

Community report

Northam (S)

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

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 Method of travel to 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, car driver was the most common travel method among employed residents in Northam (S), accounting for 66.1% (3,026 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (62.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in car driver, which increased by 165 people and 0.1 percentage points.

About this topic

Method of travel to work shows how employed residents usually got to work on Census day, including private vehicle, public transport, active travel, and working from home. It provides a snapshot of commuting behaviour rather than the full transport system.

This topic supports transport and infrastructure planning and helps show how residents access employment. The 2021 results need caution because many parts of Australia were affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, which increased working from home and reduced some other travel modes.

Interpretation notes

- Method of travel to work captures the journey to work on Census day, not a person's usual weekly travel pattern.
- It applies only to employed people and is most useful with place of work or car ownership when considering transport access.
- The 2021 Census occurred during COVID-19 restrictions in many places, so work-from-home and some travel modes need caution in trend comparisons.

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Northam (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Train	26	0.6%	0.1%	17	0.4%	0.1%	+9	+0.2
Bus	49	1.1%	2.7%	58	1.3%	4.7%	-9	-0.2
Tram	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Ferry	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0
Taxi/ride-share	11	0.2%	0.2%	0	0.0%	0.2%	+11	+0.2
Car – as driver	3,026	66.1%	62.6%	2,861	66.0%	60.4%	+165	+0.1
Car – as passenger	277	6.1%	5.5%	225	5.2%	5.9%	+52	+0.9
Truck	48	1.0%	0.8%	70	1.6%	1.0%	-22	-0.6
Motorbike	7	0.2%	0.4%	12	0.3%	0.6%	-5	-0.1
Bicycle	13	0.3%	0.8%	18	0.4%	1.0%	-5	-0.1
Walked only	184	4.0%	4.5%	176	4.1%	5.4%	+8	-0.1
Other	99	2.2%	2.6%	81	1.9%	2.4%	+18	+0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Worked at home	305	6.7%	7.1%	244	5.6%	6.1%
Did not go to work	504	11.0%	11.8%	519	12.0%	12.7%
Not stated	29	0.6%	0.8%	53	1.2%	1.3%
Total employed persons aged 15+	4,578	100.0%	100.0%	4,334	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.