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Occupations in 2011 (employed persons aged 15 years and over)

Australia

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	2,145,440 (21.3%)	46.1%	53.9%	1,806,015 (19.8%)	47.1%	52.9%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1,483,560 (14.7%)	23.5%	76.5%	1,365,805 (15.0%)	23.2%	76.8%
Technicians and Trades Workers	1,425,146 (14.2%)	85.1%	14.9%	1,309,257 (14.4%)	85.3%	14.7%
Managers	1,293,969 (12.9%)	64.6%	35.4%	1,202,263 (13.2%)	65.6%	34.4%
Community and Personal Service Workers	971,899 (9.7%)	30.8%	69.2%	801,911 (8.8%)	31.2%	68.8%
Labourers	947,607 (9.4%)	64.6%	35.4%	952,523 (10.5%)	63.5%	36.5%
Sales Workers	942,140 (9.4%)	38.1%	61.9%	896,206 (9.8%)	38.3%	61.7%
Machinery Operators and Drivers	659,550 (6.6%)	90.1%	9.9%	604,614 (6.6%)	89.6%	10.4%
Total persons	10,058,325 (100.0%)	53.4%	46.6%	9,104,187 (100.0%)	53.9%	46.1%

- In 2011, 21.3% of employed persons aged 15 years and over reported working as Professionals. Of those who reported working as Professionals, 53.9% were females.
- The proportion of those who reported working as Professionals has increased by 1.5 percentage points, from 19.8% in 2006 to 21.3% in 2011.
- The number of persons who reported working as Labourers has declined from 952,523 (10.5%) in 2006 to 947,607 (9.4%) in 2011.
- Of persons who reported working as Technicians and Trades Workers (14.2%), a higher proportion were males (85.1%). This compared to 14.7% of persons reporting as Clerical and Administrative Workers, of whom 76.5% were females.

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Top five Occupations in 2011 (employed persons aged 15 years and over)

States and Territories

New South Wales

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	713,548 (22.7%)	46.8%	53.2%	616,282 (21.2%)	47.5%	52.5%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	473,141 (15.1%)	24.1%	75.9%	447,952 (15.4%)	23.6%	76.4%
Managers	418,333 (13.3%)	64.3%	35.7%	396,461 (13.6%)	65.4%	34.6%
Technicians and Trades Workers	414,669 (13.2%)	84.9%	15.1%	396,723 (13.6%)	85.3%	14.7%
Community and Personal Service Workers	297,669 (9.5%)	32.6%	67.4%	249,579 (8.6%)	33.1%	66.9%
Total persons	3,138,332 (100.0%)	53.4%	46.6%	2,909,444 (100.0%)	54.0%	46.0%

Victoria

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	564,778 (22.3%)	46.2%	53.8%	472,303 (20.8%)	47.1%	52.9%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	364,499 (14.4%)	25.1%	74.9%	337,418 (14.8%)	24.4%	75.6%
Technicians and Trades Workers	350,758 (13.9%)	84.8%	15.2%	319,190 (14.0%)	85.0%	15.0%
Managers	332,929 (13.2%)	65.6%	34.4%	306,321 (13.5%)	66.7%	33.3%
Sales Workers	245,333 (9.7%)	38.9%	61.1%	230,376 (10.1%)	38.7%	61.3%
Total persons	2,530,635 (100.0%)	53.4%	46.6%	2,274,447 (100.0%)	53.9%	46.1%

Queensland

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	385,582 (18.9%)	44.7%	55.3%	312,869 (17.1%)	46.2%	53.8%
Technicians and Trades Workers	304,563 (14.9%)	85.8%	14.2%	280,340 (15.4%)	85.9%	14.1%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	299,326 (14.7%)	21.0%	79.0%	269,198 (14.8%)	21.0%	79.0%
Managers	245,605 (12.0%)	63.4%	36.6%	225,693 (12.4%)	64.3%	35.7%
Labourers	215,232 (10.6%)	63.7%	36.3%	217,251 (11.9%)	63.5%	36.5%
Total persons	2,039,275 (100.0%)	53.0%	47.0%	1,824,999 (100.0%)	53.9%	46.1%

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Top five Occupations in 2011 (employed persons aged 15 years and over)

States and Territories

South Australia

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	145,126 (19.6%)	44.5%	55.5%	127,148 (18.4%)	45.7%	54.3%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	106,216 (14.4%)	23.1%	76.9%	100,240 (14.5%)	23.4%	76.6%
Technicians and Trades Workers	104,589 (14.1%)	84.3%	15.7%	97,745 (14.2%)	84.2%	15.8%
Managers	93,296 (12.6%)	66.0%	34.0%	92,582 (13.4%)	66.4%	33.6%
Labourers	82,325 (11.1%)	63.8%	36.2%	85,886 (12.4%)	62.4%	37.6%
Total persons	739,359 (100.0%)	52.9%	47.1%	689,897 (100.0%)	53.6%	46.4%

