

Community report

Inner West (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Sydney

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, Professional Scientific And Technical Services was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Inner West (A), accounting for 15.8% (16,126 people). This share was higher than Greater Sydney (10.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professional Scientific And Technical Services, which increased by 2,084 people and 1.7 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

Inner West (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	225	0.2%	0.4%	171	0.2%	0.4%	+54	0.0
Mining	119	0.1%	0.2%	115	0.1%	0.2%	+4	0.0
Manufacturing	3,422	3.3%	5.4%	3,543	3.6%	5.8%	-121	-0.3
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	626	0.6%	0.8%	583	0.6%	0.8%	+43	0.0
Construction	5,442	5.3%	8.2%	5,073	5.1%	8.2%	+369	+0.2
Wholesale Trade	2,308	2.3%	3.2%	2,643	2.7%	3.6%	-335	-0.4
Retail Trade	7,041	6.9%	8.8%	7,289	7.3%	9.3%	-248	-0.4
Accommodation And Food Services	5,516	5.4%	5.5%	6,882	6.9%	6.7%	-1,366	-1.5
Transport Postal And Warehousing	3,143	3.1%	5.1%	3,303	3.3%	5.0%	-160	-0.2
Information Media And Telecommunications	4,867	4.8%	2.4%	5,373	5.4%	2.8%	-506	-0.6
Financial And Insurance Services	8,243	8.1%	7.0%	7,358	7.4%	6.4%	+885	+0.7

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Sydney %	Count	%	Greater Sy
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	1,838	1.8%	1.9%	1,811	1.8%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	16,126	15.8%	10.9%	14,042	14.1%	
Administrative And Support Services	3,010	2.9%	3.2%	3,577	3.6%	
Public Administration And Safety	6,691	6.5%	5.5%	6,323	6.3%	
Education And Training	10,810	10.6%	8.5%	10,459	10.5%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	12,780	12.5%	13.4%	11,019	11.1%	
Arts And Recreation Services	3,025	3.0%	1.5%	2,978	3.0%	
Other Services	3,063	3.0%	3.2%	3,107	3.1%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	3,906	3.8%	4.9%	3,917	3.9%	
Total	102,207	100.0%	100.0%	99,575	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.