Employment Region Industry profile

Murray and South East Employment Region

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Overview

In August 2023, there were around 100,300 people employed in the Murray and South East Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 60% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing fell by 2.9% to stand at 17,700
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 31.5% to stand at 14,700
- Manufacturing rose by 8.6% to stand at 10,200.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Murray and South East Employment Region, 71% of workers were employed full-time; 64% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 48.

Employment by industry, August 2023 and August 2022
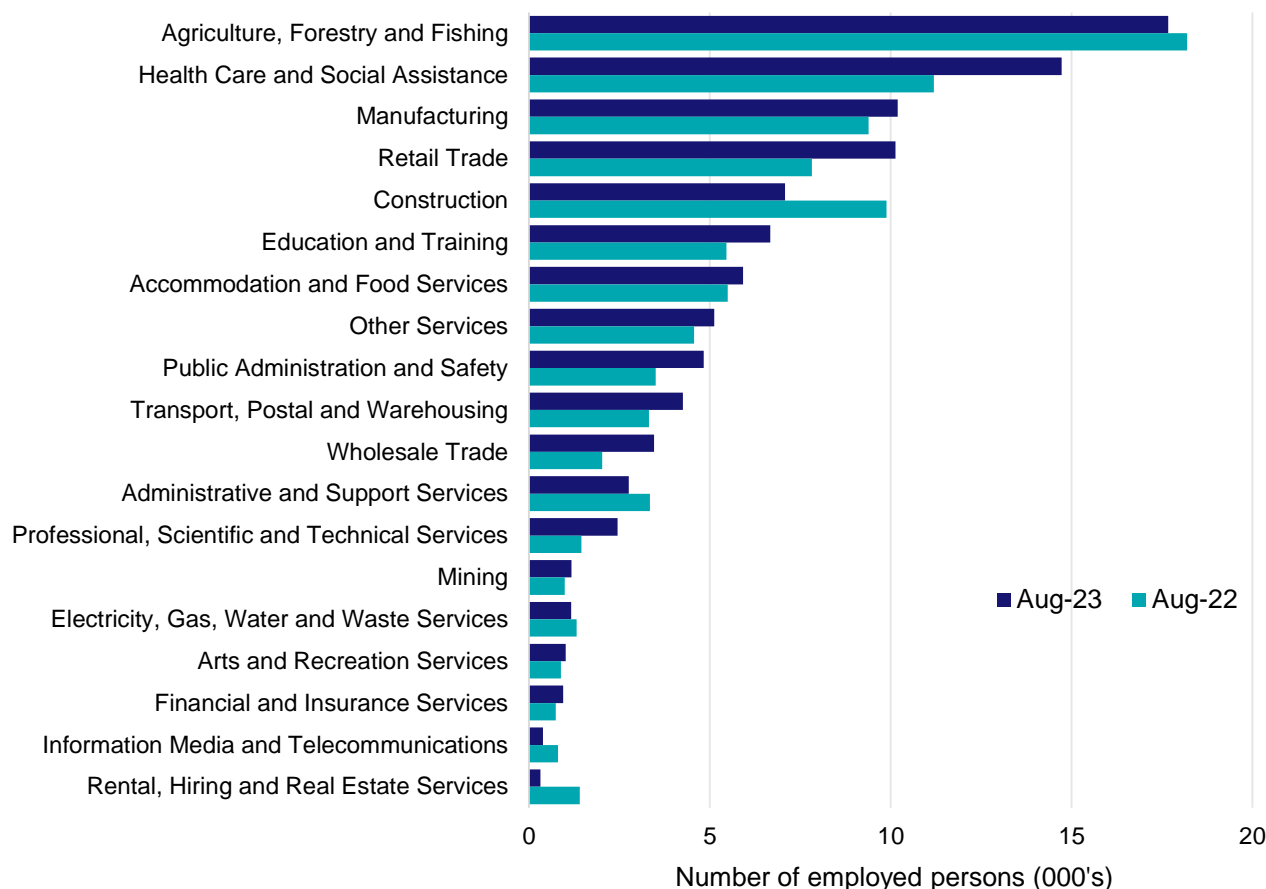
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the South Australia - South East 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
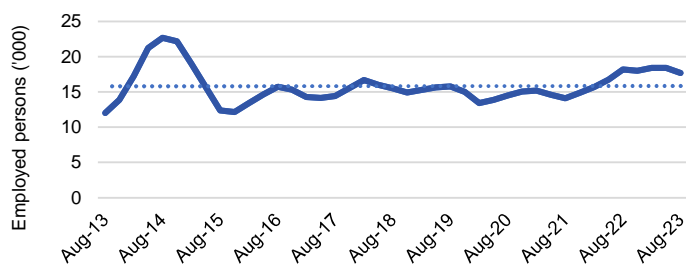
Number employed (Aug-23):	17,700
1 year employment change:	-2.9%
5 year employment change:	14.2%
10 year employment change:	47.1%
Youth share of employment:	12.6%
Mature age share of employment:	25.3%

