

Employment Region Industry profile

Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region

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Overview

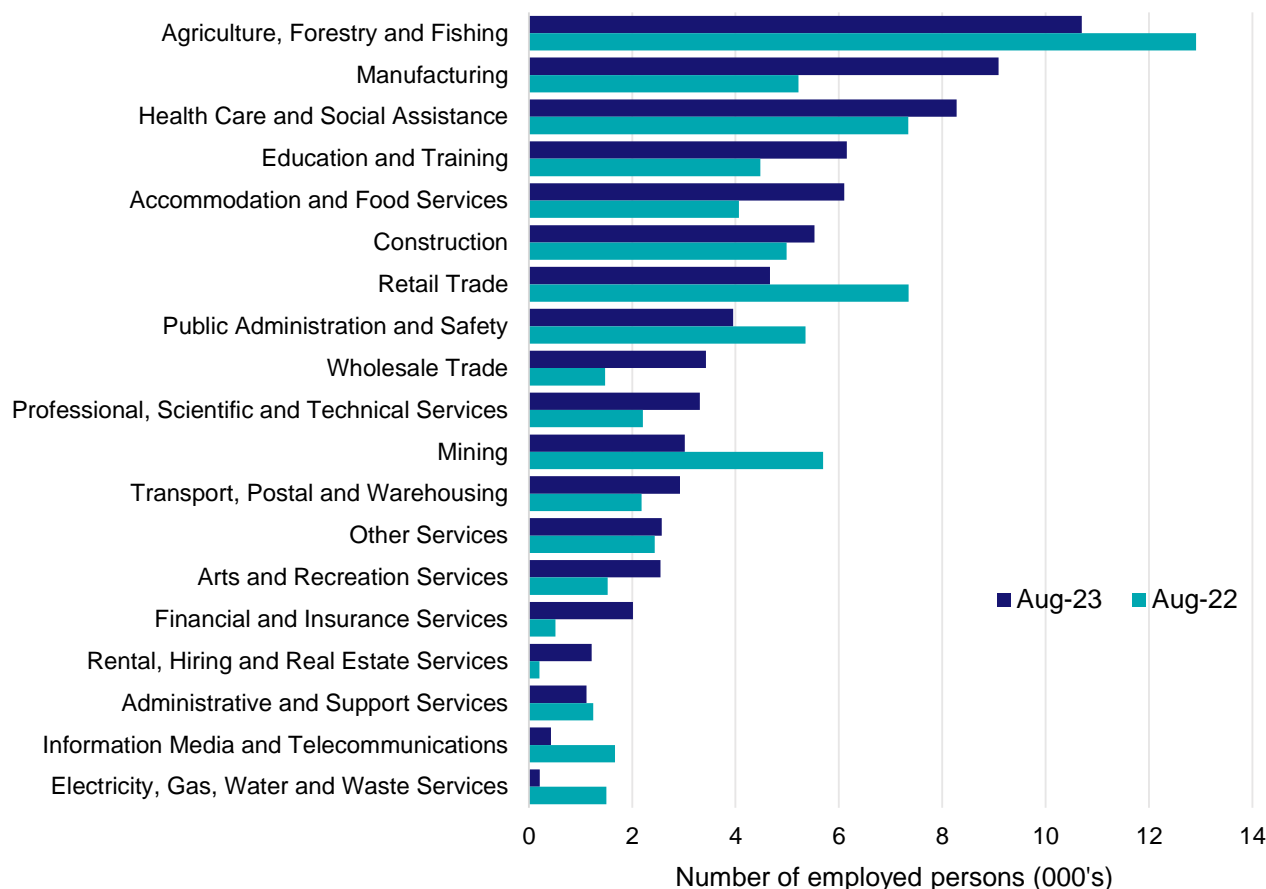
In August 2023, there were around 77,300 people employed in the Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Manufacturing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, and Accommodation and Food Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing fell by 17.1% to stand at 10,700
- Manufacturing rose by 74.1% to stand at 9,100
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 12.7% to stand at 8,300.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region, 83% of workers were employed full-time; 82% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 50.

