

# Community report

## Colac-Otway (S)

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

AREA

**Colac-Otway (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

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, Manufacturing was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Colac–Otway (S), accounting for 14.2% (1,514 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (7.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Construction, which increased by 227 people and 1.4 percentage points.

## 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

Colac-Otway (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	1,210	11.4%	7.2%	1,189	12.5%	7.7%	+21	-1.1
Mining	37	0.3%	0.7%	36	0.4%	0.7%	+1	-0.1
Manufacturing	1,514	14.2%	7.4%	1,292	13.5%	8.1%	+222	+0.7
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	99	0.9%	1.4%	88	0.9%	1.5%	+11	0.0
Construction	918	8.6%	10.0%	691	7.2%	8.8%	+227	+1.4
Wholesale Trade	179	1.7%	2.2%	180	1.9%	2.2%	-1	-0.2
Retail Trade	949	8.9%	9.5%	871	9.1%	10.6%	+78	-0.2
Accommodation And Food Services	872	8.2%	6.6%	836	8.8%	7.0%	+36	-0.6
Transport Postal And Warehousing	361	3.4%	3.8%	368	3.9%	3.9%	-7	-0.5
Information Media And Telecommunications	93	0.9%	0.8%	102	1.1%	1.0%	-9	-0.2
Financial And Insurance Services	124	1.2%	1.9%	114	1.2%	1.9%	+10	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	85	0.8%	1.0%	89	0.9%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	352	3.3%	4.5%	288	3.0%	
Administrative And Support Services	370	3.5%	2.8%	330	3.5%	
Public Administration And Safety	436	4.1%	6.3%	472	4.9%	
Education And Training	724	6.8%	8.8%	597	6.3%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	1,415	13.3%	16.2%	1,210	12.7%	
Arts And Recreation Services	133	1.2%	1.5%	98	1.0%	
Other Services	342	3.2%	3.6%	285	3.0%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	424	4.0%	3.9%	423	4.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,642</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,545</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.