

Community report

Derby-West Kimberley (S)

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

AREA

Derby-West Kimberley (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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, Education And Training was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Derby–West Kimberley (S), accounting for 20.7% (414 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (8.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Other Services, which decreased by 120 people and 4.6 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

Derby–West Kimberley (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	108	5.4%	9.0%	145	6.2%	9.1%	-37	-0.8
Mining	53	2.6%	11.3%	29	1.2%	11.1%	+24	+1.4
Manufacturing	8	0.4%	5.2%	15	0.6%	5.3%	-7	-0.2
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	22	1.1%	1.4%	19	0.8%	1.3%	+3	+0.3
Construction	107	5.3%	8.5%	150	6.5%	9.2%	-43	-1.2
Wholesale Trade	10	0.5%	2.1%	11	0.5%	2.0%	-1	0.0
Retail Trade	119	5.9%	8.3%	151	6.5%	8.7%	-32	-0.6
Accommodation And Food Services	94	4.7%	6.8%	128	5.5%	6.4%	-34	-0.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	75	3.7%	4.6%	80	3.4%	4.7%	-5	+0.3
Information Media And Telecommunications	6	0.3%	0.4%	10	0.4%	0.5%	-4	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	5	0.2%	0.9%	11	0.5%	1.1%	-6	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	8	0.4%	1.2%	17	0.7%	1.2%
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	25	1.2%	3.0%	28	1.2%	3.0%
Administrative And Support Services	51	2.5%	2.9%	58	2.5%	2.9%
Public Administration And Safety	250	12.5%	5.7%	264	11.4%	5.7%
Education And Training	414	20.7%	8.6%	450	19.4%	8.6%
Health Care And Social Assistance	379	18.9%	11.4%	405	17.4%	11.4%
Arts And Recreation Services	70	3.5%	1.0%	31	1.3%	1.0%
Other Services	86	4.3%	3.7%	206	8.9%	3.7%
Inadequately Described Not Stated	79	3.9%	4.0%	114	4.9%	4.0%
Total	2,001	100.0%	100.0%	2,324	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.