

Community report

Northam (S)

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AREA

Northam (S)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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 Northam (S), accounting for 62.2% (5,784 people). This share was lower than Regional WA (66.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in not doing unpaid domestic work, which increased by 413 people and 3.8 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

Northam (S) – Persons aged 15+ (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Did Unpaid Domestic Work	5,784	62.2%	66.3%	5,708	63.3%	67.1%	+76	-1.1
Less Than 5 Hours	1,520	16.3%	18.5%	1,484	16.5%	19.3%	+36	-0.2
Between 5 And 14 Hours	2,172	23.4%	26.0%	2,086	23.1%	25.0%	+86	+0.3
Between 15 And 29 Hours	1,122	12.1%	11.9%	1,077	11.9%	12.0%	+45	+0.2
30 Hours Or More	970	10.4%	9.8%	1,061	11.8%	10.9%	-91	-1.4
Did No Unpaid Domestic Work	2,249	24.2%	22.1%	1,836	20.4%	20.0%	+413	+3.8
Not Stated	1,263	13.6%	11.6%	1,486	16.5%	12.9%	-223	-2.9
Total	9,299	100.0%	100.0%	9,019	100.0%	100.0%	+280	0.0

Data basis: usual residence.