Western Australia

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	218,354 (19.9%)	47.4%	52.6%	173,957 (18.6%)	48.1%	51.9%
Technicians and Trades Workers	183,300 (16.7%)	85.8%	14.2%	153,563 (16.4%)	85.6%	14.4%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	158,181 (14.4%)	21.7%	78.3%	135,975 (14.5%)	21.6%	78.4%
Managers	133,801 (12.2%)	66.2%	33.8%	117,032 (12.5%)	66.6%	33.4%
Labourers	106,227 (9.7%)	64.4%	35.6%	102,023 (10.9%)	63.7%	36.3%
Total persons	1,097,879 (100.0%)	54.7%	45.3%	936,130 (100.0%)	54.9%	45.1%

Tasmania

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	40,143 (18.5%)	42.7%	57.3%	35,891 (17.5%)	44.6%	55.4%
Technicians and Trades Workers	32,257 (14.8%)	83.8%	16.2%	29,957 (14.6%)	83.9%	16.1%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	30,054 (13.8%)	22.8%	77.2%	28,657 (14.0%)	23.1%	76.9%
Managers	26,970 (12.4%)	65.8%	34.2%	26,289 (12.8%)	66.2%	33.8%
Labourers	24,652 (11.3%)	59.5%	40.5%	25,569 (12.5%)	59.2%	40.8%
Total persons	217,295 (100.0%)	52.0%	48.0%	204,739 (100.0%)	53.1%	46.9%

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Northern Territory

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	19,639 (19.9%)	41.2%	58.8%	15,841 (18.2%)	42.4%	57.6%
Technicians and Trades Workers	14,905 (15.1%)	86.4%	13.6%	12,869 (14.8%)	86.1%	13.9%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	14,472 (14.7%)	21.6%	78.4%	12,671 (14.5%)	22.4%	77.6%
Community and Personal Service Workers	13,187 (13.4%)	46.9%	53.1%	10,909 (12.5%)	44.3%	55.7%
Managers	11,837 (12.0%)	60.7%	39.3%	10,545 (12.1%)	62.5%	37.5%
Total persons	98,478 (100.0%)	53.7%	46.3%	87,178 (100.0%)	54.4%	45.6%

Australian Capital Territory

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	58,081 (29.7%)	49.5%	50.5%	51,570 (29.3%)	50.3%	49.7%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	37,512 (19.1%)	30.6%	69.4%	33,582 (19.0%)	29.7%	70.3%
Managers	31,031 (15.8%)	58.5%	41.5%	27,172 (15.4%)	60.0%	40.0%
Technicians and Trades Workers	19,906 (10.2%)	83.3%	16.7%	18,670 (10.6%)	82.4%	17.6%
Community and Personal Service Workers	18,231 (9.3%)	39.3%	60.7%	15,941 (9.0%)	38.8%	61.2%
Total persons	195,891 (100.0%)	51.4%	48.6%	176,287 (100.0%)	51.5%	48.5%



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Capital Cities Sydney

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	526,565 (25.5%)	48.7%	51.3%	452,288 (23.8%)	49.2%	50.8%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	333,435 (16.2%)	26.4%	73.6%	318,005 (16.7%)	25.6%	74.4%
Managers	273,917 (13.3%)	63.9%	36.1%	250,974 (13.2%)	65.1%	34.9%
Technicians and Trades Workers	251,473 (12.2%)	84.8%	15.2%	241,716 (12.7%)	85.3%	14.7%
Sales Workers	185,950 (9.0%)	41.8%	58.2%	181,388 (9.5%)	41.8%	58.2%
Total persons	2,063,270 (100%)	53.5%	46.5%	1,903,528 (100%)	53.9%	46.1%

Melbourne

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	463,766 (24.1%)	47.7%	52.3%	384,848 (22.5%)	48.4%	51.6%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	294,152 (15.3%)	26.5%	73.5%	271,646 (15.9%)	25.6%	74.4%
Technicians and Trades Workers	258,183 (13.4%)	85.0%	15.0%	233,330 (13.6%)	85.2%	14.8%
Managers	241,643 (12.5%)	65.1%	34.9%	213,957 (12.5%)	66.5%	33.5%
Sales Workers	186,990 (9.7%)	40.4%	59.6%	174,689 (10.2%)	40.0%	60.0%
Total persons	1,927,929 (100%)	53.5%	46.5%	1,711,887 (100%)	53.8%	46.2%

