

# Community report

## Cocos Islands

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

AREA

**Cocos Islands**

COMPARISON

**Other Territories**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

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### 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.

# Unpaid domestic work

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, doing unpaid domestic work was the most common response among residents aged 15 and over in Cocos Islands, accounting for 42.2% (197 people). This share was lower than Other Territories (59.1%).

## 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

Cocos Islands – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	197	42.2%	59.1%	–	–	58.5%	–	–
Less Than 5 Hours	71	15.2%	15.8%	–	–	16.7%	–	–
Between 5 And 14 Hours	85	18.2%	24.2%	–	–	23.9%	–	–
Between 15 And 29 Hours	22	4.7%	11.0%	–	–	9.8%	–	–
30 Hours Or More	19	4.1%	8.1%	–	–	8.1%	–	–
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	176	37.7%	20.5%	–	–	20.5%	–	–
Not Stated	89	19.1%	20.4%	–	–	21.0%	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

Data basis: usual residence.