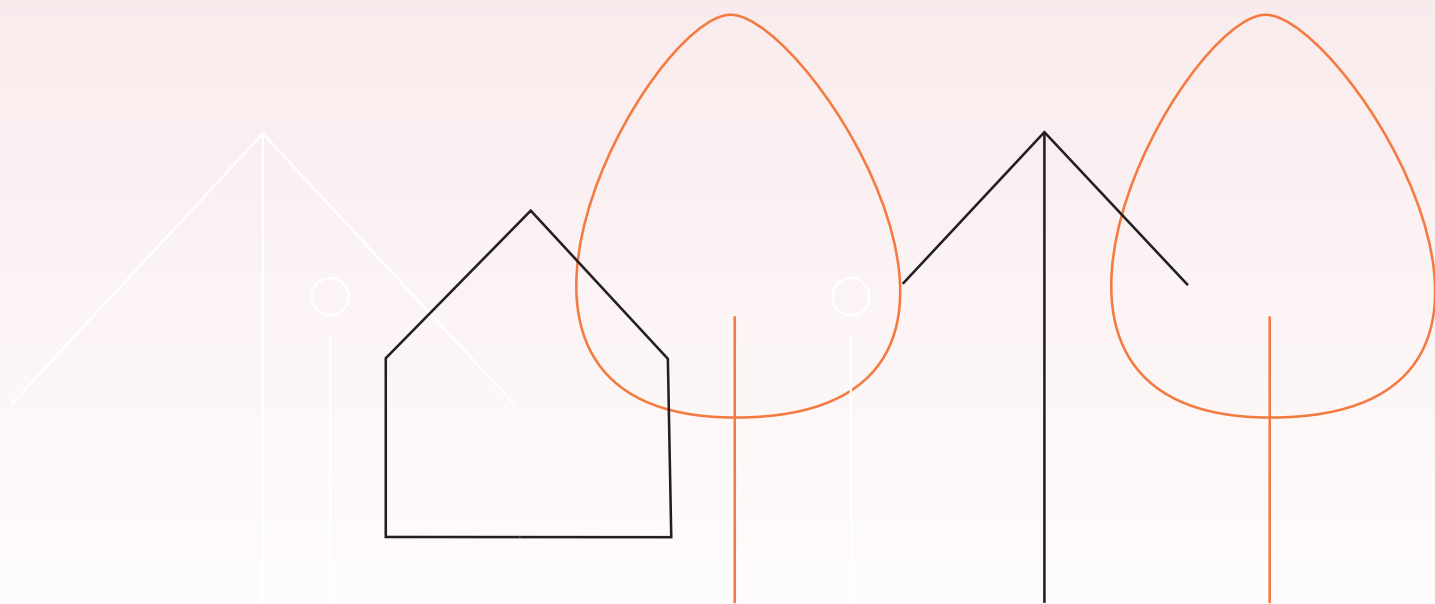# Northern Beaches Council

2016 Census results

Frenchs Forest

Comparison year: 2011
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Population highlights

Population

14,057

ERP, 2018

▲ Grown by 69 from the previous year.

Frenchs Forest 2016

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

Median age		
## 40 ◄► (0)		
Northern Beaches Council area	40	▲
Greater Sydney	36	◄►
New South Wales	38	◄►

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population		
## 0.4% ◄► (0.2%)		
Northern Beaches Council area	0.6%	◄►
Greater Sydney	1.5%	◄►
New South Wales	2.9%	◄►

Couples with children		
## 54% ▲ (2.5%)		
Northern Beaches Council area	37%	▲
Greater Sydney	35%	▲
New South Wales	32%	◄►

Older couples without children		
## 13% ◄► (0%)		
Northern Beaches Council area	10%	▲
Greater Sydney	8%	▲
New South Wales	10%	▲

Lone person households		
## 11% ▲ (0.5%)		
Northern Beaches Council area	21%	▼
Greater Sydney	20%	▼
New South Wales	22%	▼

Medium and high density Housing		
## 6% ▲ (2.5%)		
Northern Beaches Council area	43%	▲
Greater Sydney	44%	▲
New South Wales	33%	▲

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Median weekly household income

$2,564 ▲ ($453)

Northern Beaches Council area	$2,173	▲
Greater Sydney	$1,745	▲
New South Wales	$1,481	▲

Median weekly mortgage repayment

$731

Northern Beaches Council area	$655	▲
Greater Sydney	$495	▲
New South Wales	$456	▲

Median weekly rent

$822

Northern Beaches Council area	$576	▲
Greater Sydney	$447	▲
New South Wales	$384	▲

Households renting

12% ▲ (1%)

