

Community report

Kempsey (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 Occupation 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, Community And Personal Service Workers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Kempsey (A), accounting for 17.1% (1,829 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (13.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Community And Personal Service Workers, which increased by 446 people and 2.5 percentage points.

About this topic

Occupation of employment classifies employed residents by the kind of work they do in their main job. It describes the roles, skills, and tasks people perform rather than the industry they work in.

This topic is useful for understanding the skill profile and socio-economic characteristics of the resident workforce. It is best interpreted with qualifications, individual income, and industry sector of employment.

Interpretation notes

- Occupation classifies the kind of work done in a person's main job, not the employer's industry.
- It applies to employed people aged 15 years and over, so it should be read with employment status when assessing labour market conditions.

Occupation of employment

Kempsey (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	1,280	12.0%	13.4%	1,100	11.6%	13.0%	+180	+0.4
Total Occupation Professionals	1,641	15.4%	19.2%	1,375	14.5%	18.1%	+266	+0.9
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	1,404	13.2%	14.5%	1,308	13.8%	14.8%	+96	-0.6
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	1,829	17.1%	13.2%	1,383	14.6%	11.9%	+446	+2.5
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	1,100	10.3%	11.7%	1,054	11.1%	12.4%	+46	-0.8
Total Occupation Sales Workers	986	9.2%	8.5%	974	10.3%	9.6%	+12	-1.1
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	692	6.5%	6.9%	666	7.0%	7.1%	+26	-0.5
Total Occupation Labourers	1,526	14.3%	10.9%	1,384	14.6%	11.4%	+142	-0.3
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	209	2.0%	1.8%	218	2.3%	1.6%	-9	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Total	10,665	100.0%	100.0%	9,463	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.