

Community report

Shoalhaven (C)

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

AREA

Shoalhaven (C)

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, Professionals was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Shoalhaven (C), accounting for 18.1% (7,636 people). This share was lower than Regional NSW (19.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professionals, which increased by 1,511 people and 1.2 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

Shoalhaven (C) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	5,288	12.5%	13.4%	4,209	11.6%	13.0%	+1,079	+0.9
Total Occupation Professionals	7,636	18.1%	19.2%	6,125	16.9%	18.1%	+1,511	+1.2
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	7,012	16.6%	14.5%	6,250	17.2%	14.8%	+762	-0.6
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	6,305	14.9%	13.2%	5,026	13.8%	11.9%	+1,279	+1.1
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	4,607	10.9%	11.7%	4,139	11.4%	12.4%	+468	-0.5
Total Occupation Sales Workers	3,983	9.4%	8.5%	3,901	10.7%	9.6%	+82	-1.3
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	2,130	5.0%	6.9%	1,971	5.4%	7.1%	+159	-0.4
Total Occupation Labourers	4,638	11.0%	10.9%	4,097	11.3%	11.4%	+541	-0.3
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	691	1.6%	1.8%	614	1.7%	1.6%	+77	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional NSW %	Count	%	Regional
Total	42,293	100.0%	100.0%	36,330	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.