

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

31 March 2026

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 Surf Coast (S), accounting for 27.6% (5,177 people). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (18.8%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Professionals, which increased by 1,638 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

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

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	3,393	18.1%	14.5%	2,327	16.5%	14.6%	+1,066	+1.6
Total Occupation Professionals	5,177	27.6%	18.8%	3,539	25.1%	17.4%	+1,638	+2.5
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	2,567	13.7%	14.4%	2,090	14.8%	14.8%	+477	-1.1
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	2,148	11.4%	12.7%	1,535	10.9%	11.7%	+613	+0.5
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	1,921	10.2%	10.9%	1,556	11.1%	11.3%	+365	-0.9
Total Occupation Sales Workers	1,474	7.9%	8.5%	1,272	9.0%	9.7%	+202	-1.1
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	515	2.7%	6.3%	455	3.2%	6.5%	+60	-0.5
Total Occupation Labourers	1,296	6.9%	12.0%	1,079	7.7%	12.4%	+217	-0.8
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	280	1.5%	1.9%	232	1.6%	1.7%	+48	-0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Vic. %	Count	%	Regiona
Total	18,769	100.0%	100.0%	14,079	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.