Employment by industry, August 2023 and August 2022



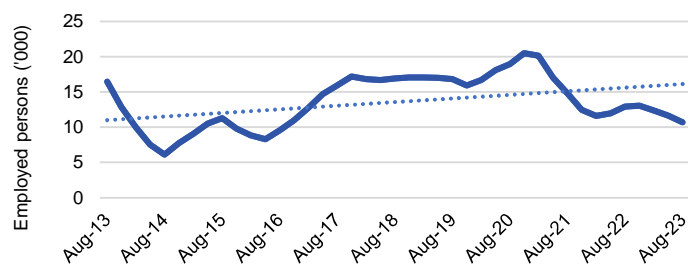
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the Western Australia - Wheat Belt SA4.

Notes: Data are the latest available. Estimates should be treated with caution, as data can be volatile at a regional level. For any enquiries related to the data in this report, please contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au

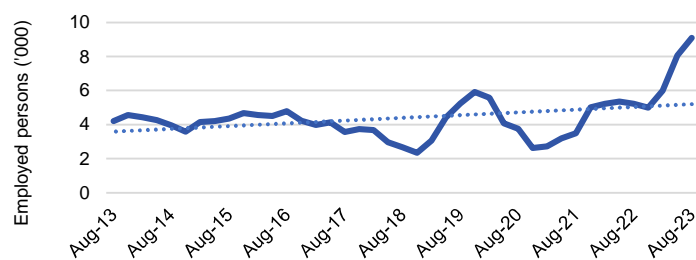
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



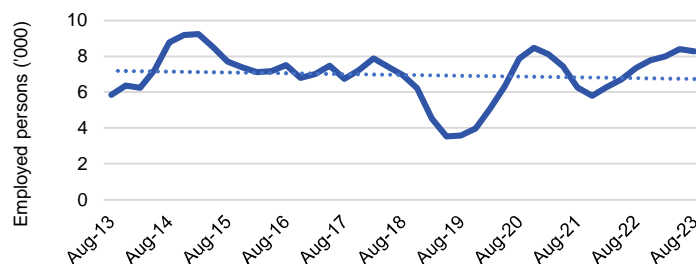
Number employed (Aug-23):	10,700
1 year employment change:	-17.1%
5 year employment change:	-36.6%
10 year employment change:	-34.9%
Youth share of employment:	14.3%
Mature age share of employment:	25.8%

Manufacturing



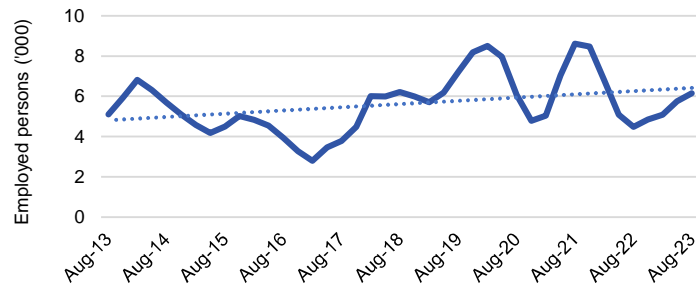
Number employed (Aug-23):	9,100
1 year employment change:	74.1%
5 year employment change:	243.3%
10 year employment change:	116.6%
Youth share of employment:	6.9%
Mature age share of employment:	3.6%

