

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 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, Labourers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Cocos Islands, accounting for 19.2% (46 people). This share was higher than Other Territories (12%).

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

Cocos Islands – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	37	15.5%	16.2%	—	—	15.8%	—	—
Total Occupation Professionals	34	14.2%	13.3%	—	—	11.0%	—	—
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	40	16.7%	17.4%	—	—	17.6%	—	—
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	39	16.3%	14.8%	—	—	13.9%	—	—
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	21	8.8%	12.4%	—	—	11.6%	—	—
Total Occupation Sales Workers	12	5.0%	6.0%	—	—	6.0%	—	—
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	11	4.6%	6.0%	—	—	7.4%	—	—
Total Occupation Labourers	46	19.2%	12.0%	—	—	13.7%	—	—
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	0	0.0%	1.9%	—	—	2.4%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Other Territories %	Count	%	Other Territ
Total	239	100.0%	100.0%	—	—	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.