

Community report

Darebin (C)

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

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COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Method of travel to 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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, car driver was the most common travel method among employed residents in Darebin (C), accounting for 36.2% (28,663 people). This share was lower than Greater Melbourne (46.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in working from home, which increased by 25,911 people and 32.4 percentage points.

About this topic

Method of travel to work shows how employed residents usually got to work on Census day, including private vehicle, public transport, active travel, and working from home. It provides a snapshot of commuting behaviour rather than the full transport system.

This topic supports transport and infrastructure planning and helps show how residents access employment. The 2021 results need caution because many parts of Australia were affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, which increased working from home and reduced some other travel modes.

Interpretation notes

- Method of travel to work captures the journey to work on Census day, not a person's usual weekly travel pattern.
- It applies only to employed people and is most useful with place of work or car ownership when considering transport access.
- The 2021 Census occurred during COVID-19 restrictions in many places, so work-from-home and some travel modes need caution in trend comparisons.

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Darebin (C) - Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Train	3,558	4.5%	3.6%	11,662	16.6%	11.5%	-8,104	-12.1
Bus	929	1.2%	0.8%	1,572	2.2%	1.5%	-643	-1.0
Tram	1,106	1.4%	0.8%	3,517	5.0%	2.4%	-2,411	-3.6
Ferry	8	0.0%	0.0%	21	0.0%	0.0%	-13	0.0
Taxi/ride-share	185	0.2%	0.2%	153	0.2%	0.2%	+32	0.0
Car - as driver	28,663	36.2%	46.5%	35,042	49.8%	60.2%	-6,379	-13.6
Car - as passenger	1,790	2.3%	3.2%	2,214	3.1%	3.9%	-424	-0.8
Truck	242	0.3%	0.5%	287	0.4%	0.6%	-45	-0.1
Motorbike	274	0.3%	0.2%	411	0.6%	0.4%	-137	-0.3
Bicycle	1,890	2.4%	0.7%	3,231	4.6%	1.4%	-1,341	-2.2
Walked only	1,371	1.7%	2.0%	1,631	2.3%	3.0%	-260	-0.6
Other	803	1.0%	1.0%	1,013	1.4%	1.2%	-210	-0.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Mel
Worked at home	28,459	36.0%	28.8%	2,548	3.6%	
Did not go to work	9,521	12.0%	11.2%	6,364	9.1%	
Not stated	287	0.4%	0.4%	643	0.9%	
Total employed persons aged 15+	79,086	100.0%	100.0%	70,309	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.