

Community report

Palmerston (C)

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

AREA

Palmerston (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Darwin

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, Public Administration And Safety was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Palmerston (C), accounting for 19.7% (3,802 people). This share was higher than Greater Darwin (18.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 873 people and 3.7 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

Palmerston (C) - Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	149	0.8%	1.2%	140	0.8%	1.1%	+9	0.0
Mining	530	2.8%	2.2%	427	2.5%	2.1%	+103	+0.3
Manufacturing	593	3.1%	2.6%	562	3.2%	2.8%	+31	-0.1
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	369	1.9%	1.7%	354	2.0%	1.8%	+15	-0.1
Construction	1,933	10.0%	8.8%	2,128	12.3%	12.0%	-195	-2.3
Wholesale Trade	412	2.1%	1.7%	431	2.5%	2.0%	-19	-0.4
Retail Trade	1,617	8.4%	7.3%	1,411	8.2%	7.4%	+206	+0.2
Accommodation And Food Services	1,257	6.5%	7.7%	888	5.1%	6.6%	+369	+1.4
Transport Postal And Warehousing	945	4.9%	4.4%	922	5.3%	4.8%	+23	-0.4
Information Media And Telecommunications	115	0.6%	0.8%	163	0.9%	1.1%	-48	-0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	213	1.1%	1.1%	247	1.4%	1.3%	-34	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Darwin %	Count	%	Greater D
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	249	1.3%	1.3%	306	1.8%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	776	4.0%	5.5%	961	5.6%	
Administrative And Support Services	580	3.0%	3.1%	514	3.0%	
Public Administration And Safety	3,802	19.7%	18.7%	3,557	20.6%	
Education And Training	1,514	7.9%	8.3%	1,270	7.3%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	2,224	11.5%	13.6%	1,351	7.8%	
Arts And Recreation Services	328	1.7%	2.0%	268	1.5%	
Other Services	802	4.2%	3.9%	614	3.5%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	845	4.4%	4.2%	783	4.5%	
Total	19,262	100.0%	100.0%	17,296	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.