

Community report

Melbourne (C)

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

AREA

Melbourne (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

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, Professionals was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Melbourne (C), accounting for 39.4% (35,631 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (26.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professionals, which increased by 9,975 people.

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

Melbourne (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	12,006	13.3%	13.8%	9,407	14.4%	13.2%	+2,599	-1.1
Total Occupation Professionals	35,631	39.4%	26.8%	25,656	39.4%	25.0%	+9,975	0.0
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	6,928	7.7%	12.1%	4,725	7.3%	12.6%	+2,203	+0.4
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	9,971	11.0%	10.5%	7,298	11.2%	10.2%	+2,673	-0.2
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	9,970	11.0%	12.9%	7,328	11.2%	13.9%	+2,642	-0.2
Total Occupation Sales Workers	6,328	7.0%	8.3%	5,216	8.0%	9.7%	+1,112	-1.0
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	2,166	2.4%	5.8%	894	1.4%	5.6%	+1,272	+1.0
Total Occupation Labourers	5,671	6.3%	7.8%	3,521	5.4%	8.1%	+2,150	+0.9
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	1,670	1.8%	2.0%	1,118	1.7%	1.7%	+552	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Total	90,347	100.0%	100.0%	65,156	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.