

Community report

Alice Springs (T)

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

AREA

Alice Springs (T)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Industry sector 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.

Industry sector of employment

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Health Care And Social Assistance was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Alice Springs (T), accounting for 22.5% (3,095 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (18%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 849 people and 4.7 percentage points.

About this topic

Industry sector of employment shows the industry in which employed residents work, based on the main business activity of their employer. It describes the sectors residents are connected to through work, whether they work locally or commute elsewhere.

This topic helps explain the economic profile and skill base of a resident workforce. It is best read together with occupations, employment status, and travel to work, because it reflects resident employment rather than the number of jobs located in the area.

Interpretation notes

- Industry describes the main business activity of the employer in a person's main job, not the occupation they perform.
- It applies to employed people aged 15 years and over and reflects resident workers, not the number of jobs located in the area.

Industry sector of employment

Alice Springs (T) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	58	0.4%	4.8%	70	0.6%	4.1%	-12	-0.2
Mining	60	0.4%	2.9%	68	0.5%	3.3%	-8	-0.1
Manufacturing	259	1.9%	1.5%	211	1.7%	1.3%	+48	+0.2
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	165	1.2%	1.0%	198	1.6%	1.1%	-33	-0.4
Construction	986	7.2%	6.3%	873	6.9%	5.7%	+113	+0.3
Wholesale Trade	205	1.5%	1.1%	181	1.4%	1.0%	+24	+0.1
Retail Trade	1,041	7.6%	7.1%	1,013	8.0%	7.0%	+28	-0.4
Accommodation And Food Services	795	5.8%	6.6%	833	6.6%	7.1%	-38	-0.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	474	3.5%	3.0%	550	4.4%	3.5%	-76	-0.9
Information Media And Telecommunications	134	1.0%	0.6%	169	1.3%	0.8%	-35	-0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	83	0.6%	0.5%	83	0.7%	0.6%	0	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	122	0.9%	0.7%	180	1.4%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	705	5.1%	3.3%	701	5.6%	
Administrative And Support Services	343	2.5%	2.6%	375	3.0%	
Public Administration And Safety	2,394	17.4%	17.2%	2,276	18.1%	
Education And Training	1,295	9.4%	11.9%	1,291	10.2%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	3,095	22.5%	18.0%	2,246	17.8%	
Arts And Recreation Services	336	2.4%	3.1%	293	2.3%	
Other Services	636	4.6%	3.9%	543	4.3%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	515	3.8%	4.1%	464	3.7%	
Total	13,726	100.0%	100.0%	12,608	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.