Health Care and Social Assistance



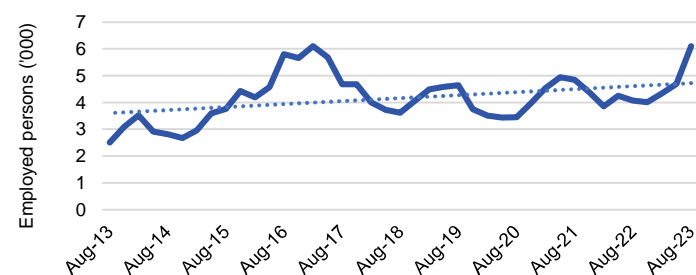
Number employed (Aug-23):	8,300
1 year employment change:	12.7%
5 year employment change:	19.0%
10 year employment change:	41.6%
Youth share of employment:	7.5%
Mature age share of employment:	12.4%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-23):	6,200
1 year employment change:	37.3%
5 year employment change:	-0.9%
10 year employment change:	20.5%
Youth share of employment:	3.7%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

Accommodation and Food Services



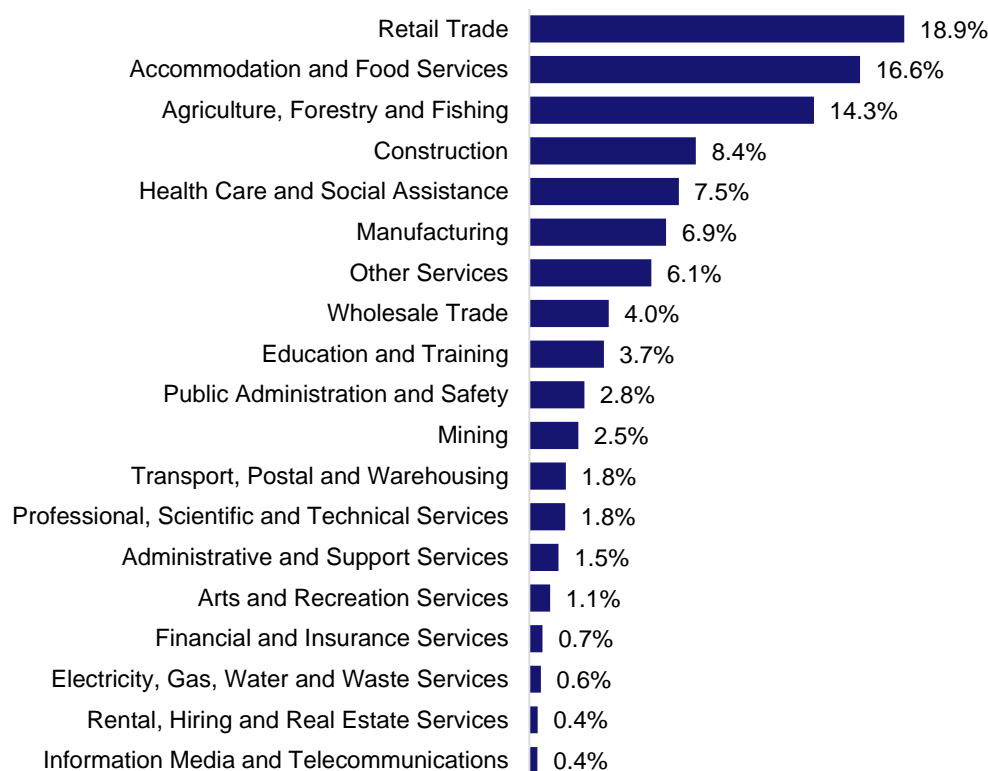
Number employed (Aug-23):	6,100
1 year employment change:	50.1%
5 year employment change:	69.1%
10 year employment change:	143.2%
Youth share of employment:	16.6%
Mature age share of employment:	4.0%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Note: In each chart, the solid line is the level of employment and the dotted line is a simple linear trend line for the 10 year period.

