

# Community report

## Southern Downs (R)

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

AREA

**Southern Downs (R)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Qld**

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, Health Care And Social Assistance was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Southern Downs (R), accounting for 13.8% (2,065 people). This share was lower than Regional Qld (15.4%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 492 people and 2.6 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

Southern Downs (R) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	1,965	13.1%	4.3%	1,941	13.8%	4.7%	+24	-0.7
Mining	169	1.1%	3.5%	143	1.0%	3.5%	+26	+0.1
Manufacturing	1,239	8.3%	5.4%	1,232	8.7%	5.5%	+7	-0.4
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	131	0.9%	1.2%	115	0.8%	1.1%	+16	+0.1
Construction	1,139	7.6%	9.6%	1,009	7.2%	9.3%	+130	+0.4
Wholesale Trade	231	1.5%	2.1%	251	1.8%	2.3%	-20	-0.3
Retail Trade	1,622	10.8%	9.6%	1,586	11.3%	10.3%	+36	-0.5
Accommodation And Food Services	1,156	7.7%	8.0%	1,070	7.6%	8.2%	+86	+0.1
Transport Postal And Warehousing	793	5.3%	4.1%	799	5.7%	4.5%	-6	-0.4
Information Media And Telecommunications	64	0.4%	0.8%	104	0.7%	1.0%	-40	-0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	162	1.1%	1.8%	157	1.1%	1.9%	+5	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	124	0.8%	1.7%	159	1.1%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	487	3.3%	4.8%	454	3.2%	
Administrative And Support Services	303	2.0%	3.3%	314	2.2%	
Public Administration And Safety	644	4.3%	5.6%	638	4.5%	
Education And Training	1,300	8.7%	8.7%	1,275	9.0%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	2,065	13.8%	15.4%	1,573	11.2%	
Arts And Recreation Services	112	0.7%	1.6%	124	0.9%	
Other Services	571	3.8%	4.1%	559	4.0%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	691	4.6%	4.4%	595	4.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,978</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,094</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.