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# **Employment Region Industry profile**

# Illawarra South Coast Employment Region

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#### Overview

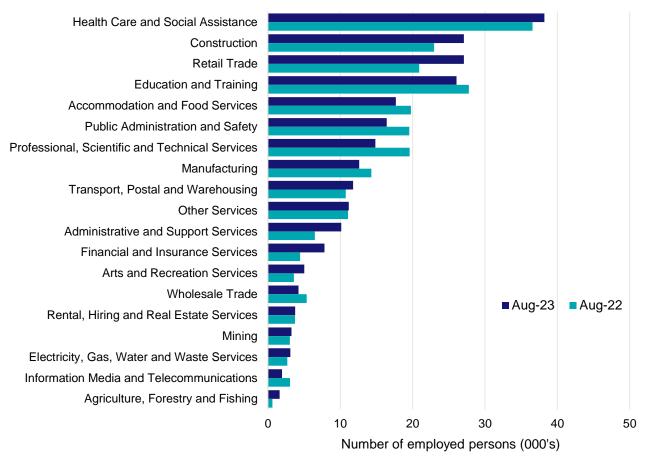
In August 2023, there were around 244,000 people employed in the Illawarra South Coast Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Education and Training, and Accommodation and Food Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 56% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 4.5% to stand at 38,200
- Construction rose by 17.9% to stand at 27,100
- Retail Trade rose by 29.6% to stand at 27,100.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Illawarra South Coast Employment Region, 57% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 44.

#### 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 combined SA4s of Illawarra; and Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven.

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

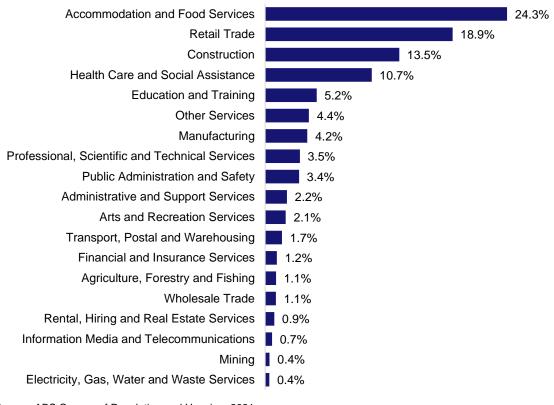
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Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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.

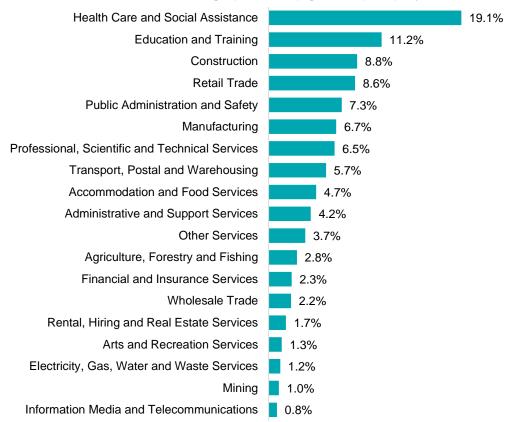
## Employment characteristics by Industry

#### 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

Education and Training	73%	27%		
Health Care and Social Assistance	73%	27%		
Information Media and Telecommunications	65%	35%		
Retail Trade	59%	41%		
Administrative and Support Services	58%	42%		
Accommodation and Food Services	55%	45%		
Other Services	52%	48%		
Professional, Scientific and Technical	51%	49%		
Financial and Insurance Services	51%	49%		
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	49%	51%		
Public Administration and Safety	44%	56%		
Arts and Recreation Services	33%	67%		
Mining	23%	77%		
Manufacturing	22%	78%		
Wholesale Trade	21% 79%			
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	18% 82%			
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	11% 89%			
Construction	10% 90%			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	100%			

Female Male

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

#### Full-time and part-time employment status by industry

Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	100%	
Manufacturing	95%	5 <mark>%</mark>
Mining	91%	9%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	87%	13%
Construction	87%	13%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	86%	14%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	84%	16%
Public Administration and Safety	84%	16%
Financial and Insurance Services	76%	24%
Information Media and Telecommunications	75%	25%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	68%	32%
Wholesale Trade	66%	34%
Arts and Recreation Services	59%	41%
Health Care and Social Assistance	57%	43%
Education and Training	57%	43%
Administrative and Support Services	57%	43%
Retail Trade	55%	45%
Other Services	54%	46%
Accommodation and Food Services	32%	68%

■ Full-time share ■ Part-time share

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

# Appendix

#### Employment by industry, Illawarra South Coast, August 2023

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment	byment Employed ('000)		1 year change		5 year change		Full-time	Part-time	Median	
	in the region Aug-23 (%)	Aug-23	Aug-22	Aug-18	('000)	%	('000)	%	share %	share %	age *
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.7	38.2	36.6	29.0	1.6	4.5	9.2	31.7	57.3	42.7	44
Construction	11.1	27.1	23.0	21.5	4.1	17.9	5.6	26.0	87.1	12.9	38
Retail Trade	11.1	27.1	20.9	25.8	6.2	29.6	1.3	5.0	54.8	45.2	36
Education and Training	10.7	26.1	27.8	22.1	-1.7	-6.1	4.0	18.1	57.1	42.9	45
Accommodation and Food Services	7.3	17.7	19.8	13.9	-2.1	-10.4	3.8	27.1	32.4	67.6	26
Public Administration and Safety	6.7	16.4	19.5	9.4	-3.1	-15.9	7.0	73.9	83.8	16.2	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.1	14.9	19.6	11.6	-4.7	-24.1	3.2	27.6	68.2	31.8	42
Manufacturing	5.2	12.6	14.3	14.6	-1.7	-11.7	-2.0	-13.6	95.2	4.8	45
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.8	11.8	10.8	10.6	1.0	9.6	1.2	11.2	87.2	12.8	48
Other Services	4.6	11.2	11.1	10.4	0.1	1.0	0.8	7.9	53.8	46.2	40
Administrative and Support Services	4.2	10.1	6.5	7.5	3.7	56.3	2.6	35.1	57.0	43.0	46
Financial and Insurance Services	3.2	7.8	4.4	5.2	3.4	75.8	2.6	50.0	75.9	24.1	42
Arts and Recreation Services	2.1	5.0	3.6	3.0	1.4	39.9	2.0	66.5	58.9	41.1	38
Wholesale Trade	1.7	4.2	5.4	4.5	-1.1	-21.1	-0.3	-6.5	65.8	34.2	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.5	3.8	3.7	3.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	16.0	84.1	15.9	45
Mining	1.3	3.3	3.0	3.1	0.2	7.1	0.2	5.2	90.8	9.2	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	3.1	2.7	1.8	0.4	15.3	1.3	71.6	100.0	0.0	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.8	2.0	3.1	3.2	-1.1	-35.8	-1.3	-39.5	75.0	25.0	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.7	1.6	0.6	0.3	1.0	159.9	1.4	538.7	86.0	14.0	52
All industries	100.0	244.0	236.3	200.9	7.7	3.3	43.1	21.4	66.7	33.3	42

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.