Health Care and Social Assistance

Number employed (Aug-23):	14,700
1 year employment change:	31.5%
5 year employment change:	18.9%
10 year employment change:	60.0%
Youth share of employment:	8.6%
Mature age share of employment:	14.2%

Manufacturing

Number employed (Aug-23):	10,200
1 year employment change:	8.6%
5 year employment change:	6.1%
10 year employment change:	4.5%
Youth share of employment:	9.6%
Mature age share of employment:	8.9%

Retail Trade
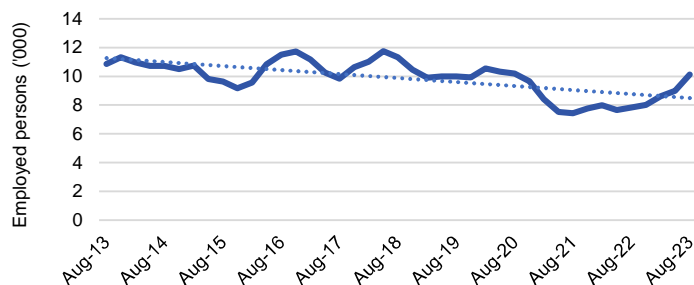
Number employed (Aug-23):	10,100
1 year employment change:	29.5%
5 year employment change:	-10.5%
10 year employment change:	-6.7%
Youth share of employment:	19.8%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

Construction

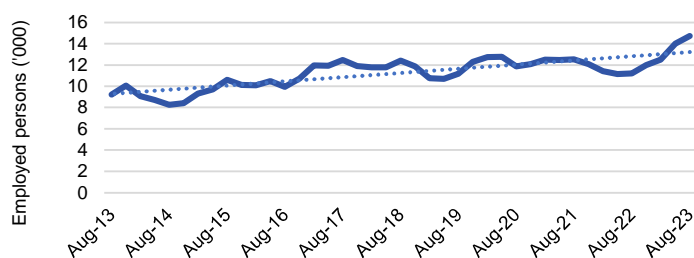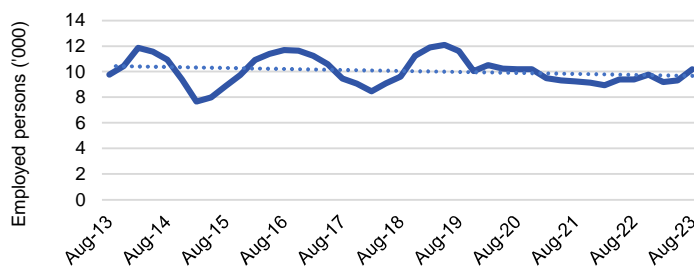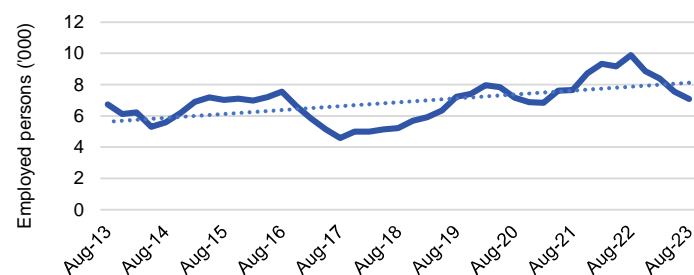|	
Number employed (Aug-23):	7,100
1 year employment change:	-28.4%
5 year employment change:	35.8%
10 year employment change:	5.3%
Youth share of employment:	9.1%
Mature age share of employment:	6.6%

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?

