

Community report

Gunnedah (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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, Mining was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Gunnedah (A), accounting for 14.1% (831 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (2.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Education And Training, which increased by 115 people and 1.3 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

Gunnedah (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	758	12.9%	5.1%	741	13.8%	5.7%	+17	-0.9
Mining	831	14.1%	2.4%	737	13.7%	2.4%	+94	+0.4
Manufacturing	270	4.6%	5.6%	270	5.0%	6.0%	0	-0.4
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	65	1.1%	1.2%	54	1.0%	1.3%	+11	+0.1
Construction	345	5.9%	9.4%	274	5.1%	8.7%	+71	+0.8
Wholesale Trade	168	2.9%	2.0%	148	2.8%	2.0%	+20	+0.1
Retail Trade	456	7.8%	9.4%	431	8.0%	10.3%	+25	-0.2
Accommodation And Food Services	339	5.8%	7.5%	368	6.8%	7.9%	-29	-1.0
Transport Postal And Warehousing	181	3.1%	3.7%	189	3.5%	4.0%	-8	-0.4
Information Media And Telecommunications	23	0.4%	0.8%	29	0.5%	0.9%	-6	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	62	1.1%	1.9%	66	1.2%	2.0%	-4	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	77	1.3%	1.3%	67	1.2%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	175	3.0%	4.9%	185	3.4%	
Administrative And Support Services	213	3.6%	3.2%	146	2.7%	
Public Administration And Safety	251	4.3%	7.2%	241	4.5%	
Education And Training	533	9.1%	9.2%	418	7.8%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	636	10.8%	16.3%	551	10.2%	
Arts And Recreation Services	31	0.5%	1.2%	19	0.4%	
Other Services	271	4.6%	3.8%	253	4.7%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	204	3.5%	3.9%	202	3.8%	
Total	5,873	100.0%	100.0%	5,381	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.