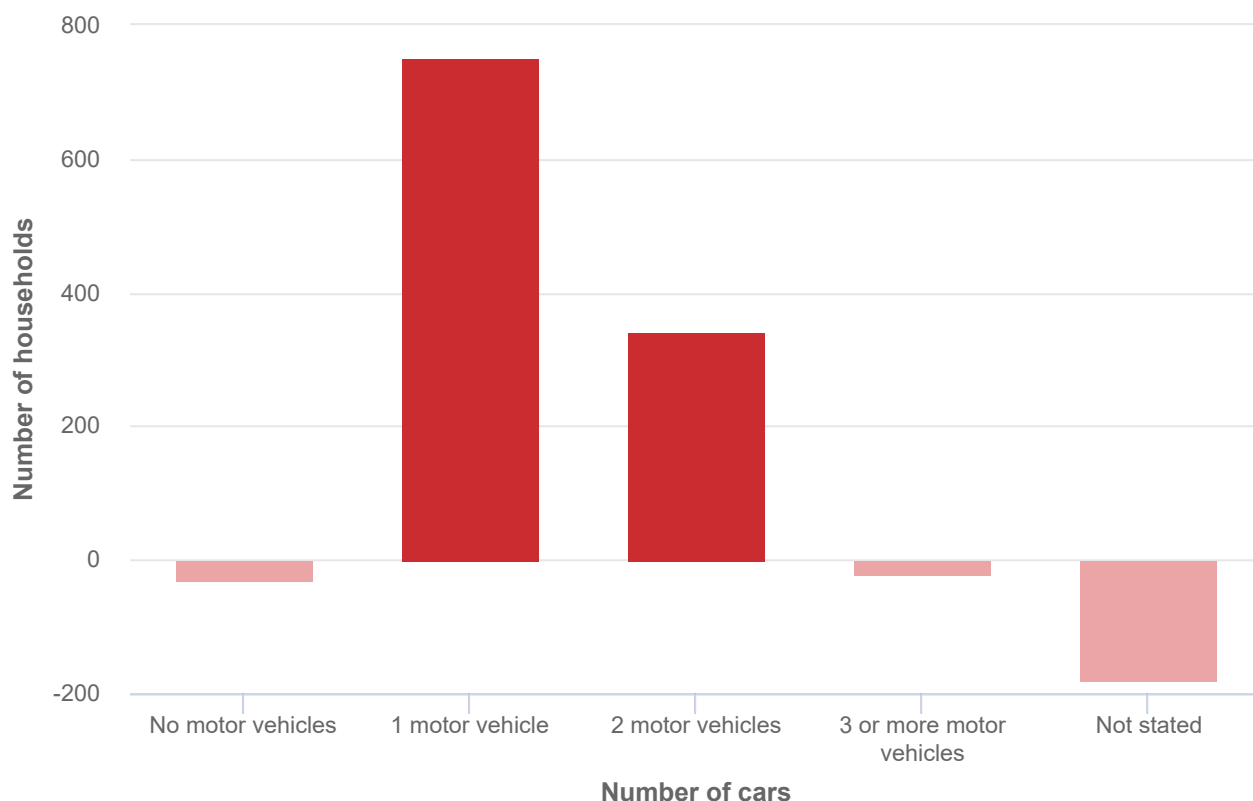
## Car ownership, 2021



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## Change in car ownership, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

Analysis of the car ownership of the households in Geraldton in 2021 compared to Western Australia shows that 87.2% of the households owned at least one car, while 4.5% 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 smaller proportion who owned two cars; and a similar proportion who owned three cars or more.

Overall, 32.5% of the households owned one car; 35.1% owned two cars; and 19.6% 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 Geraldton between 2016 and 2021 were:

- 1 motor vehicle (+751 households)
- 2 motor vehicles (+341 households)

# Geraldton

## Housing tenure

Geraldton'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 Geraldton, 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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Tenure type	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Fully owned	4,665	29.8	28.3	4,255	28.6	27.3	+410
Mortgage	5,020	32.1	37.6	4,835	32.5	36.9	+185
Renting - Total	4,337	27.7	26.4	4,190	28.1	25.6	+147
Renting - Social housing	637	4.1	3.5	832	5.6	3.8	-195
Renting - Private	3,668	23.4	22.7	3,334	22.4	21.7	+334
Renting - Not stated	32	0.2	0.2	24	0.2	0.2	+8
Other tenure type	320	2.0	2.2	269	1.8	2.2	+51
Not stated	1,303	8.3	5.4	1,338	9.0	7.9	-35
<b>Total households</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,887</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+758</b>

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## Housing tenure, 2021



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## Change in housing tenure, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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## Dominant groups

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

Overall, 29.8% of households owned their dwelling; 32.1% were purchasing, and 27.7% 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 Geraldton between 2016 and 2021 were:

- Fully owned (+410 households)
- Renting - Private (+334 households)
- Renting - Social housing (-195 households)
- Mortgage (+185 households)

The total number of households in Geraldton increased by 758 between 2016 and 2021.