Brisbane

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	224,568 (22.2%)	46.8%	53.2%	181,910 (20.2%)	47.9%	52.1%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	163,677 (16.2%)	24.0%	76.0%	148,321 (16.5%)	23.8%	76.2%
Technicians and Trades Workers	136,903 (13.5%)	85.4%	14.6%	127,933 (14.2%)	85.6%	14.4%
Managers	117,051 (11.6%)	63.7%	36.3%	102,544 (11.4%)	64.6%	35.4%
Community and Personal Service Workers	97,524 (9.6%)	31.2%	68.8%	79,306 (8.8%)	30.4%	69.6%
Total persons	1,010,617 (100%)	52.7%	47.3%	899,707 (100%)	53.4%	46.6%



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Capital Cities

Adelaide

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	124,685 (21.6%)	45.7%	54.3%	108,966 (20.4%)	47.0%	53.0%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	89,015 (15.4%)	24.3%	75.7%	84,252 (15.8%)	24.7%	75.3%
Technicians and Trades Workers	80,593 (14.0%)	84.5%	15.5%	75,846 (14.2%)	84.4%	15.6%
Managers	64,310 (11.1%)	65.1%	34.9%	61,658 (11.5%)	65.6%	34.4%
Community and Personal Service Workers	61,551 (10.7%)	30.8%	69.2%	51,365 (9.6%)	30.1%	69.9%
Total persons	576,821 (100%)	52.5%	47.5%	534,621 (100%)	53.0%	47.0%

Perth

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	186,254 (21.7%)	48.2%	51.8%	147,955 (20.3%)	49.2%	50.8%
Technicians and Trades Workers	137,916 (16.1%)	85.5%	14.5%	117,738 (16.1%)	85.5%	14.5%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	130,917 (15.3%)	22.9%	77.1%	113,507 (15.6%)	22.8%	77.2%
Managers	97,847 (11.4%)	66.3%	33.7%	81,735 (11.2%)	66.8%	33.2%
Community and Personal Service Workers	82,861 (9.7%)	29.8%	70.2%	66,218 (9.1%)	29.8%	70.2%
Total persons	857,631 (100%)	54.0%	46.0%	729,574 (100%)	54.3%	45.7%

Hobart

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	21,708 (22.4%)	44.1%	55.9%	19,452 (21.6%)	46.1%	53.9%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	15,557 (16.1%)	25.5%	74.5%	14,503 (16.1%)	25.5%	74.5%
Technicians and Trades Workers	13,360 (13.8%)	83.8%	16.2%	12,471 (13.8%)	83.4%	16.6%
Community and Personal Service Workers	11,129 (11.5%)	31.7%	68.3%	9,504 (10.5%)	32.8%	67.2%
Managers	11,084 (11.4%)	64.9%	35.1%	10,402 (11.5%)	65.4%	34.6%
Total persons	96,870 (100%)	50.8%	49.2%	90,101 (100%)	51.5%	48.5%



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Capital Cities Darwin

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	12,311 (19.5%)	41.6%	58.4%	10,236 (18.9%)	42.7%	57.3%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	10,265 (16.3%)	21.9%	78.1%	8,850 (16.3%)	23.4%	76.6%
Technicians and Trades Workers	10,183 (16.1%)	86.7%	13.3%	8,505 (15.7%)	86.4%	13.6%
Community and Personal Service Workers	8,093 (12.8%)	49.9%	50.1%	6,436 (8.3%)	47.7%	52.3%
Managers	7,945 (12.6%)	60.6%	39.4%	7,055 (13.0%)	62.9%	37.1%
Total persons	63,046 (100%)	53.6%	46.4%	54,238 (100%)	54.2%	45.8%

Canberra

Occupation	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Professionals	57,996 (29.6%)	49.5%	50.5%	51,494 (29.3%)	50.3%	49.7%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	37,478 (19.2%)	30.6%	69.4%	33,529 (19.1%)	29.7%	70.3%
Managers	31,000 (15.8%)	58.5%	41.5%	27,136 (15.4%)	60.0%	40.0%
Technicians and Trades Workers	19,882 (10.2%)	83.3%	16.7%	18,636 (10.6%)	82.4%	17.6%
Community and Personal Service Workers	18,185 (9.3%)	39.3%	60.7%	15,904 (9.0%)	38.8%	61.2%
Total persons	195,618 (100%)	51.3%	48.7%	175,976 (100%)	51.5%	48.5%