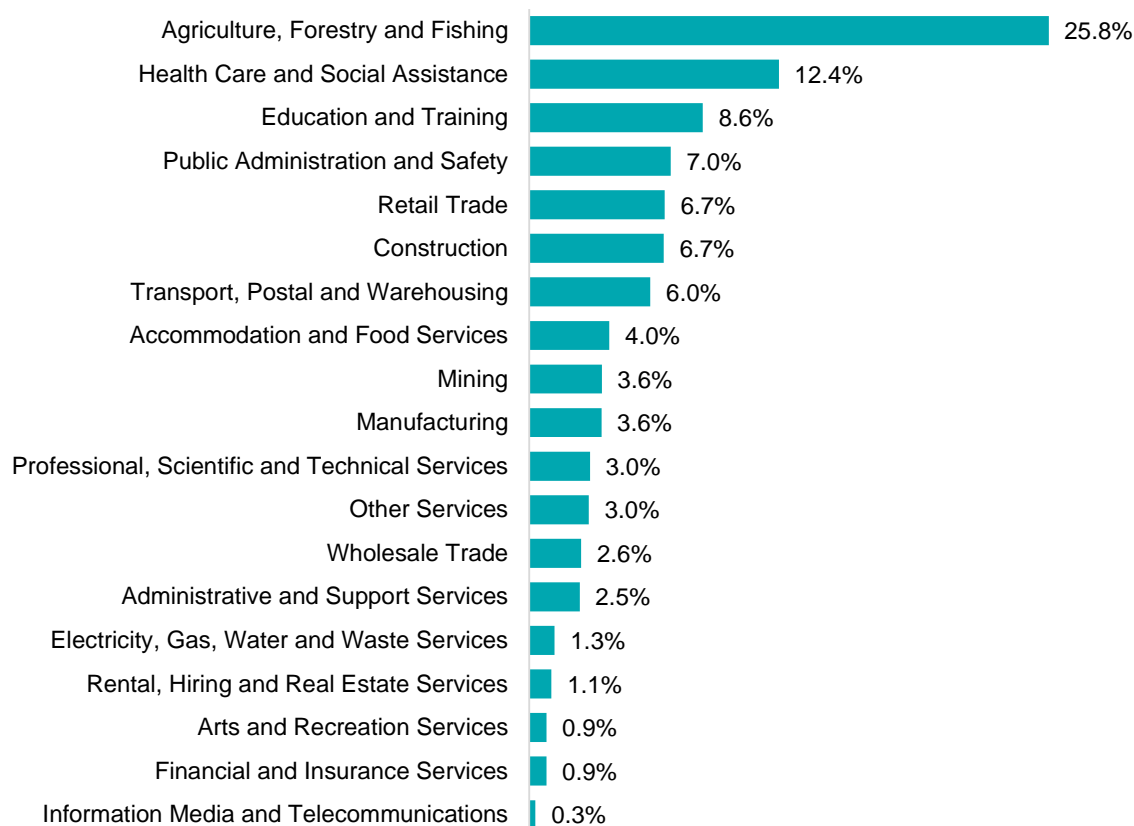
Employment characteristics by Industry

Which industries are youth (aged 15-24) employed in?



