

# Community report

## Meekatharra (S)

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

AREA

**Meekatharra (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional WA**

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, Mining was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Meekatharra (S), accounting for 30.4% (147 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (11.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mining, which decreased by 41 people and 10.2 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

Meekatharra (S) - Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	44	9.1%	9.0%	36	7.8%	9.1%	+8	+1.3
Mining	147	30.4%	11.3%	188	40.6%	11.1%	-41	-10.2
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	5.2%	3	0.6%	5.3%	-3	-0.6
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	0	0.0%	1.4%	0	0.0%	1.3%	0	0.0
Construction	18	3.7%	8.5%	14	3.0%	9.2%	+4	+0.7
Wholesale Trade	0	0.0%	2.1%	0	0.0%	2.0%	0	0.0
Retail Trade	31	6.4%	8.3%	16	3.5%	8.7%	+15	+2.9
Accommodation And Food Services	57	11.8%	6.8%	23	5.0%	6.4%	+34	+6.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	16	3.3%	4.6%	9	1.9%	4.7%	+7	+1.4
Information Media And Telecommunications	0	0.0%	0.4%	0	0.0%	0.5%	0	0.0
Financial And Insurance Services	0	0.0%	0.9%	0	0.0%	1.1%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	4	0.8%	1.2%	0	0.0%	0.0%
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	5	1.0%	3.0%	3	0.6%	0.6%
Administrative And Support Services	12	2.5%	2.9%	18	3.9%	3.9%
Public Administration And Safety	28	5.8%	5.7%	38	8.2%	8.2%
Education And Training	65	13.5%	8.6%	52	11.2%	11.2%
Health Care And Social Assistance	34	7.0%	11.4%	32	6.9%	6.9%
Arts And Recreation Services	0	0.0%	1.0%	3	0.6%	0.6%
Other Services	10	2.1%	3.7%	7	1.5%	1.5%
Inadequately Described Not Stated	19	3.9%	4.0%	23	5.0%	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.