

# Community report

## Surf Coast (S)

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

AREA

**Surf Coast (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

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 Surf Coast (S), accounting for 13.9% (2,608 people). This share was lower than Regional Vic. (16.2%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Health Care And Social Assistance, which increased by 815 people and 1.2 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

Surf Coast (S) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	585	3.1%	7.2%	471	3.3%	7.7%	+114	-0.2
Mining	47	0.3%	0.7%	52	0.4%	0.7%	-5	-0.1
Manufacturing	854	4.6%	7.4%	762	5.4%	8.1%	+92	-0.8
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	197	1.0%	1.4%	122	0.9%	1.5%	+75	+0.1
Construction	2,360	12.6%	10.0%	1,645	11.7%	8.8%	+715	+0.9
Wholesale Trade	472	2.5%	2.2%	426	3.0%	2.2%	+46	-0.5
Retail Trade	1,665	8.9%	9.5%	1,339	9.5%	10.6%	+326	-0.6
Accommodation And Food Services	1,443	7.7%	6.6%	1,184	8.4%	7.0%	+259	-0.7
Transport Postal And Warehousing	457	2.4%	3.8%	368	2.6%	3.9%	+89	-0.2
Information Media And Telecommunications	222	1.2%	0.8%	163	1.2%	1.0%	+59	0.0
Financial And Insurance Services	570	3.0%	1.9%	366	2.6%	1.9%	+204	+0.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	309	1.6%	1.0%	253	1.8%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	1,537	8.2%	4.5%	970	6.9%	
Administrative And Support Services	512	2.7%	2.8%	438	3.1%	
Public Administration And Safety	1,250	6.7%	6.3%	860	6.1%	
Education And Training	2,002	10.7%	8.8%	1,568	11.1%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	2,608	13.9%	16.2%	1,793	12.7%	
Arts And Recreation Services	442	2.4%	1.5%	315	2.2%	
Other Services	555	3.0%	3.6%	460	3.3%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	679	3.6%	3.9%	529	3.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,769</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,079</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: usual residence.