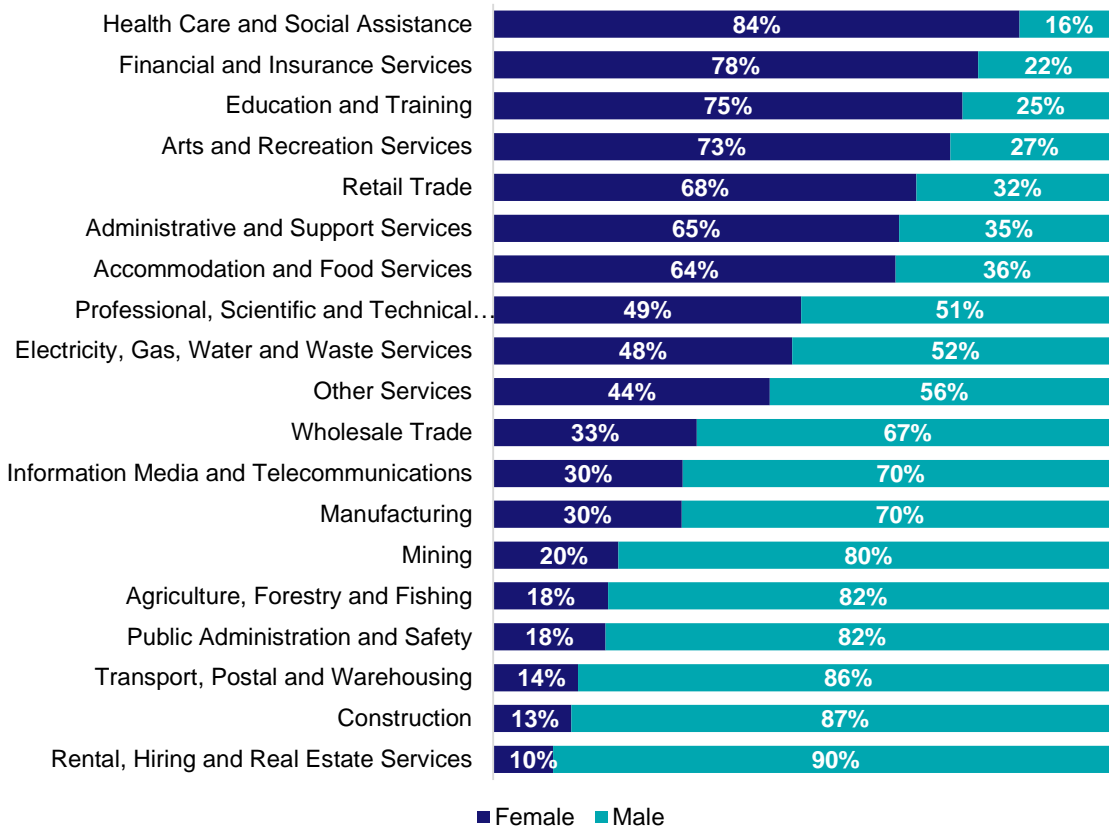
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



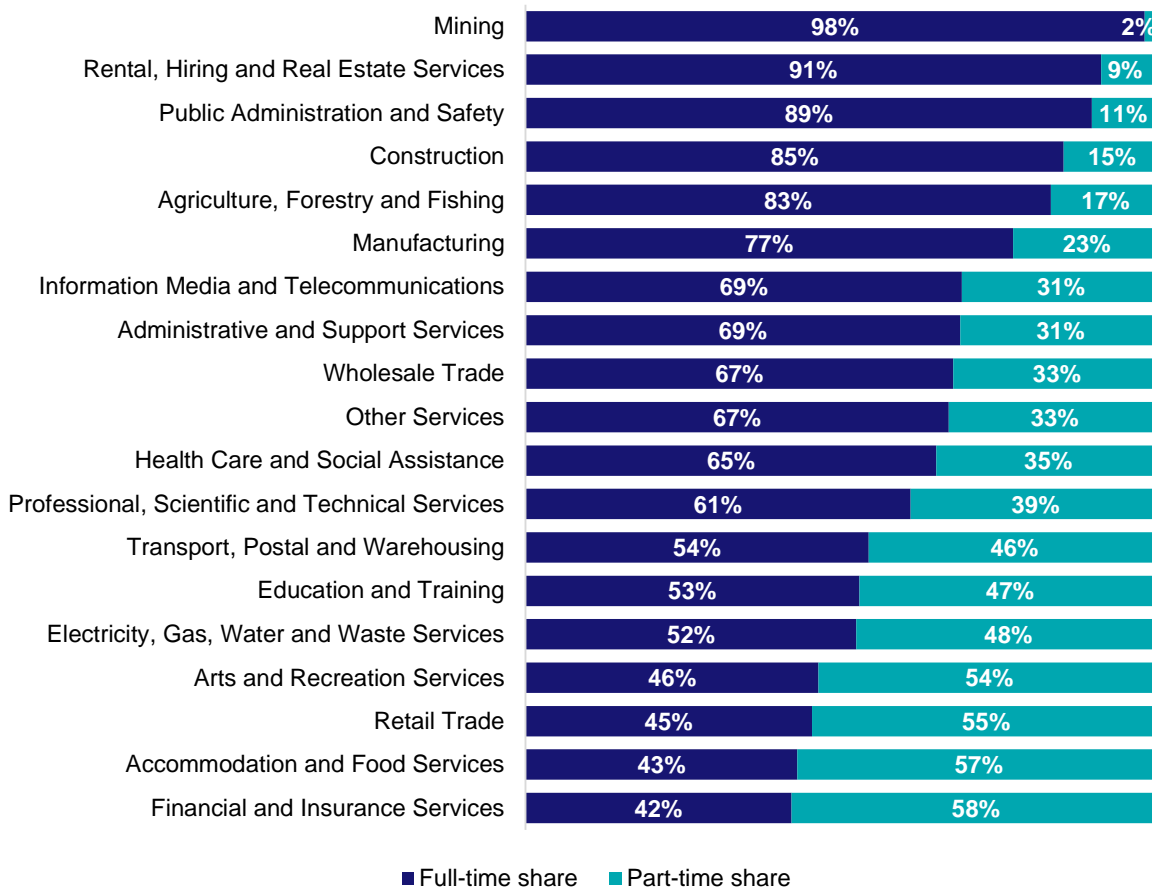
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023.

