

Community report

Central Desert (R)

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

AREA

Central Desert (R)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

31 March 2026

Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Unpaid domestic work

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, doing unpaid domestic work was the most common response among residents aged 15 and over in Central Desert (R), accounting for 71.5% (1,878 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (65.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in between 15 And 29 Hours, which decreased by 179 people and 7 percentage points.

About this topic

Unpaid domestic work measures how much time people aged 15 years and over spent doing housework for their household in the week before the Census. It helps show the distribution of unpaid labour that supports home and family life.

This topic is useful for understanding household roles, time pressures, and gender or life-stage differences in unpaid work. It is best read with household type, employment, and income, because the amount of unpaid domestic work can be shaped by family structure and the ability to outsource tasks.

Interpretation notes

- The hours refer to unpaid domestic work done for the person's household in the week before the Census.

- This topic does not measure childcare, disability care, or other unpaid help unless it falls within domestic work for the household.

Unpaid domestic work

Central Desert (R) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	1,878	71.5%	65.7%	1,854	71.5%	63.7%	+24	0.0
Less Than 5 Hours	858	32.7%	22.8%	705	27.2%	23.5%	+153	+5.5
Between 5 And 14 Hours	703	26.8%	25.3%	594	22.9%	24.6%	+109	+3.9
Between 15 And 29 Hours	207	7.9%	10.8%	386	14.9%	9.8%	-179	-7.0
30 Hours Or More	110	4.2%	6.8%	169	6.5%	5.7%	-59	-2.3
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	435	16.6%	21.8%	449	17.3%	19.0%	-14	-0.7
Not Stated	314	12.0%	12.4%	286	11.0%	17.3%	+28	+1.0
Total	2,627	100.0%	100.0%	2,593	100.0%	100.0%	+34	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.