

Community report

Brisbane (C)

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

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Brisbane (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Brisbane

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Professionals was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Brisbane (C), accounting for 32% (212,007 people). This share was higher than Greater Brisbane (24.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professionals, which increased by 41,599 people and 2.1 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

Brisbane (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	92,784	14.0%	12.6%	74,499	13.1%	11.8%	+18,285	+0.9
Total Occupation Professionals	212,007	32.0%	24.7%	170,408	29.9%	22.9%	+41,599	+2.1
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	65,259	9.9%	12.3%	60,094	10.5%	12.9%	+5,165	-0.6
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	69,720	10.5%	11.6%	57,786	10.1%	10.9%	+11,934	+0.4
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	87,018	13.1%	13.5%	83,218	14.6%	14.8%	+3,800	-1.5
Total Occupation Sales Workers	50,848	7.7%	8.2%	50,309	8.8%	9.3%	+539	-1.1
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	28,189	4.3%	6.3%	23,423	4.1%	6.3%	+4,766	+0.2
Total Occupation Labourers	45,592	6.9%	8.9%	41,841	7.3%	9.4%	+3,751	-0.4
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	10,897	1.6%	1.8%	8,880	1.6%	1.6%	+2,017	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Brisbane %	Count	%	Greater Bris
Total	662,318	100.0%	100.0%	570,455	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.