

# Community report

## Dorset (M)

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

AREA

**Dorset (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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, Agriculture Forestry And Fishing was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Dorset (M), accounting for 25.2% (723 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (8.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Agriculture Forestry And Fishing, which increased by 72 people, while its share fell by 0.2 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

Dorset (M) - Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	723	25.2%	8.1%	651	25.4%	8.1%	+72	-0.2
Mining	26	0.9%	1.7%	18	0.7%	1.6%	+8	+0.2
Manufacturing	229	8.0%	7.5%	199	7.8%	8.2%	+30	+0.2
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	43	1.5%	1.4%	37	1.4%	1.3%	+6	+0.1
Construction	225	7.8%	8.6%	156	6.1%	7.7%	+69	+1.7
Wholesale Trade	57	2.0%	2.8%	51	2.0%	2.6%	+6	0.0
Retail Trade	204	7.1%	9.8%	244	9.5%	11.0%	-40	-2.4
Accommodation And Food Services	222	7.7%	7.5%	182	7.1%	7.5%	+40	+0.6
Transport Postal And Warehousing	157	5.5%	4.7%	127	5.0%	4.8%	+30	+0.5
Information Media And Telecommunications	10	0.3%	0.8%	15	0.6%	0.9%	-5	-0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	24	0.8%	1.6%	15	0.6%	1.7%	+9	+0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	17	0.6%	1.0%	22	0.9%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	76	2.6%	3.9%	65	2.5%	
Administrative And Support Services	79	2.7%	2.9%	66	2.6%	
Public Administration And Safety	117	4.1%	4.9%	127	5.0%	
Education And Training	185	6.4%	8.5%	144	5.6%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	252	8.8%	16.0%	198	7.7%	
Arts And Recreation Services	35	1.2%	1.4%	45	1.8%	
Other Services	97	3.4%	3.8%	75	2.9%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	99	3.4%	3.0%	116	4.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,874</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.