

Community report

Gold Coast (C)

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

AREA

Gold Coast (C)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Health Care And Social Assistance was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Gold Coast (C), accounting for 15% (45,719 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (15.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 13,339 people and 2.6 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

Gold Coast (C) - Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	1,337	0.4%	4.3%	1,293	0.5%	4.7%	+44	-0.1
Mining	2,178	0.7%	3.5%	1,834	0.7%	3.5%	+344	0.0
Manufacturing	15,739	5.2%	5.4%	14,000	5.4%	5.5%	+1,739	-0.2
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	2,090	0.7%	1.2%	1,516	0.6%	1.1%	+574	+0.1
Construction	34,848	11.4%	9.6%	29,955	11.5%	9.3%	+4,893	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	6,557	2.1%	2.1%	6,321	2.4%	2.3%	+236	-0.3
Retail Trade	31,626	10.4%	9.6%	29,292	11.2%	10.3%	+2,334	-0.8
Accommodation And Food Services	27,193	8.9%	8.0%	25,241	9.7%	8.2%	+1,952	-0.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	11,116	3.6%	4.1%	9,840	3.8%	4.5%	+1,276	-0.2
Information Media And Telecommunications	4,042	1.3%	0.8%	4,051	1.6%	1.0%	-9	-0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	7,969	2.6%	1.8%	6,711	2.6%	1.9%	+1,258	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regiona
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	7,893	2.6%	1.7%	7,717	3.0%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	20,175	6.6%	4.8%	15,978	6.1%	
Administrative And Support Services	12,044	3.9%	3.3%	11,307	4.3%	
Public Administration And Safety	12,572	4.1%	5.6%	11,075	4.3%	
Education And Training	25,189	8.3%	8.7%	21,125	8.1%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	45,719	15.0%	15.4%	32,380	12.4%	
Arts And Recreation Services	8,784	2.9%	1.6%	7,721	3.0%	
Other Services	12,537	4.1%	4.1%	10,372	4.0%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	15,502	5.1%	4.4%	12,806	4.9%	
Total	305,103	100.0%	100.0%	260,548	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.