

Community report

Karratha (C)

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

AREA

Karratha (C)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Method of travel to work

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.

Method of travel to work

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Key takeaway

In 2021, car driver was the most common travel method among employed residents in Karratha (C), accounting for 67.3% (7,475 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (62.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in car driver, which increased by 912 people and 5.9 percentage points.

About this topic

Method of travel to work shows how employed residents usually got to work on Census day, including private vehicle, public transport, active travel, and working from home. It provides a snapshot of commuting behaviour rather than the full transport system.

This topic supports transport and infrastructure planning and helps show how residents access employment. The 2021 results need caution because many parts of Australia were affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, which increased working from home and reduced some other travel modes.

Interpretation notes

- Method of travel to work captures the journey to work on Census day, not a person's usual weekly travel pattern.
- It applies only to employed people and is most useful with place of work or car ownership when considering transport access.
- The 2021 Census occurred during COVID-19 restrictions in many places, so work-from-home and some travel modes need caution in trend comparisons.

Method of travel to work

Karratha (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Train	18	0.2%	0.1%	24	0.2%	0.1%	-6	0.0
Bus	402	3.6%	2.7%	835	7.8%	4.7%	-433	-4.2
Tram	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Ferry	0	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Taxi/ride-share	29	0.3%	0.2%	28	0.3%	0.2%	+1	0.0
Car – as driver	7,475	67.3%	62.6%	6,563	61.4%	60.4%	+912	+5.9
Car – as passenger	752	6.8%	5.5%	837	7.8%	5.9%	-85	-1.0
Truck	70	0.6%	0.8%	84	0.8%	1.0%	-14	-0.2
Motorbike	61	0.5%	0.4%	86	0.8%	0.6%	-25	-0.3
Bicycle	65	0.6%	0.8%	95	0.9%	1.0%	-30	-0.3
Walked only	378	3.4%	4.5%	408	3.8%	5.4%	-30	-0.4
Other	247	2.2%	2.6%	232	2.2%	2.4%	+15	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Worked at home	279	2.5%	7.1%	204	1.9%	1.9%
Did not go to work	1,279	11.5%	11.8%	1,114	10.4%	10.4%
Not stated	51	0.5%	0.8%	182	1.7%	1.7%
Total employed persons aged 15+	11,106	100.0%	100.0%	10,695	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.