City Compass
Community Explorer
COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Forbes (A)

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

AREA
Forbes (A)

COMPARISON
Regional NSW

POPULATION
Persons

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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 Forbes (A), accounting for 17.6% (731 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (5.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 54 people and 0.7 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

Forbes (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	731	17.6%	5.1%	714	18.1%	5.7%	+17	-0.5
Mining	147	3.5%	2.4%	114	2.9%	2.4%	+33	+0.6
Manufacturing	167	4.0%	5.6%	192	4.9%	6.0%	-25	-0.9
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	44	1.1%	1.2%	42	1.1%	1.3%	+2	0.0
Construction	295	7.1%	9.4%	259	6.6%	8.7%	+36	+0.5
Wholesale Trade	134	3.2%	2.0%	131	3.3%	2.0%	+3	-0.1
Retail Trade	392	9.4%	9.4%	443	11.2%	10.3%	-51	-1.8
Accommodation And Food Services	225	5.4%	7.5%	208	5.3%	7.9%	+17	+0.1
Transport Postal And Warehousing	168	4.0%	3.7%	141	3.6%	4.0%	+27	+0.4
Information Media And Telecommunications	20	0.5%	0.8%	12	0.3%	0.9%	+8	+0.2
Financial And Insurance Services	44	1.1%	1.9%	58	1.5%	2.0%	-14	-0.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	31	0.7%	1.3%	30	0.8%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	129	3.1%	4.9%	122	3.1%	
Administrative And Support Services	72	1.7%	3.2%	68	1.7%	
Public Administration And Safety	212	5.1%	7.2%	185	4.7%	
Education And Training	450	10.8%	9.2%	402	10.2%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	508	12.2%	16.3%	454	11.5%	
Arts And Recreation Services	31	0.7%	1.2%	23	0.6%	
Other Services	174	4.2%	3.8%	145	3.7%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	177	4.3%	3.9%	187	4.7%	
Total	**4,150**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**3,944**	**100.0%**	

Data basis: usual residence.