

Community report

East Pilbara (S)

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

AREA

East Pilbara (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, Mining was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in East Pilbara (S), accounting for 48.9% (2,378 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (11.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mining, which decreased by 1,125 people and 10.9 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

East Pilbara (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	96	2.0%	9.0%	71	1.2%	9.1%	+25	+0.8
Mining	2,378	48.9%	11.3%	3,503	59.8%	11.1%	-1,125	-10.9
Manufacturing	48	1.0%	5.2%	96	1.6%	5.3%	-48	-0.6
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	58	1.2%	1.4%	51	0.9%	1.3%	+7	+0.3
Construction	435	9.0%	8.5%	237	4.0%	9.2%	+198	+5.0
Wholesale Trade	88	1.8%	2.1%	69	1.2%	2.0%	+19	+0.6
Retail Trade	179	3.7%	8.3%	171	2.9%	8.7%	+8	+0.8
Accommodation And Food Services	224	4.6%	6.8%	289	4.9%	6.4%	-65	-0.3
Transport Postal And Warehousing	112	2.3%	4.6%	99	1.7%	4.7%	+13	+0.6
Information Media And Telecommunications	3	0.1%	0.4%	10	0.2%	0.5%	-7	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	7	0.1%	0.9%	14	0.2%	1.1%	-7	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	78	1.6%	1.2%	68	1.2%	1.2%
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	104	2.1%	3.0%	75	1.3%	1.3%
Administrative And Support Services	185	3.8%	2.9%	243	4.2%	4.2%
Public Administration And Safety	164	3.4%	5.7%	147	2.5%	2.5%
Education And Training	237	4.9%	8.6%	233	4.0%	4.0%
Health Care And Social Assistance	192	4.0%	11.4%	129	2.2%	2.2%
Arts And Recreation Services	49	1.0%	1.0%	11	0.2%	0.2%
Other Services	118	2.4%	3.7%	231	3.9%	3.9%
Inadequately Described Not Stated	96	2.0%	4.0%	107	1.8%	1.8%
Total	4,859	100.0%	100.0%	5,853	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.