

Community report

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

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

AREA

Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)

COMPARISON

Regional NSW

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, Professionals was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Port Macquarie–Hastings (A), accounting for 20.6% (7,324 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (19.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Community And Personal Service Workers, which increased by 1,664 people and 2.5 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

Port Macquarie–Hastings (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	4,128	11.6%	13.4%	3,339	11.3%	13.0%	+789	+0.3
Total Occupation Professionals	7,324	20.6%	19.2%	5,827	19.6%	18.1%	+1,497	+1.0
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	5,054	14.2%	14.5%	4,372	14.7%	14.8%	+682	-0.5
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	5,480	15.4%	13.2%	3,816	12.9%	11.9%	+1,664	+2.5
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	4,378	12.3%	11.7%	3,917	13.2%	12.4%	+461	-0.9
Total Occupation Sales Workers	3,440	9.7%	8.5%	3,239	10.9%	9.6%	+201	-1.2
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	1,750	4.9%	6.9%	1,618	5.5%	7.1%	+132	-0.6
Total Occupation Labourers	3,441	9.7%	10.9%	3,080	10.4%	11.4%	+361	-0.7
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	603	1.7%	1.8%	444	1.5%	1.6%	+159	+0.2

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Total	35,597	100.0%	100.0%	29,655	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.