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Community Explorer

COMMUNITY PROFILE REPORT

Community report
Northern Areas (DC)

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

AREA

Northern Areas (DC)

COMPARISON

Regional SA

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 Northern Areas (DC), accounting for 26.2% (539 people). This share was higher than Regional SA (14%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Agriculture Forestry And Fishing, which increased by 33 people and 0.8 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

Northern Areas (DC) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	539	26.2%	14.0%	506	25.4%	14.6%	+33	+0.8
Mining	50	2.4%	2.8%	28	1.4%	2.8%	+22	+1.0
Manufacturing	128	6.2%	9.0%	128	6.4%	9.4%	0	-0.2
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	47	2.3%	1.2%	42	2.1%	1.1%	+5	+0.2
Construction	138	6.7%	7.9%	126	6.3%	7.0%	+12	+0.4
Wholesale Trade	49	2.4%	2.2%	70	3.5%	2.6%	-21	-1.1
Retail Trade	175	8.5%	9.5%	196	9.8%	10.4%	-21	-1.3
Accommodation And Food Services	63	3.1%	6.8%	80	4.0%	6.7%	-17	-0.9
Transport Postal And Warehousing	75	3.6%	4.0%	73	3.7%	4.1%	+2	-0.1
Information Media And Telecommunications	4	0.2%	0.5%	3	0.2%	0.6%	+1	0.0
Financial And Insurance Services	29	1.4%	1.1%	26	1.3%	1.3%	+3	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional SA %	Count	%	Region
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	4	0.2%	0.8%	4	0.2%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	49	2.4%	2.7%	41	2.1%	
Administrative And Support Services	35	1.7%	3.5%	40	2.0%	
Public Administration And Safety	82	4.0%	4.7%	89	4.5%	
Education And Training	178	8.6%	7.9%	173	8.7%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	274	13.3%	13.4%	250	12.5%	
Arts And Recreation Services	5	0.2%	0.9%	0	0.0%	
Other Services	78	3.8%	3.7%	68	3.4%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	58	2.8%	3.5%	53	2.7%	
Total	**2,058**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**1,993**	**100.0%**	

Data basis: usual residence.