

Community report

Cocos Islands

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

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Cocos Islands

COMPARISON

Other Territories

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.

Industry sector of employment

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Public Administration And Safety was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Cocos Islands, accounting for 15.5% (37 people). This share was lower than Other Territories (18.7%).

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

Cocos Islands – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	5	2.1%	1.3%	—	—	1.6%	—	—
Mining	0	0.0%	4.1%	—	—	6.9%	—	—
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	1.4%	—	—	2.0%	—	—
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	6	2.5%	2.2%	—	—	1.9%	—	—
Construction	23	9.6%	9.3%	—	—	6.6%	—	—
Wholesale Trade	5	2.1%	0.9%	—	—	1.0%	—	—
Retail Trade	19	7.9%	8.9%	—	—	8.6%	—	—
Accommodation And Food Services	27	11.3%	11.5%	—	—	11.7%	—	—
Transport Postal And Warehousing	32	13.4%	4.6%	—	—	4.8%	—	—
Information Media And Telecommunications	0	0.0%	0.7%	—	—	0.7%	—	—
Financial And Insurance Services	4	1.7%	1.2%	—	—	0.8%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	0	0.0%	1.1%	—	—	—
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	0	0.0%	2.7%	—	—	—
Administrative And Support Services	14	5.9%	6.7%	—	—	—
Public Administration And Safety	37	15.5%	18.7%	—	—	2.7%
Education And Training	29	12.1%	7.2%	—	—	—
Health Care And Social Assistance	11	4.6%	6.7%	—	—	—
Arts And Recreation Services	6	2.5%	2.9%	—	—	—
Other Services	4	1.7%	3.0%	—	—	—
Inadequately Described Not Stated	21	8.8%	5.2%	—	—	—
Total	239	100.0%	100.0%	—	—	10.0%

Data basis: usual residence.