

Community report

Perth (C)

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

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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 Occupation 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, Professionals was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Perth (C), accounting for 36.8% (6,138 people). This share was higher than Greater Perth (23.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professionals, which increased by 2,150 people and 2.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Occupation of employment classifies employed residents by the kind of work they do in their main job. It describes the roles, skills, and tasks people perform rather than the industry they work in.

This topic is useful for understanding the skill profile and socio-economic characteristics of the resident workforce. It is best interpreted with qualifications, individual income, and industry sector of employment.

Interpretation notes

- Occupation classifies the kind of work done in a person's main job, not the employer's industry.
- It applies to employed people aged 15 years and over, so it should be read with employment status when assessing labour market conditions.

Occupation of employment

Perth (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	2,254	13.5%	11.9%	1,791	15.6%	11.5%	+463	-2.1
Total Occupation Professionals	6,138	36.8%	23.7%	3,988	34.6%	22.2%	+2,150	+2.2
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	1,527	9.1%	14.7%	1,142	9.9%	15.6%	+385	-0.8
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	2,092	12.5%	12.0%	1,249	10.8%	10.8%	+843	+1.7
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	1,775	10.6%	12.5%	1,331	11.6%	13.6%	+444	-1.0
Total Occupation Sales Workers	986	5.9%	7.9%	728	6.3%	9.2%	+258	-0.4
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	550	3.3%	7.0%	268	2.3%	6.5%	+282	+1.0
Total Occupation Labourers	1,124	6.7%	8.7%	813	7.1%	9.0%	+311	-0.4
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	249	1.5%	1.7%	203	1.8%	1.6%	+46	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Perth %	Count	%	Greater Perth %
Total	16,702	100.0%	100.0%	11,512	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.