

# Community report

## Adelaide (C)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

**Adelaide (C)**

COMPARISON

**Greater Adelaide**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Occupation of employment

### Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

# Occupation of employment

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, Professionals was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Adelaide (C), accounting for 37.5% (4,736 people). This share was higher than Greater Adelaide (23.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professionals, which increased by 1,219 people, while its share fell by 0.4 percentage points.

## About this topic

Occupation of employment classifies employed residents by the kind of work they do in their main job. It describes the roles, skills, and tasks people perform rather than the industry they work in.

This topic is useful for understanding the skill profile and socio-economic characteristics of the resident workforce. It is best interpreted with qualifications, individual income, and industry sector of employment.

## Interpretation notes

- Occupation classifies the kind of work done in a person's main job, not the employer's industry.
- It applies to employed people aged 15 years and over, so it should be read with employment status when assessing labour market conditions.

## Occupation of employment

Adelaide (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	1,728	13.7%	12.1%	1,379	14.9%	11.5%	+349	-1.2
Total Occupation Professionals	4,736	37.5%	23.6%	3,517	37.9%	22.3%	+1,219	-0.4
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	1,000	7.9%	12.9%	674	7.3%	13.2%	+326	+0.6
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	1,687	13.3%	13.2%	1,140	12.3%	12.3%	+547	+1.0
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	1,478	11.7%	13.2%	1,094	11.8%	14.1%	+384	-0.1
Total Occupation Sales Workers	878	6.9%	8.5%	718	7.7%	9.8%	+160	-0.8
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	236	1.9%	5.5%	151	1.6%	5.5%	+85	+0.3
Total Occupation Labourers	716	5.7%	9.3%	471	5.1%	9.8%	+245	+0.6
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	197	1.6%	1.7%	133	1.4%	1.5%	+64	+0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %	Count	%	Greater Adelaide %
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,644</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.