

Community report

Parkes (A)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Health Care And Social Assistance was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Parkes (A), accounting for 13% (805 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (16.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Public Administration And Safety, which increased by 104 people and 1.3 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

Parkes (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	633	10.2%	5.1%	699	12.0%	5.7%	-66	-1.8
Mining	528	8.5%	2.4%	449	7.7%	2.4%	+79	+0.8
Manufacturing	230	3.7%	5.6%	208	3.6%	6.0%	+22	+0.1
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	65	1.0%	1.2%	63	1.1%	1.3%	+2	-0.1
Construction	404	6.5%	9.4%	302	5.2%	8.7%	+102	+1.3
Wholesale Trade	114	1.8%	2.0%	120	2.1%	2.0%	-6	-0.3
Retail Trade	592	9.6%	9.4%	612	10.5%	10.3%	-20	-0.9
Accommodation And Food Services	442	7.1%	7.5%	431	7.4%	7.9%	+11	-0.3
Transport Postal And Warehousing	383	6.2%	3.7%	359	6.1%	4.0%	+24	+0.1
Information Media And Telecommunications	24	0.4%	0.8%	30	0.5%	0.9%	-6	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	59	1.0%	1.9%	73	1.3%	2.0%	-14	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	57	0.9%	1.3%	53	0.9%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	177	2.9%	4.9%	151	2.6%	
Administrative And Support Services	136	2.2%	3.2%	155	2.7%	
Public Administration And Safety	525	8.5%	7.2%	421	7.2%	
Education And Training	523	8.4%	9.2%	502	8.6%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	805	13.0%	16.3%	712	12.2%	
Arts And Recreation Services	30	0.5%	1.2%	36	0.6%	
Other Services	253	4.1%	3.8%	249	4.3%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	228	3.7%	3.9%	219	3.8%	
Total	6,197	100.0%	100.0%	5,840	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.