City Compass
Community Explorer

COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Katherine (T)

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

AREA

Katherine (T)

COMPARISON

Regional NT

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

1 April 2026

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

Katherine (T) | Regional NT comparison | Persons

Community report section 1 of 1

Key takeaway

In 2021, Public Administration And Safety was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Katherine (T), accounting for 22.2% (995 people). This share was higher than Regional NT (17.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 187 people and 2.9 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

Katherine (T) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	228	5.1%	4.8%	198	4.8%	4.1%	+30	+0.3
Mining	45	1.0%	2.9%	40	1.0%	3.3%	+5	0.0
Manufacturing	59	1.3%	1.5%	75	1.8%	1.3%	-16	-0.5
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	48	1.1%	1.0%	44	1.1%	1.1%	+4	0.0
Construction	409	9.1%	6.3%	341	8.3%	5.7%	+68	+0.8
Wholesale Trade	64	1.4%	1.1%	53	1.3%	1.0%	+11	+0.1
Retail Trade	277	6.2%	7.1%	248	6.0%	7.0%	+29	+0.2
Accommodation And Food Services	239	5.3%	6.6%	256	6.2%	7.1%	-17	-0.9
Transport Postal And Warehousing	150	3.3%	3.0%	149	3.6%	3.5%	+1	-0.3
Information Media And Telecommunications	15	0.3%	0.6%	22	0.5%	0.8%	-7	-0.2
Financial And Insurance Services	16	0.4%	0.5%	26	0.6%	0.6%	-10	-0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Region
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	36	0.8%	0.7%	43	1.0%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	144	3.2%	3.3%	125	3.0%	
Administrative And Support Services	128	2.9%	2.6%	118	2.9%	
Public Administration And Safety	995	22.2%	17.2%	1,031	25.0%	
Education And Training	436	9.7%	11.9%	413	10.0%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	787	17.5%	18.0%	600	14.6%	
Arts And Recreation Services	44	1.0%	3.1%	31	0.8%	
Other Services	176	3.9%	3.9%	167	4.1%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	197	4.4%	4.1%	137	3.3%	
Total	**4,486**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**4,120**	**100.0%**	

Data basis: usual residence.