# Geraldton

## Housing loan repayments

Mortgage repayments are directly related to house prices in Geraldton, 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.](#)

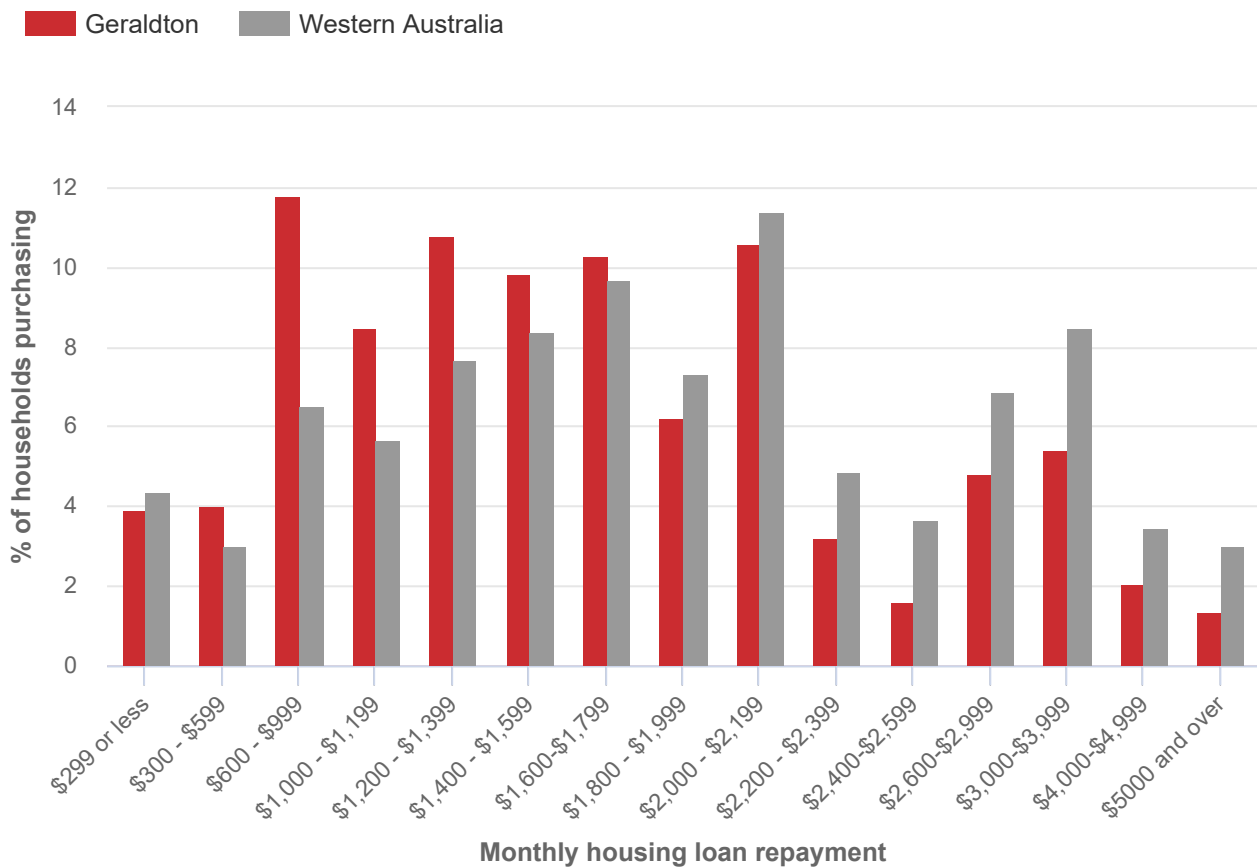
## Monthly housing loan repayments

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021		
	Number	%	Western Australia %
Monthly repayment amount			
\$299 or less	197	3.9	4.4
\$300 - \$599	202	4.0	3.0
\$600 - \$999	593	11.8	6.5
\$1,000 - \$1,199	427	8.5	5.7
\$1,200 - \$1,399	542	10.8	7.7
\$1,400 - \$1,599	493	9.8	8.4
\$1,600-\$1,799	516	10.3	9.7
\$1,800 - \$1,999	313	6.2	7.3
\$2,000 - \$2,199	531	10.6	11.4
\$2,200 - \$2,399	162	3.2	4.9
\$2,400-\$2,599	80	1.6	3.7
\$2,600-\$2,999	242	4.8	6.9
\$3,000-\$3,999	271	5.4	8.5
\$4,000-\$4,999	104	2.1	3.4
\$5000 and over	68	1.4	3.0
Not stated	281	5.6	5.6
Total	5,022	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](#)

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

Overall, 13.6% of households were paying high mortgage repayments, and 28.3% were paying low repayments, compared with 21.8% and 19.6% respectively in Western Australia.

