

Community report

Port Stephens (A)

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

AREA

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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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Technicians And Trades Workers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Port Stephens (A), accounting for 17.1% (5,310 people). This share was higher than Regional NSW (14.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Community And Personal Service Workers, which increased by 844 people and 1.3 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 Stephens (A) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	3,472	11.2%	13.4%	3,000	10.9%	13.0%	+472	+0.3
Total Occupation Professionals	4,803	15.5%	19.2%	4,065	14.7%	18.1%	+738	+0.8
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	5,310	17.1%	14.5%	4,868	17.6%	14.8%	+442	-0.5
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	4,338	14.0%	13.2%	3,494	12.7%	11.9%	+844	+1.3
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	3,840	12.4%	11.7%	3,549	12.9%	12.4%	+291	-0.5
Total Occupation Sales Workers	2,848	9.2%	8.5%	2,844	10.3%	9.6%	+4	-1.1
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	2,371	7.7%	6.9%	2,272	8.2%	7.1%	+99	-0.5
Total Occupation Labourers	3,381	10.9%	10.9%	3,044	11.0%	11.4%	+337	-0.1
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	607	2.0%	1.8%	465	1.7%	1.6%	+142	+0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Total	30,986	100.0%	100.0%	27,602	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.