

# Community report

## West Coast (M)

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

AREA

**West Coast (M)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Tas.**

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, Mining was the most common industry of employment among employed residents in West Coast (M), accounting for 22% (349 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (1.7%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Transport Postal And Warehousing, which increased by 24 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

West Coast (M) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Agriculture Forestry And Fishing	81	5.1%	8.1%	99	6.5%	8.1%	-18	-1.4
Mining	349	22.0%	1.7%	349	23.0%	1.6%	0	-1.0
Manufacturing	16	1.0%	7.5%	29	1.9%	8.2%	-13	-0.9
Electricity Gas Water And Waste Services	23	1.4%	1.4%	29	1.9%	1.3%	-6	-0.5
Construction	67	4.2%	8.6%	73	4.8%	7.7%	-6	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	3	0.2%	2.8%	6	0.4%	2.6%	-3	-0.2
Retail Trade	129	8.1%	9.8%	113	7.5%	11.0%	+16	+0.6
Accommodation And Food Services	229	14.4%	7.5%	229	15.1%	7.5%	0	-0.7
Transport Postal And Warehousing	96	6.0%	4.7%	72	4.8%	4.8%	+24	+1.2
Information Media And Telecommunications	16	1.0%	0.8%	10	0.7%	0.9%	+6	+0.3
Financial And Insurance Services	10	0.6%	1.6%	8	0.5%	1.7%	+2	+0.1

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Rental Hiring And Real Estate Services	10	0.6%	1.0%	7	0.5%	
Professional Scientific And Technical Services	23	1.4%	3.9%	20	1.3%	
Administrative And Support Services	78	4.9%	2.9%	72	4.8%	
Public Administration And Safety	81	5.1%	4.9%	85	5.6%	
Education And Training	136	8.6%	8.5%	118	7.8%	
Health Care And Social Assistance	113	7.1%	16.0%	90	5.9%	1
Arts And Recreation Services	19	1.2%	1.4%	19	1.3%	
Other Services	61	3.8%	3.8%	51	3.4%	
Inadequately Described Not Stated	44	2.8%	3.0%	38	2.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10</b>

Data basis: usual residence.