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

- A *larger* percentage of \$600 - \$999 (11.8% compared to 6.5%)
- A *larger* percentage of \$1,200 - \$1,399 (10.8% compared to 7.7%)
- A *larger* percentage of \$1,000 - \$1,199 (8.5% compared to 5.7%)
- A *smaller* percentage of \$3,000-\$3,999 (5.4% compared to 8.5%)



# Geraldton

## Housing loan quartiles

Mortgage repayments in Geraldton 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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Loan repayment quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	1,701	35.9	25.0	1,461	31.5	25.0	+240
Medium lowest	1,348	28.5	25.0	1,364	29.5	25.0	-16
Medium highest	966	20.4	25.0	984	21.3	25.0	-18
Highest group	724	15.3	25.0	821	17.7	25.0	-97
Total households with stated mortgage repayments	4,741	100.0	100.0	4,632	100.0	100.0	+109

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

## Housing loan - Quartile group dollar ranges

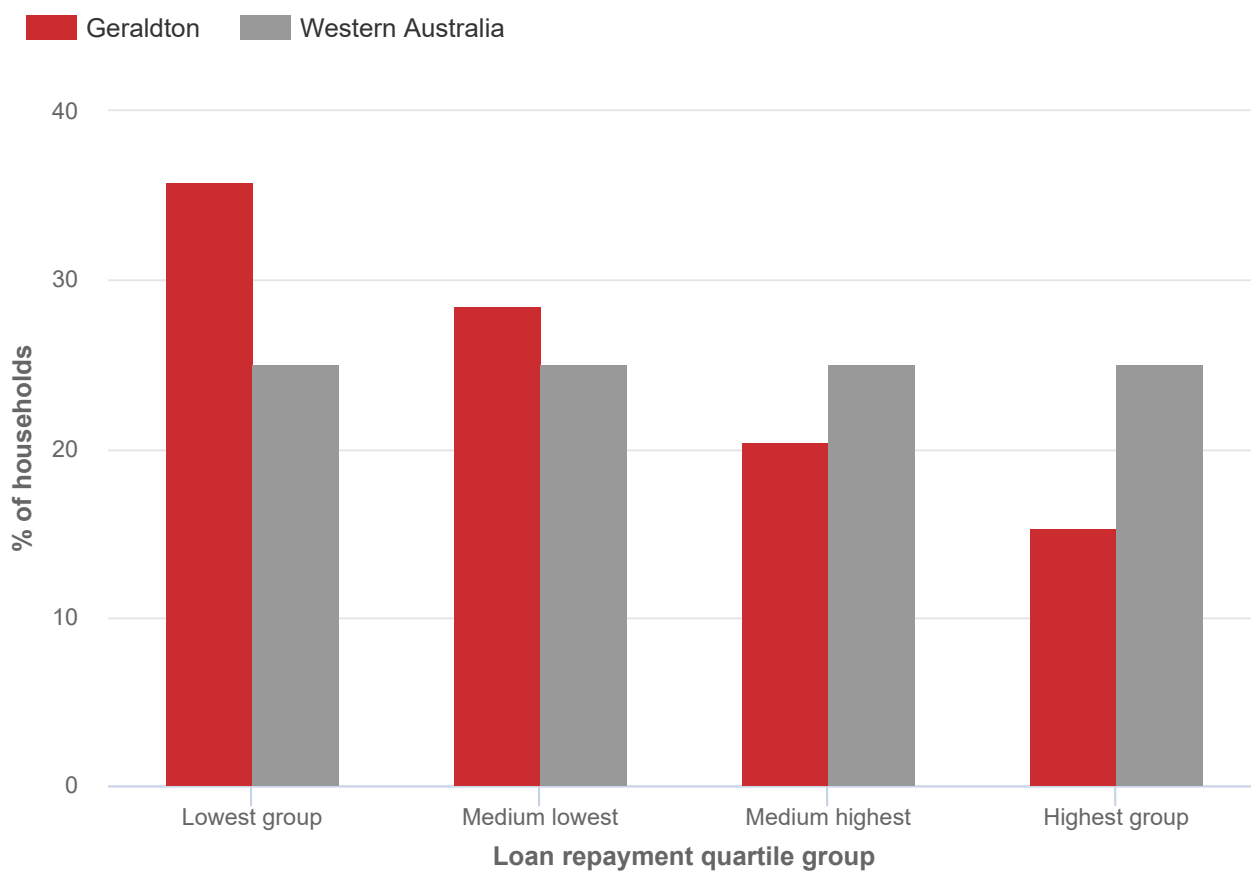
Calculated from loan repayment data for WA

