

Community report

Brisbane (C)

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

AREA

Brisbane (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Health Care And Social Assistance was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Brisbane (C), accounting for 15.7% (104,005 people). This share was higher than Greater Brisbane (15.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 26,226 people and 2.1 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

Brisbane (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	2,512	0.4%	0.8%	2,232	0.4%	0.9%	+280	0.0
Mining	8,377	1.3%	1.1%	7,537	1.3%	1.2%	+840	0.0
Manufacturing	30,846	4.7%	6.1%	28,312	5.0%	6.5%	+2,534	-0.3
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	7,489	1.1%	1.2%	5,818	1.0%	1.1%	+1,671	+0.1
Construction	44,159	6.7%	8.6%	38,406	6.7%	8.6%	+5,753	0.0
Wholesale Trade	15,671	2.4%	2.6%	15,378	2.7%	3.0%	+293	-0.3
Retail Trade	54,002	8.2%	9.0%	49,001	8.6%	9.5%	+5,001	-0.4
Accommodation And Food Services	46,472	7.0%	6.4%	41,446	7.3%	6.5%	+5,026	-0.3
Transport Postal And Warehousing	30,669	4.6%	5.4%	27,869	4.9%	5.7%	+2,800	-0.3
Information Media And Telecommunications	9,251	1.4%	1.1%	9,474	1.7%	1.4%	-223	-0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	26,674	4.0%	3.3%	22,356	3.9%	3.2%	+4,318	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	13,376	2.0%	1.8%	12,823	2.2%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	76,118	11.5%	8.5%	59,693	10.5%	
Administrative And Support Services	21,927	3.3%	3.4%	20,281	3.6%	
Public Administration And Safety	45,446	6.9%	6.7%	42,528	7.5%	
Education And Training	64,836	9.8%	9.0%	58,395	10.2%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	104,005	15.7%	15.3%	77,779	13.6%	
Arts And Recreation Services	11,723	1.8%	1.5%	9,998	1.8%	
Other Services	22,252	3.4%	3.8%	19,486	3.4%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	26,521	4.0%	4.5%	21,628	3.8%	
Total	662,318	100.0%	100.0%	570,455	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.