

Community report

Port Hedland (T)

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

AREA

Port Hedland (T)

COMPARISON

Regional WA

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, Mining was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Port Hedland (T), accounting for 26.1% (2,031 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (11.3%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Mining, which increased by 272 people and 1.2 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

Port Hedland (T) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	19	0.2%	9.0%	29	0.4%	9.1%	-10	-0.2
Mining	2,031	26.1%	11.3%	1,759	24.9%	11.1%	+272	+1.2
Manufacturing	304	3.9%	5.2%	244	3.5%	5.3%	+60	+0.4
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	140	1.8%	1.4%	78	1.1%	1.3%	+62	+0.7
Construction	510	6.6%	8.5%	463	6.6%	9.2%	+47	0.0
Wholesale Trade	218	2.8%	2.1%	174	2.5%	2.0%	+44	+0.3
Retail Trade	469	6.0%	8.3%	472	6.7%	8.7%	-3	-0.7
Accommodation And Food Services	320	4.1%	6.8%	338	4.8%	6.4%	-18	-0.7
Transport Postal And Warehousing	826	10.6%	4.6%	714	10.1%	4.7%	+112	+0.5
Information Media And Telecommunications	25	0.3%	0.4%	26	0.4%	0.5%	-1	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	35	0.4%	0.9%	47	0.7%	1.1%	-12	-0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	144	1.9%	1.2%	161	2.3%	1.2%
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	161	2.1%	3.0%	213	3.0%	3.0%
Administrative And Support Services	209	2.7%	2.9%	242	3.4%	2.9%
Public Administration And Safety	427	5.5%	5.7%	362	5.1%	5.7%
Education And Training	576	7.4%	8.6%	444	6.3%	8.6%
Health Care And Social Assistance	710	9.1%	11.4%	639	9.1%	11.4%
Arts And Recreation Services	52	0.7%	1.0%	67	1.0%	1.0%
Other Services	274	3.5%	3.7%	284	4.0%	3.7%
Inadequately Described Not Stated	345	4.4%	4.0%	290	4.1%	4.0%
Total	7,782	100.0%	100.0%	7,051	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.