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

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- a Households with a mortgage
- a Median weekly mortgage repayments
- a Households paying high mortgage repayments (\$2600 or more)

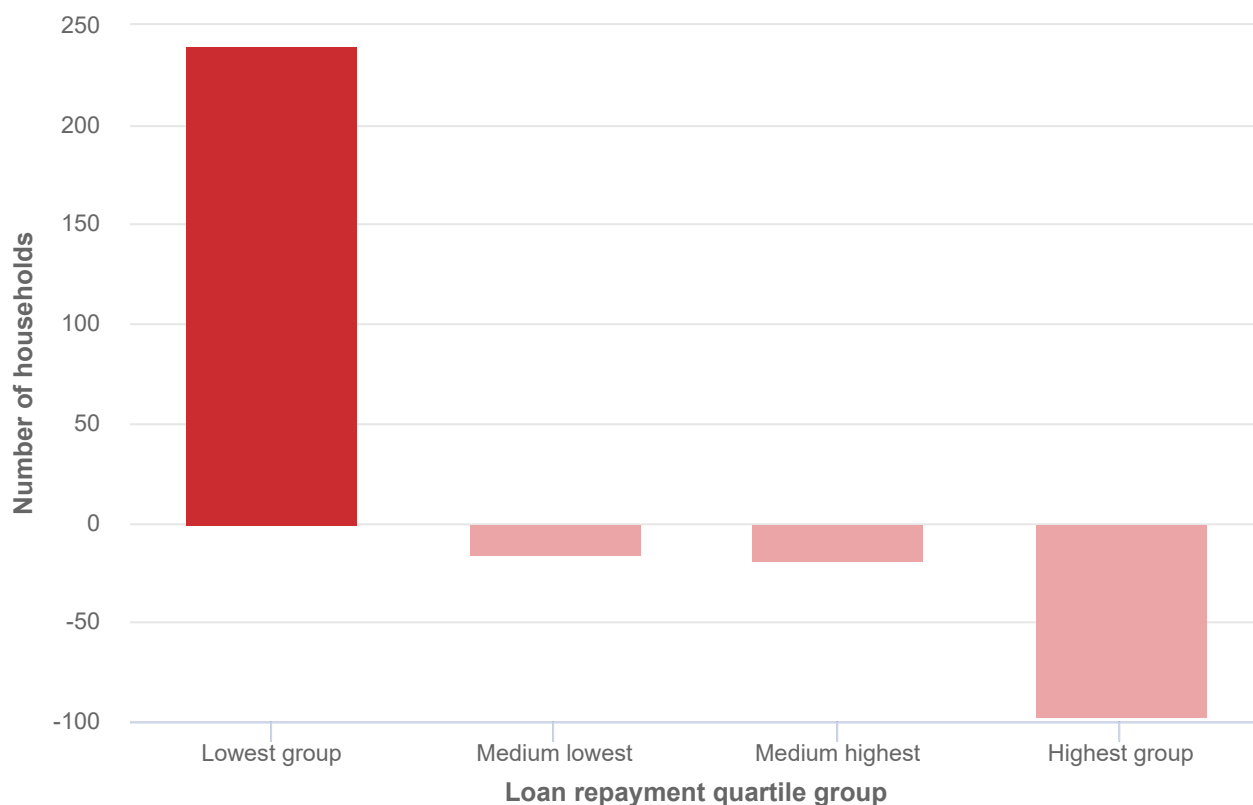
## Housing loan quartiles, 2021



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## Change in housing loan quartiles, 2016 to 2021

Geraldton



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

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 Geraldton compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of households in the highest repayment quartile, and a larger proportion in the lowest repayment quartile.

