### Hornsby Shire Council

#### 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 Epping North should be looked at in conjunction with [Household Type](households?[QS]) and [Age Structure](five-year-age-groups?[QS]), as well as [Education Levels.](qualifications?[QS])

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| **Type of internet connection** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Epping North - Households** | **2016** |  |  | **2011** |  |  | **Change** |
| **Connection type** | **Number** | **%** | **Hornsby Shire %** | **Number** | **%** | **Hornsby Shire %** | **2011 to 2016** |
| Internet connection | 1,324 | 89.6 | 88.6 | 1,250 | 85.4 | 84.9 | +74 |
| No internet connection | 82 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 156 | 10.7 | 10.7 | -74 |
| Not stated | 71 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 58 | 4.0 | 4.4 | +13 |
| **Total households** | **1,477** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **1,464** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+13** |

Analysis of the type of internet connection of households in Epping North compared to Hornsby Shire shows that there was a higher proportion of households with an internet connection

Overall 89.6% of households had an internet connection, compared with 88.6% in Hornsby Shire.

Between 2011 and 2016 the number of households with an internet connection increased by 74.