

Community report

Torres Strait Island (R)

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

AREA

Torres Strait Island (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, Public Administration And Safety was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in Torres Strait Island (R), accounting for 34.1% (346 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (5.6%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Other Services, which decreased by 121 people and 12.4 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

Torres Strait Island (R) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	20	2.0%	4.3%	4	0.4%	4.7%	+16	+1.6
Mining	5	0.5%	3.5%	0	0.0%	3.5%	+5	+0.5
Manufacturing	13	1.3%	5.4%	0	0.0%	5.5%	+13	+1.3
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	19	1.9%	1.2%	0	0.0%	1.1%	+19	+1.9
Construction	50	4.9%	9.6%	42	4.3%	9.3%	+8	+0.6
Wholesale Trade	0	0.0%	2.1%	0	0.0%	2.3%	0	0.0
Retail Trade	90	8.9%	9.6%	73	7.5%	10.3%	+17	+1.4
Accommodation And Food Services	27	2.7%	8.0%	5	0.5%	8.2%	+22	+2.2
Transport Postal And Warehousing	17	1.7%	4.1%	11	1.1%	4.5%	+6	+0.6
Information Media And Telecommunications	3	0.3%	0.8%	4	0.4%	1.0%	-1	-0.1
Financial And Insurance Services	0	0.0%	1.8%	0	0.0%	1.9%	0	0.0

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	0	0.0%	1.7%	0	0.0%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	9	0.9%	4.8%	0	0.0%	
Administrative And Support Services	21	2.1%	3.3%	6	0.6%	
Public Administration And Safety	346	34.1%	5.6%	339	34.8%	
Education And Training	209	20.6%	8.7%	176	18.1%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	121	11.9%	15.4%	131	13.4%	
Arts And Recreation Services	37	3.6%	1.6%	16	1.6%	
Other Services	0	0.0%	4.1%	121	12.4%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	32	3.2%	4.4%	33	3.4%	
Total	1,015	100.0%	100.0%	974	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.