



Review of 2021 Census topics

Transport

The ABS is consulting to seek views on the information to be collected in the next Census and this topic brief provides detail about what has been previously included on transport.

The opportunity to participate in the consultation will be available from 3 April to 30 June 2018 via consult.abs.gov.au

What was included in the Census?

Transport topics on the Census included:

- mode of travel to work
- name and address of workplace attended
- number of motor vehicles.

For more information view [2901.0 – Census Dictionary](#)

How is this information used?

Information about where people work and how they get to work helps to inform the policy and planning of road infrastructure and public transportation.

This information also tells us how many people are likely to be in an area during business hours. This helps ensure public services are available where people are most likely to access them during the day.

The information on the number of motor vehicles, in conjunction with other data, can be used for town and transport planning.

The questions asked on the 2016 Census

- How did the person get to work on Tuesday, 9 August 2016?
- For the main job held last week, what was the employer's business name?
- For the main job held last week, what was the person's workplace address?
- How many registered motor vehicles owned or used by residents of this dwelling were garaged or parked at or near this dwelling on the night of Tuesday, 9 August 2016?

Standards

Place of work is coded using Destination Zones. Refer to [POWP](#) in the Census Dictionary.

For additional information, refer to:

[8000.0 - Census of Population and Housing Destination Zones, August 2016](#)

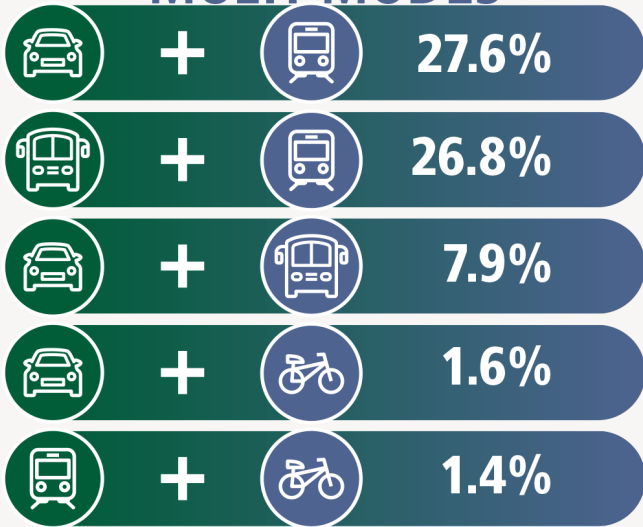
There are no standards used for defining the method of travel to work or the number of motor vehicles garaged.



Highlights from the 2016 Census on transport

Method of travel to work by multiple modes

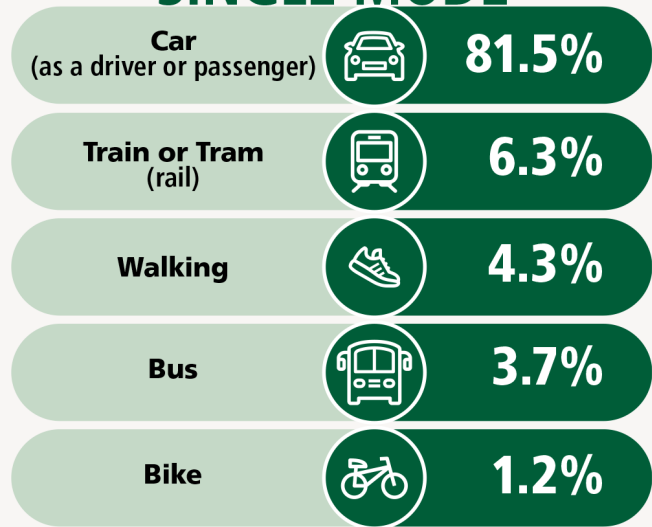
MULTI-MODES



Source: ABS, 2016 Census of Population and Housing

Method of travel to work by single mode

SINGLE MODE



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