### Emerging groups

The total number of households with a mortgage in Geraldton decreased by 4,632 between 2016 and 2021. The most significant change in Geraldton during this period was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 240 households.

# Geraldton

## Housing rental payments

Rental payments can be a better measure of the cost of housing in Geraldton 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**.

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

## Weekly housing rental payments

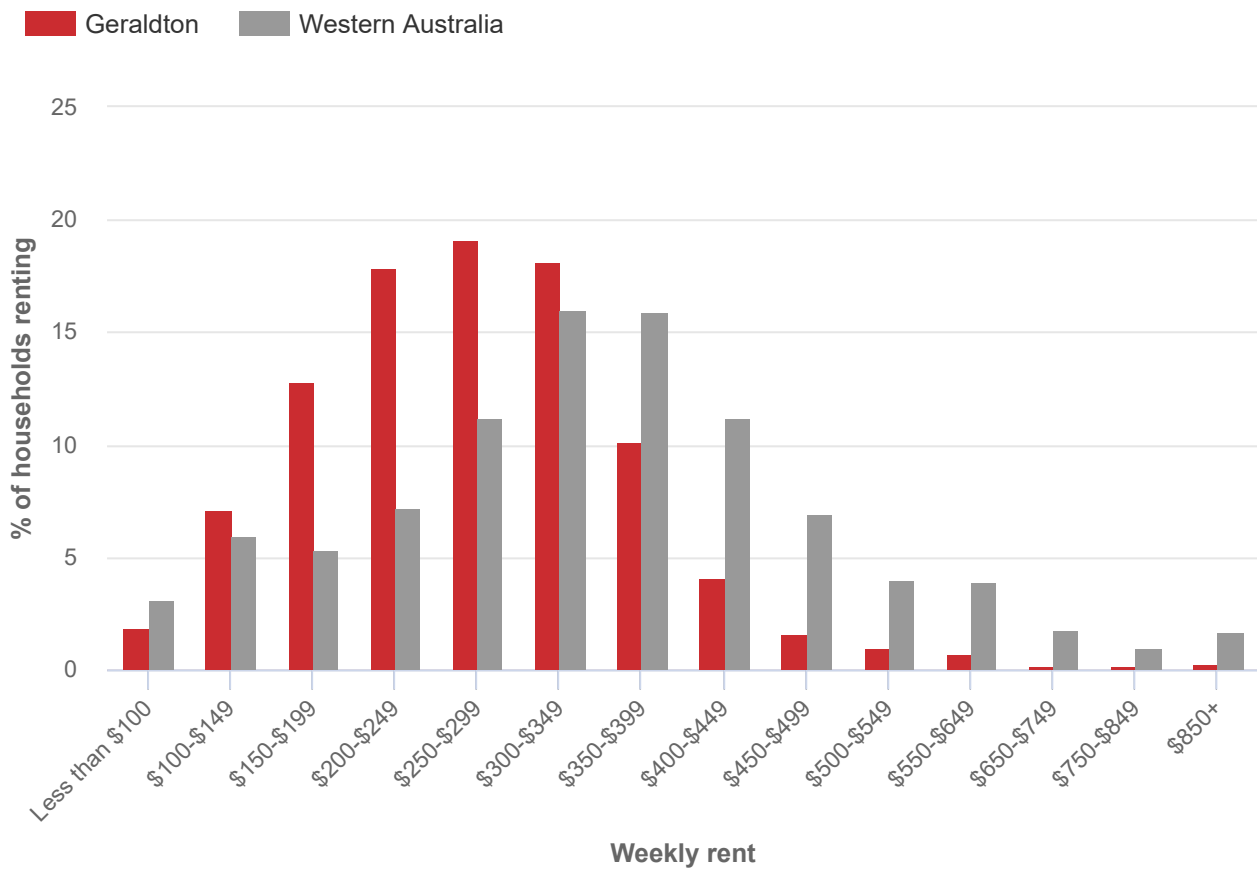
Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021		
Weekly rental amount	Number	%	Western Australia %
Less than \$100	79	1.8	3.1
\$100-\$149	306	7.1	6.0
\$150-\$199	552	12.8	5.3
\$200-\$249	774	17.9	7.2
\$250-\$299	826	19.1	11.2
\$300-\$349	782	18.1	16.0
\$350-\$399	439	10.2	16.0
\$400-\$449	175	4.1	11.2
\$450-\$499	69	1.6	7.0
\$500-\$549	41	0.9	4.0
\$550-\$649	30	0.7	3.9
\$650-\$749	7	0.2	1.8
\$750-\$849	9	0.2	1.0
\$850+	10	0.2	1.7
Not stated	219	5.1	4.7
<b>Total households renting</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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 Geraldton compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of households paying high rental payments (\$450 per week or more), and a larger proportion of households with low rental payments (less than \$250 per week).

