

# Community report

## Ashburton (S)

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

AREA

**Ashburton (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

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, Mining was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Ashburton (S), accounting for 48.4% (1,853 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (11.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Construction, which decreased by 1,988 people and 19.4 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

Ashburton (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	59	1.5%	9.0%	83	1.0%	9.1%	-24	+0.5
Mining	1,853	48.4%	11.3%	2,839	34.2%	11.1%	-986	+14.2
Manufacturing	30	0.8%	5.2%	107	1.3%	5.3%	-77	-0.5
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	28	0.7%	1.4%	82	1.0%	1.3%	-54	-0.3
Construction	323	8.4%	8.5%	2,311	27.8%	9.2%	-1,988	-19.4
Wholesale Trade	56	1.5%	2.1%	64	0.8%	2.0%	-8	+0.7
Retail Trade	114	3.0%	8.3%	130	1.6%	8.7%	-16	+1.4
Accommodation And Food Services	200	5.2%	6.8%	400	4.8%	6.4%	-200	+0.4
Transport Postal And Warehousing	113	3.0%	4.6%	224	2.7%	4.7%	-111	+0.3
Information Media And Telecommunications	9	0.2%	0.4%	10	0.1%	0.5%	-1	+0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	12	0.3%	0.9%	9	0.1%	1.1%	+3	+0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	44	1.1%	1.2%	57	0.7%	0.7%
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	34	0.9%	3.0%	733	8.8%	8.8%
Administrative And Support Services	153	4.0%	2.9%	244	2.9%	2.9%
Public Administration And Safety	167	4.4%	5.7%	181	2.2%	2.2%
Education And Training	254	6.6%	8.6%	223	2.7%	2.7%
Health Care And Social Assistance	159	4.2%	11.4%	129	1.6%	1.6%
Arts And Recreation Services	11	0.3%	1.0%	14	0.2%	0.2%
Other Services	73	1.9%	3.7%	107	1.3%	1.3%
Inadequately Described Not Stated	145	3.8%	4.0%	361	4.3%	4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,305</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.