

Home ownership

Dwellings that were owner-occupied or being purchased as a percentage of all occupied private dwellings

- At the 2001 Census 181,360 dwellings in the Perth-Mandurah region were owned outright by their occupants, and a further 170,610 were being purchased. Together, they represented 72.4% of all occupied private dwellings, compared with 72.7% in 1991. Perth recorded the second highest incidence of home ownership at the 2001 Census, after Melbourne.
- Generally, the outer suburbs where substantial residential development has occurred in recent years contained higher proportions of dwellings being purchased, and dwellings owned outright were more likely to be found in the older established suburbs closer to the city centre.
- The highest concentrations of home ownership in the Perth-Mandurah region were found in the outer suburbs. Areas where the highest proportions of dwellings were either owned or being purchased included Iluka and Landsdale in the north and Jane Brook, Maida Vale and Darlington in the east. These areas also showed high percentages of *couples with dependent children*.
- Pockets of Fremantle, Rockingham and Mandurah and inner-city areas with medium to high density housing and high percentages of rented dwellings had lower levels of home ownership.