Overall, 3.8% of households were paying high rental payments, and 39.6% were paying low payments, compared with 19.4% and 21.6% respectively in Western Australia.

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

- A larger percentage of \$200-\$249 (17.9% compared to 7.2%)
- A larger percentage of \$250-\$299 (19.1% compared to 11.2%)
- A larger percentage of \$150-\$199 (12.8% compared to 5.3%)
- A smaller percentage of \$400-\$449 (4.1% compared to 11.2%)

# Geraldton

## Housing rental quartiles

Rental payments in Geraldton 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

Geraldton - Households (Enumerated)	2021			2016			Change
Quartile group	Number	%	Western Australia %	Number	%	Western Australia %	2016 to 2021
Lowest group	1,875	45.8	25.0	1,610	40.1	25.0	+265
Medium lowest	1,389	33.9	25.0	1,615	40.3	25.0	-226
Medium highest	598	14.6	25.0	600	15.0	25.0	-2
Highest group	234	5.7	25.0	185	4.6	25.0	+49
Total households with stated rent	4,099	100.0	100.0	4,012	100.0	100.0	+87

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

## 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

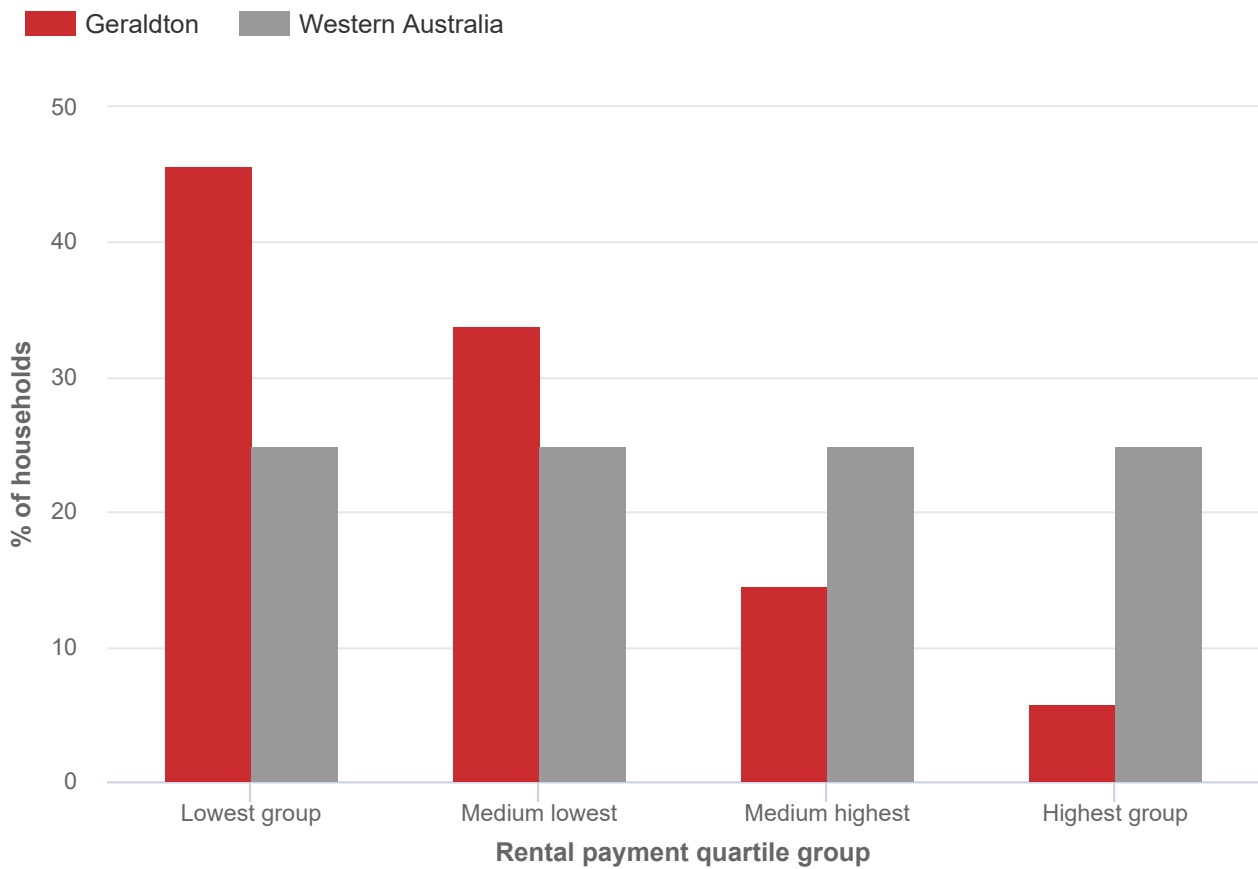
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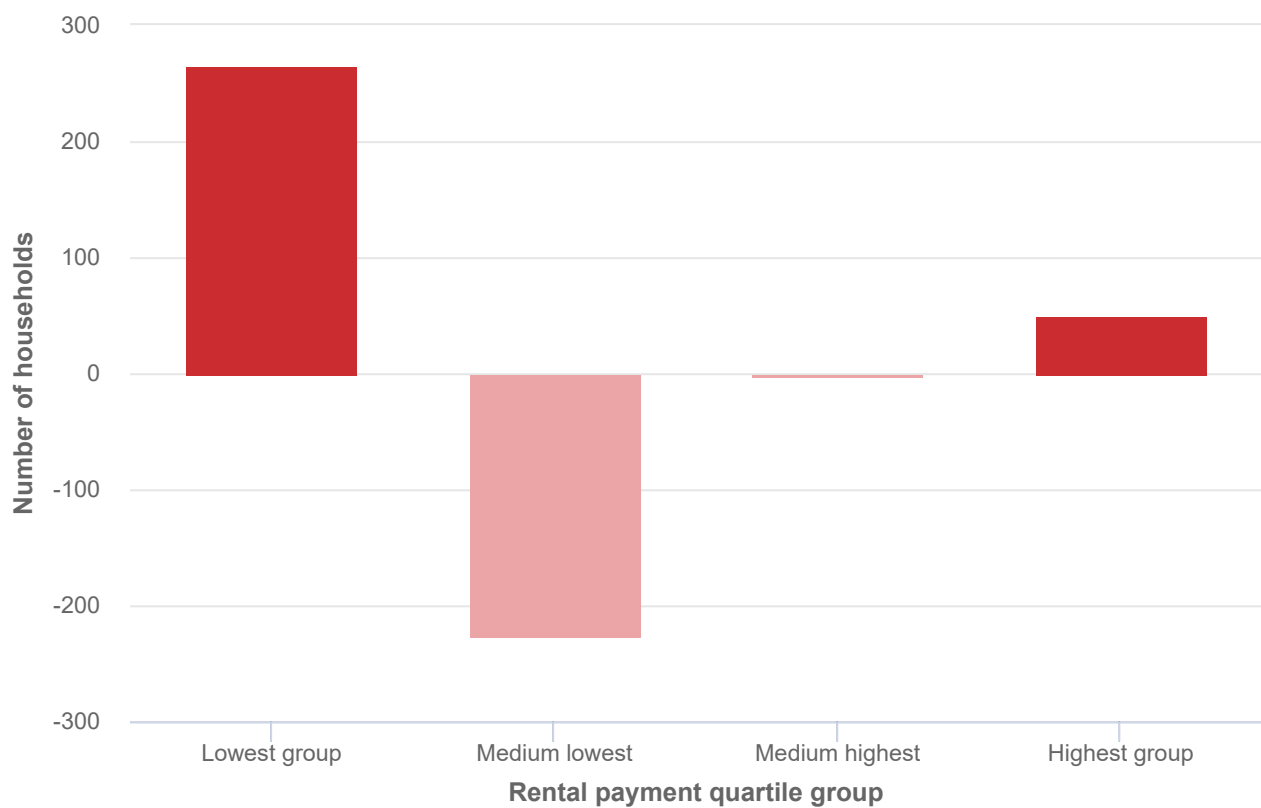
## Housing rental quartiles for 2021



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

Geraldton



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## 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 Geraldton compared to Western Australia shows that there was a smaller proportion of households in the highest payment quartile, and a larger proportion in the lowest payment quartile.

