

# Community report

## Merredin (S)

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

AREA

**Merredin (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, Agriculture Forestry And Fishing was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Merredin (S), accounting for 14.9% (210 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Transport Postal And Warehousing, which decreased by 45 people and 2.6 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

Merredin (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	210	14.9%	9.0%	211	14.1%	9.1%	-1	+0.8
Mining	42	3.0%	11.3%	46	3.1%	11.1%	-4	-0.1
Manufacturing	36	2.5%	5.2%	30	2.0%	5.3%	+6	+0.5
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	45	3.2%	1.4%	40	2.7%	1.3%	+5	+0.5
Construction	67	4.7%	8.5%	86	5.7%	9.2%	-19	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	99	7.0%	2.1%	81	5.4%	2.0%	+18	+1.6
Retail Trade	136	9.6%	8.3%	168	11.2%	8.7%	-32	-1.6
Accommodation And Food Services	76	5.4%	6.8%	69	4.6%	6.4%	+7	+0.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	101	7.1%	4.6%	146	9.7%	4.7%	-45	-2.6
Information Media And Telecommunications	16	1.1%	0.4%	12	0.8%	0.5%	+4	+0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	18	1.3%	0.9%	27	1.8%	1.1%	-9	-0.5

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	3	0.2%	1.2%	8	0.5%	1.2%
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	32	2.3%	3.0%	42	2.8%	3.0%
Administrative And Support Services	31	2.2%	2.9%	39	2.6%	2.9%
Public Administration And Safety	88	6.2%	5.7%	90	6.0%	5.7%
Education And Training	132	9.3%	8.6%	149	9.9%	8.6%
Health Care And Social Assistance	151	10.7%	11.4%	131	8.7%	11.4%
Arts And Recreation Services	14	1.0%	1.0%	17	1.1%	1.0%
Other Services	65	4.6%	3.7%	74	4.9%	3.7%
Inadequately Described Not Stated	49	3.5%	4.0%	49	3.3%	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.