Northern Beaches Council area	25%	▼
Greater Sydney	33%	▲
New South Wales	30%	▲

Households with a mortgage

45% ▼ (-0.5%)

Northern Beaches Council area	34%	▼
Greater Sydney	32%	▼
New South Wales	30%	▼

Overseas born

28% ▲ (1.6%)

Northern Beaches Council area	29%	▲
Greater Sydney	37%	▲
New South Wales	28%	▲

Language at home other than English

17% ▲ (2.6%)

Northern Beaches Council area	15%	▲
Greater Sydney	36%	▲
New South Wales	25%	▲

University attendance

5% ▲ (1%)

Northern Beaches Council area	4%	◄►
Greater Sydney	6%	▲
New South Wales	5%	▲

University qualification

33% ▲ (3.6%)

Northern Beaches Council area	32%	▲
Greater Sydney	28%	▲
New South Wales	23%	▲

Trade qualification (certificate)

16% ◄► (-0.2%)

Northern Beaches Council area	16%	◄►
Greater Sydney	15%	◄►
New South Wales	18%	◄►

Unemployment rate

4.1% ▲ (0.5%)

Northern Beaches Council area	3.5%	▲
Greater Sydney	6.0%	◄►
New South Wales	6.3%	◄►

Participation rate (population in labour force)

68% ▲ (0.6%)

Northern Beaches Council area	66%	◄►
Greater Sydney	62%	◄►
New South Wales	59%	▼

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Public transport (to work)

15% ▲ (2.4%)

Northern Beaches Council area	18% ▲
Greater Sydney	23% ▲
New South Wales	16% ▲

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Northern Beaches Council area	1092 ▲
Greater Sydney	1018 ▲
New South Wales	1001 ▲

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About the profile areas

Location and boundaries

Frenchs Forest is bounded by Ashworth Avenue, Lockwood Avenue, Glen Street, Pringle Avenue, Bambara Road, Prince Charles Road, Wearden Road and the locality of Oxford Falls in the north, Oxford Falls Road, the suburb of Beacon Hill and Jones Road in the east, the industrial area, Rodborough Road, Allambie Road, Aquatic Drive, Aquatic Reserve, Wakehurst Parkway, Garigal National Park, Forestville Park, Currie Road, Maxwell Parade, Warringah Road, Fitzpatrick Avenue West, Salerno Street and Carroll Creek in the south, and Middle Harbour Creek, the suburb of Davidson and Kambora Avenue in the west.

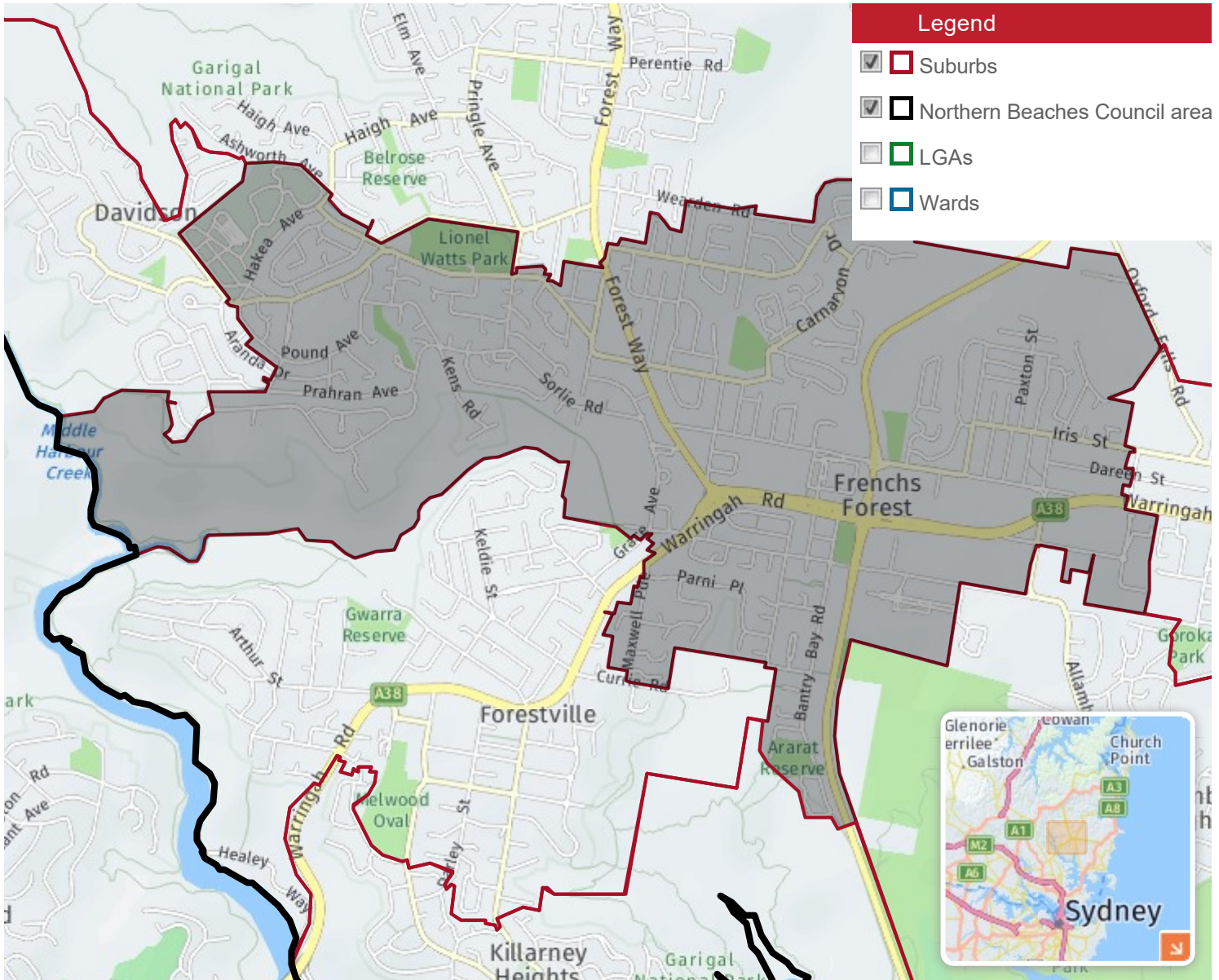| Important Statistics	Population	Land area	Population density
	14,057	840	16.73
	2018 ABS ERP	ha (8 Km^2)	persons per hectare

