

Community report

Central Highlands (R) (Qld)

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

AREA

Central Highlands (R) (Qld)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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.

Occupation of employment

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Machinery Operators And Drivers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Central Highlands (R) (Qld), accounting for 17.5% (2,482 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (7.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Labourers, which increased by 267 people and 1.3 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 Highlands (R) (Qld) - Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	2,126	15.0%	12.4%	2,016	15.0%	12.4%	+110	0.0
Total Occupation Professionals	1,598	11.3%	18.0%	1,485	11.0%	16.7%	+113	+0.3
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	2,377	16.8%	15.1%	2,374	17.6%	15.7%	+3	-0.8
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	1,025	7.2%	13.0%	896	6.7%	11.8%	+129	+0.5
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	1,381	9.7%	11.8%	1,429	10.6%	12.5%	-48	-0.9
Total Occupation Sales Workers	1,042	7.3%	9.1%	991	7.4%	10.2%	+51	-0.1
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	2,482	17.5%	7.3%	2,470	18.4%	7.6%	+12	-0.9
Total Occupation Labourers	1,866	13.2%	11.2%	1,599	11.9%	11.6%	+267	+1.3
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	301	2.1%	2.0%	205	1.5%	1.6%	+96	+0.6

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Total	14,188	100.0%	100.0%	13,460	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.