

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 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.

Occupation of employment

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Technicians And Trades Workers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Port Hedland (T), accounting for 24.9% (1,938 people). This share was higher than Regional WA (17.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Machinery Operators And Drivers, which increased by 180 people and 1 percentage point.

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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	731	9.4%	14.3%	646	9.2%	14.4%	+85	+0.2
Total Occupation Professionals	1,020	13.1%	14.6%	912	12.9%	13.8%	+108	+0.2
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	1,938	24.9%	17.6%	1,781	25.3%	18.4%	+157	-0.4
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	650	8.4%	10.9%	563	8.0%	9.8%	+87	+0.4
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	871	11.2%	10.3%	797	11.3%	10.6%	+74	-0.1
Total Occupation Sales Workers	431	5.5%	7.1%	433	6.1%	7.7%	-2	-0.6
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	1,161	14.9%	10.8%	981	13.9%	11.0%	+180	+1.0
Total Occupation Labourers	774	9.9%	12.5%	762	10.8%	12.6%	+12	-0.9
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	202	2.6%	1.9%	165	2.3%	1.7%	+37	+0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional WA %	Count	%	Regional WA %
Total	7,782	100.0%	100.0%	7,051	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.