Profile areas

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Population and dwellings

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

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

This page provides the three population counts for Frenchs Forest at the last Census, with comparisons to previous Census years for the Census counts only. The current estimate for Frenchs Forest 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 Frenchs Forest 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

Frenchs Forest - Total persons	2016			2011			Change
Population	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Estimated Resident Population	13,908	--	--	--	--	--	--
Enumerated Population	13,217	--	--	12,556	--	--	+662
Usual Resident Population	13,417	--	--	12,759	--	--	+658

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id , the population experts.

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Selected subpopulation categories

Frenchs Forest - Total people (Usual residence)	2016			2011			Change
Population group	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Males	6,649	49.7	49.3	6,381	50.0	49.2	+269
Females	6,739	50.3	50.7	6,378	50.0	50.8	+361
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	58	0.4	1.5	36	0.3	1.2	+22
Australian citizens	11,906	88.9	79.5	11,478	90.0	82.5	+427
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	8,436	63.0	60.0	8,156	63.9	62.4	+280
Population over 15	10,301	76.9	81.3	9,708	76.1	80.8	+592
Employed Population	6,729	95.9	94.0	6,320	96.4	94.3	+409
Overseas visitors (enumerated)	94	--	--	88	--	--	+6

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016 (Usual residence). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id , the population experts.

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Dwellings

Frenchs Forest - Households (Enumerated)	2016			2011			Change
Dwellings	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Total dwellings	4,397	100.0	100.0	4,320	100.0	100.0	+77
Occupied private dwellings	4,206	95.7	92.5	4,118	95.3	92.9	+89
Population in non-private dwellings	34	--	--	4	--	--	+30
Average household size (persons per dwelling)	*3.14*	*--*	*2.72*	*3.07*	*--*	*2.69*	*+0.07*

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016 (Enumerated). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id , the population experts.

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

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Household type

Frenchs Forest'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, Frenchs Forest's Household Summary should be viewed in conjunction with Households with Children, Households without Children, Household Size, Age Structure and Dwelling Type.

Household type

Frenchs Forest - Total households (Enumerated)	2016			2011			Change
Households by type	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Couples with children	2,256	54.3	35.3	2,132	51.9	34.8	+124
Couples without children	948	22.8	22.4	1,004	24.4	22.6	-56
One parent families	322	7.8	10.4	380	9.3	10.8	-58
Other families	34	0.8	1.3	26	0.7	1.4	+8
Group household	52	1.3	4.5	58	1.4	4.1	-6
Lone person	451	10.9	20.4	427	10.4	21.5	+24
Other not classifiable household	72	1.8	4.7	63	1.5	4.1	+9
Visitor only households	13	0.3	0.9	18	0.4	0.9	-4
Total households	4,153	100.0	100.0	4,111	100.0	100.0	+42

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id , the population experts.

