

Community report

Central Desert (R)

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

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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 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, Community And Personal Service Workers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Central Desert (R), accounting for 21.9% (163 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (18.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Labourers, which decreased by 24 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	120	16.1%	12.9%	114	14.4%	12.0%	+6	+1.7
Total Occupation Professionals	152	20.4%	22.8%	145	18.3%	22.0%	+7	+2.1
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	41	5.5%	12.3%	54	6.8%	12.2%	-13	-1.3
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	163	21.9%	18.2%	175	22.1%	17.0%	-12	-0.2
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	55	7.4%	11.0%	69	8.7%	11.9%	-14	-1.3
Total Occupation Sales Workers	27	3.6%	5.4%	34	4.3%	5.8%	-7	-0.7
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	59	7.9%	4.7%	52	6.6%	5.1%	+7	+1.3
Total Occupation Labourers	109	14.7%	9.9%	133	16.8%	10.5%	-24	-2.1
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	12	1.6%	2.8%	32	4.0%	3.4%	-20	-2.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Total	744	100.0%	100.0%	792	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.