

Community report

MacDonnell (R)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NT

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Unpaid domestic 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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, doing unpaid domestic work was the most common response among residents aged 15 and over in MacDonnell (R), accounting for 58.2% (2,583 people). This share was lower than Regional NT (65.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in less Than 5 Hours, which increased by 351 people and 9.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Unpaid domestic work measures how much time people aged 15 years and over spent doing housework for their household in the week before the Census. It helps show the distribution of unpaid labour that supports home and family life.

This topic is useful for understanding household roles, time pressures, and gender or life-stage differences in unpaid work. It is best read with household type, employment, and income, because the amount of unpaid domestic work can be shaped by family structure and the ability to outsource tasks.

Interpretation notes

– The hours refer to unpaid domestic work done for the person's household in the week before the Census.

– This topic does not measure childcare, disability care, or other unpaid help unless it falls within domestic work for the household.

Unpaid domestic work

MacDonnell (R) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	%	Regional NT %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	2,583	58.2%	65.7%	2,573	53.6%	63.7%	+10	+4.6
Less Than 5 Hours	1,092	24.6%	22.8%	741	15.4%	23.5%	+351	+9.2
Between 5 And 14 Hours	897	20.2%	25.3%	1,118	23.3%	24.6%	-221	-3.1
Between 15 And 29 Hours	475	10.7%	10.8%	572	11.9%	9.8%	-97	-1.2
30 Hours Or More	119	2.7%	6.8%	142	3.0%	5.7%	-23	-0.3
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	836	18.8%	21.8%	626	13.0%	19.0%	+210	+5.8
Not Stated	1,023	23.0%	12.4%	1,603	33.4%	17.3%	-580	-10.4
Total	4,439	100.0%	100.0%	4,797	100.0%	100.0%	-358	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.