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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
f Forecast household types
f Forecast household types mapped by small area

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id, the population experts.

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the household/family types in Frenchs Forest in 2016 compared to Greater Sydney shows that there was a higher proportion of couple families with child(ren) as well as a lower proportion of one-parent families. Overall, 54.3% of total families were couple families with child(ren), and 7.8% were one-parent families, compared with 35.3% and 10.4% respectively for Greater Sydney.

There were a lower proportion of lone person households and a similar proportion of couples without children. Overall, the proportion of lone person households was 10.9% compared to 20.4% in Greater Sydney while the proportion of couples without children was 22.8% compared to 22.4% in Greater Sydney.

Emerging groups

The number of households in Frenchs Forest increased by 42 between 2011 and 2016.

The largest changes in family/household types in Frenchs Forest between 2011 and 2016 were:

- Couples with children (+124 households)
- One parent families (-58 households)
- Couples without children (-56 households)

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Dwelling type

Dwelling Type is an important determinant of Frenchs Forest'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 Frenchs Forest.

Dwelling structure

Frenchs Forest - Dwellings (Enumerated)	2016			2011			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Separate house	4,127	94.2	55.0	4,160	96.3	58.9	-33
Medium density	241	5.5	20.3	139	3.2	19.7	+101
High density	9	0.2	23.5	0	--	20.7	+9
Caravans, cabin, houseboat	0	--	0.2	0	--	0.2	0
Other	0	0.0	0.5	17	0.4	0.4	-17
Not stated	6	0.1	0.4	3	0.1	0.1	+3
Total Private Dwellings	4,383	100.0	100.0	4,320	100.0	100.0	+63

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id , the population experts.

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Dwelling type

Frenchs Forest	2016			2011			Change
Dwelling type	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Occupied private dwellings	4,206	95.7	92.5	4,117	95.0	92.9	+89
Unoccupied private dwellings	180	4.1	7.3	216	5.0	6.9	-36
Non private dwellings	7	0.2	0.2	0	--	0.2	+8
Total dwellings	4,395	100.0	100.0	4,334	100.0	100.0	+61

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Dominant groups

In 2016, there were 4,127 separate houses in the area, 241 medium density dwellings, and 9 high density dwellings.

Analysis of the types of dwellings in Frenchs Forest in 2016 shows that 94.2% of all dwellings were separate houses; 5.5% were medium density dwellings, and 0.2% were in high density dwellings, compared with 55.0%, 20.3%, and 23.5% in the Greater Sydney respectively.

In 2016, a total of 95.7% of the dwellings in Frenchs Forest were occupied on Census night, compared to 92.5% in Greater Sydney. The proportion of unoccupied dwellings was 4.1%, which is smaller compared to that found in Greater Sydney (7.3%).

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Emerging groups

The total number of dwellings in Frenchs Forest increased by 61 between 2011 and 2016.

The largest change in the type of dwellings found in Frenchs Forest between 2011 and 2016 was:

- Medium density (+101 dwellings)

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Housing tenure

Frenchs Forest'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 Frenchs Forest, Tenure data is useful for analysing housing markets, housing affordability and identifying public housing areas.

Housing tenure

Frenchs Forest - Households (Enumerated)	2016			2011			Change
Tenure type	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	Number	%	Greater Sydney %	2011 to 2016
Fully owned	1,635	39.1	27.7	1,656	40.1	29.1	-21
Mortgage	1,893	45.2	31.5	1,891	45.8	33.2	+1
Renting - Total	508	12.2	32.6	460	11.1	30.4	+48
Renting - Social housing	3	0.1	4.6	15	0.4	5.0	-12
Renting - Private	502	12.0	27.6	424	10.3	25.0	+78
Renting - Not stated	3	0.1	0.4	21	0.5	0.5	-18
Other tenure type	6	0.2	0.8	3	0.1	0.8	+3
Not stated	140	3.4	7.4	119	2.9	6.5	+22
Total households	4,185	100.0	100.0	4,131	100.0	100.0	+54

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Dominant groups

Analysis of the housing tenure of households of Frenchs Forest in 2016 compared to Greater Sydney shows that there was a larger proportion of households who owned their dwelling; a larger proportion purchasing their dwelling; and a smaller proportion who were renters.

Overall, 39.1% of households owned their dwelling; 45.2% were purchasing, and 12.2% were renting, compared with 27.7%, 31.5% and 32.6% respectively for Greater Sydney.

Emerging groups

The largest change in housing tenure categories for the households in Frenchs Forest between 2011 and 2016 was:

- Renting - Private (+78 households)

The total number of households in Frenchs Forest increased by 54 between 2011 and 2016.