

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

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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, Public Administration And Safety was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Central Desert (R), accounting for 20.2% (150 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (17.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Other Services, which decreased by 47 people and 5.8 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

Central Desert (R) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	109	14.7%	4.8%	91	11.5%	4.1%	+18	+3.2
Mining	57	7.7%	2.9%	46	5.8%	3.3%	+11	+1.9
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	1.5%	8	1.0%	1.3%	-8	-1.0
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	0	0.0%	1.0%	9	1.1%	1.1%	-9	-1.1
Construction	24	3.2%	6.3%	27	3.4%	5.7%	-3	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	0	0.0%	1.1%	0	0.0%	1.0%	0	0.0
Retail Trade	51	6.9%	7.1%	40	5.1%	7.0%	+11	+1.8
Accommodation And Food Services	18	2.4%	6.6%	5	0.6%	7.1%	+13	+1.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	5	0.7%	3.0%	0	0.0%	3.5%	+5	+0.7
Information Media And Telecommunications	14	1.9%	0.6%	15	1.9%	0.8%	-1	0.0
Financial And Insurance Services	0	0.0%	0.5%	0	0.0%	0.6%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	0	0.0%	0.7%	0	0.0%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	8	1.1%	3.3%	3	0.4%	
Administrative And Support Services	20	2.7%	2.6%	32	4.0%	
Public Administration And Safety	150	20.2%	17.2%	181	22.9%	
Education And Training	122	16.4%	11.9%	120	15.2%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	93	12.5%	18.0%	99	12.5%	
Arts And Recreation Services	26	3.5%	3.1%	20	2.5%	
Other Services	12	1.6%	3.9%	59	7.4%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	22	3.0%	4.1%	34	4.3%	
Total	744	100.0%	100.0%	792	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.