

# Community report

## Kempsey (A)

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

AREA

**Kempsey (A)**

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.

# Industry sector of employment

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, Health Care And Social Assistance was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Kempsey (A), accounting for 18.8% (2,000 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (16.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 477 people and 2.7 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

Kempsey (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	647	6.1%	5.1%	546	5.8%	5.7%	+101	+0.3
Mining	46	0.4%	2.4%	36	0.4%	2.4%	+10	0.0
Manufacturing	648	6.1%	5.6%	581	6.1%	6.0%	+67	0.0
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	130	1.2%	1.2%	94	1.0%	1.3%	+36	+0.2
Construction	949	8.9%	9.4%	928	9.8%	8.7%	+21	-0.9
Wholesale Trade	141	1.3%	2.0%	121	1.3%	2.0%	+20	0.0
Retail Trade	1,209	11.3%	9.4%	1,150	12.2%	10.3%	+59	-0.9
Accommodation And Food Services	916	8.6%	7.5%	840	8.9%	7.9%	+76	-0.3
Transport Postal And Warehousing	394	3.7%	3.7%	426	4.5%	4.0%	-32	-0.8
Information Media And Telecommunications	39	0.4%	0.8%	31	0.3%	0.9%	+8	+0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	120	1.1%	1.9%	113	1.2%	2.0%	+7	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	92	0.9%	1.3%	115	1.2%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	294	2.8%	4.9%	298	3.1%	
Administrative And Support Services	402	3.8%	3.2%	367	3.9%	
Public Administration And Safety	735	6.9%	7.2%	606	6.4%	
Education And Training	983	9.2%	9.2%	856	9.0%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	2,000	18.8%	16.3%	1,523	16.1%	
Arts And Recreation Services	87	0.8%	1.2%	86	0.9%	
Other Services	359	3.4%	3.8%	332	3.5%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	458	4.3%	3.9%	402	4.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,665</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,463</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.