

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 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 Colac–Otway (S), accounting for 18.9% (2,011 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (12%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Labourers, which increased by 266 people and 0.6 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	1,770	16.6%	14.5%	1,626	17.0%	14.6%	+144	-0.4
Total Occupation Professionals	1,379	13.0%	18.8%	1,171	12.3%	17.4%	+208	+0.7
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	1,434	13.5%	14.4%	1,310	13.7%	14.8%	+124	-0.2
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	1,255	11.8%	12.7%	1,128	11.8%	11.7%	+127	0.0
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	929	8.7%	10.9%	868	9.1%	11.3%	+61	-0.4
Total Occupation Sales Workers	861	8.1%	8.5%	821	8.6%	9.7%	+40	-0.5
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	792	7.4%	6.3%	695	7.3%	6.5%	+97	+0.1
Total Occupation Labourers	2,011	18.9%	12.0%	1,745	18.3%	12.4%	+266	+0.6
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	209	2.0%	1.9%	177	1.9%	1.7%	+32	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Total	10,642	100.0%	100.0%	9,545	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.