

Community report

Perth (C)

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

AREA

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COMPARISON

Greater Perth

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, Professional Scientific And Technical Services was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Perth (C), accounting for 14.5% (2,414 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (7.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 926 people and 2.5 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

Perth (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	62	0.4%	0.7%	57	0.5%	0.8%	+5	-0.1
Mining	1,528	9.1%	6.6%	922	8.0%	5.0%	+606	+1.1
Manufacturing	466	2.8%	5.3%	350	3.0%	5.7%	+116	-0.2
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	167	1.0%	1.1%	125	1.1%	1.1%	+42	-0.1
Construction	806	4.8%	8.9%	730	6.3%	9.9%	+76	-1.5
Wholesale Trade	266	1.6%	2.5%	209	1.8%	2.7%	+57	-0.2
Retail Trade	1,081	6.5%	8.9%	744	6.5%	9.8%	+337	0.0
Accommodation And Food Services	2,162	12.9%	6.5%	1,576	13.7%	6.5%	+586	-0.8
Transport Postal And Warehousing	463	2.8%	4.5%	283	2.5%	4.6%	+180	+0.3
Information Media And Telecommunications	189	1.1%	0.9%	135	1.2%	1.1%	+54	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	567	3.4%	2.4%	440	3.8%	2.7%	+127	-0.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	251	1.5%	1.5%	229	2.0%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	2,414	14.5%	7.8%	1,653	14.4%	
Administrative And Support Services	593	3.6%	3.1%	511	4.4%	
Public Administration And Safety	823	4.9%	6.0%	649	5.6%	
Education And Training	1,260	7.5%	8.8%	696	6.0%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	2,080	12.5%	14.1%	1,154	10.0%	10.0%
Arts And Recreation Services	354	2.1%	1.8%	196	1.7%	
Other Services	422	2.5%	3.9%	310	2.7%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	744	4.5%	4.7%	543	4.7%	
Total	16,702	100.0%	100.0%	11,512	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.