## Emerging groups

The total number of households renting their dwelling in Geraldton increased by 87 between 2016 and 2021. The most significant change during this period was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 265 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

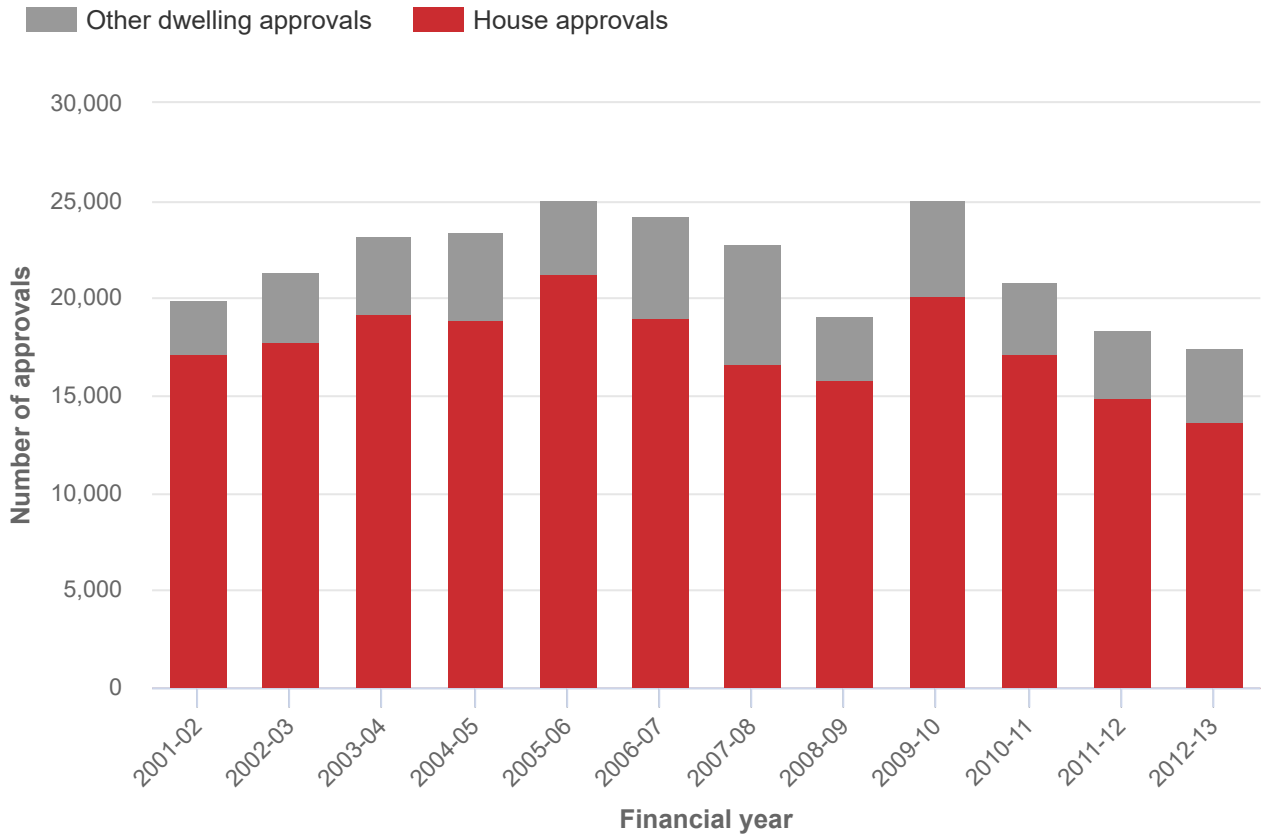
Western Australia Parliamentary Library	Number			Annual change		
Year (ending June 30)	Houses	Other	Total	Houses	Other	Total
2012-13	13,651	3,815	17,466	-1,287	+412	-875
2011-12	14,938	3,403	18,341	-2,213	-252	-2,465
2010-11	17,151	3,655	20,806	-3,033	-1,179	-4,212
2009-10	20,184	4,834	25,018	+4,343	+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

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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.