

Community report

Whitsunday (R)

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

AREA

Whitsunday (R)

COMPARISON

Regional Qld

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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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.

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Technicians And Trades Workers was the most common occupation group among employed residents in Whitsunday (R), accounting for 16.7% (3,009 people). This share was higher than Regional Qld (15.1%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Community And Personal Service Workers, which increased by 523 people and 1.5 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

Whitsunday (R) – Employed persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	pp
Total Occupation Managers	2,292	12.8%	12.4%	2,127	13.6%	12.4%	+165	-0.8
Total Occupation Professionals	2,036	11.3%	18.0%	1,761	11.2%	16.7%	+275	+0.1
Total Occupation Technicians And Trades Workers	3,009	16.7%	15.1%	2,651	16.9%	15.7%	+358	-0.2
Total Occupation Community And Personal Service Workers	2,242	12.5%	13.0%	1,719	11.0%	11.8%	+523	+1.5
Total Occupation Clerical And Administrative Workers	1,768	9.8%	11.8%	1,547	9.9%	12.5%	+221	-0.1
Total Occupation Sales Workers	1,544	8.6%	9.1%	1,436	9.2%	10.2%	+108	-0.6
Total Occupation Machinery Operators And Drivers	1,959	10.9%	7.3%	1,748	11.1%	7.6%	+211	-0.2
Total Occupation Labourers	2,769	15.4%	11.2%	2,460	15.7%	11.6%	+309	-0.3
Total Occupation Inadequately Described Not Stated	345	1.9%	2.0%	240	1.5%	1.6%	+105	+0.4

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Qld %	Count	%	Regional Qld %
Total	17,965	100.0%	100.0%	15,681	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.