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023.

Appendix

Employment by industry, Great Southern - Wheatbelt, August 2023

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-23 (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-23	Aug-22	Aug-18	('000)	%	('000)	%			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	13.8	10.7	12.9	16.9	-2.2	-17.1	-6.2	-36.6	82.8	17.2	50
Manufacturing	11.8	9.1	5.2	2.6	3.9	74.1	6.4	243.3	76.8	23.2	42
Health Care and Social Assistance	10.7	8.3	7.3	7.0	0.9	12.7	1.3	19.0	64.8	35.2	48
Education and Training	8.0	6.2	4.5	6.2	1.7	37.3	-0.1	-0.9	52.6	47.4	48
Accommodation and Food Services	7.9	6.1	4.1	3.6	2.0	50.1	2.5	69.1	42.9	57.1	33
Construction	7.2	5.5	5.0	6.6	0.5	10.8	-1.0	-15.8	84.8	15.2	44
Retail Trade	6.0	4.7	7.4	6.0	-2.7	-36.5	-1.3	-22.1	45.2	54.8	40
Public Administration and Safety	5.1	4.0	5.4	3.6	-1.4	-26.2	0.4	10.0	89.3	10.7	50
Wholesale Trade	4.4	3.4	1.5	1.4	1.9	131.8	2.0	139.3	67.4	32.6	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.3	3.3	2.2	1.8	1.1	49.9	1.5	78.9	60.7	39.3	46
Mining	3.9	3.0	5.7	2.1	-2.7	-47.0	0.9	43.0	97.6	2.4	45
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	0.7	34.3	-0.3	-9.4	54.1	45.9	53
Other Services	3.3	2.6	2.4	1.6	0.1	5.5	0.9	55.9	66.7	33.3	41
Arts and Recreation Services	3.3	2.5	1.5	1.2	1.0	67.1	1.4	121.0	46.2	53.8	40
Financial and Insurance Services	2.6	2.0	0.5	0.5	1.5	288.3	1.5	304.2	41.9	58.1	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.6	1.2	0.2	0.1	1.0	485.7	1.1	815.4	90.7	9.3	52
Administrative and Support Services	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.0	-0.1	-10.7	0.1	8.2	68.5	31.5	50
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.6	0.4	1.7	0.4	-1.2	-74.3	0.0	0.1	68.8	31.2	36
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.3	0.2	1.5	0.6	-1.3	-85.8	-0.4	-64.9	52.1	47.9	45
All industries	100.0	77.3	72.4	66.6	4.9	6.7	10.7	16.0	67.6	32.4	47

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. *Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

Note: Small cells should be viewed with caution due to small sample sizes and regional volatility.