Industry	Percentage
Retail Trade	19.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	19.2%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	12.6%
Manufacturing	9.6%
Construction	9.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	8.6%
Other Services	4.5%
Education and Training	4.3%
Administrative and Support Services	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	2.1%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1.7%
Public Administration and Safety	1.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1.6%
Arts and Recreation Services	1.0%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.5%
Financial and Insurance Services	0.5%
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.5%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.4%
Mining	0.3%

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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

Industry	Percentage
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	25.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.2%
Manufacturing	8.9%
Retail Trade	7.7%
Construction	6.6%
Education and Training	6.4%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.7%
Public Administration and Safety	4.4%
Administrative and Support Services	3.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	3.8%
Other Services	3.3%
Wholesale Trade	2.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.5%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.0%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.0%
Financial and Insurance Services	1.0%
Arts and Recreation Services	0.7%
Mining	0.7%
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.3%

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

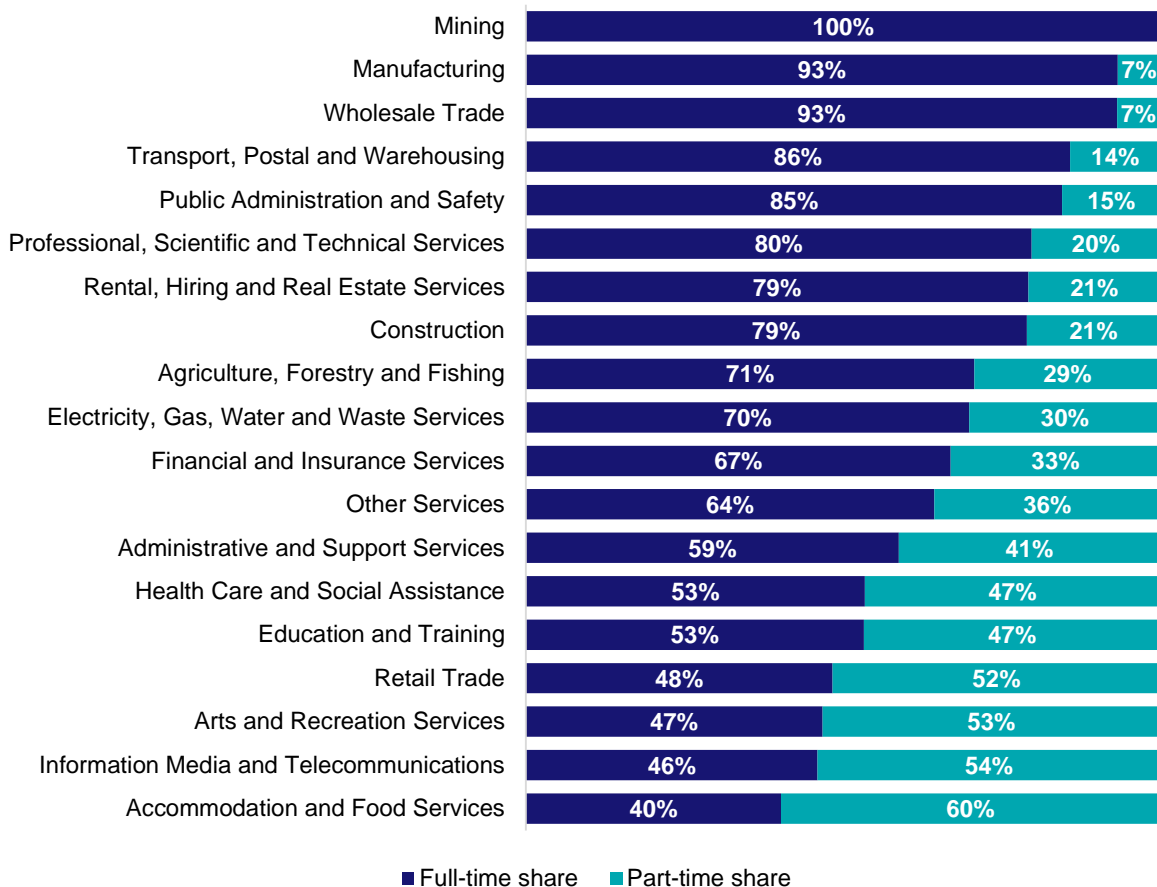| Industry	Female	Male
Health Care and Social Assistance	83%	17%
Education and Training	82%	18%
Financial and Insurance Services	68%	32%
Accommodation and Food Services	60%	40%
Administrative and Support Services	58%	42%
Retail Trade	49%	51%
Arts and Recreation Services	49%	51%
Public Administration and Safety	45%	55%
Other Services	45%	55%
Professional, Scientific and Technical…	45%	55%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	36%	64%
Information Media and Telecommunications	30%	70%
Construction	24%	76%
Manufacturing	23%	77%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	21%	79%
Wholesale Trade	20%	80%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	16%	84%
Mining	15%	85%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	5%	95%

■Female ■Male

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

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry

Industry	Full-time share	Part-time share
Mining	100%	
Manufacturing	93%	7%
Wholesale Trade	93%	7%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	86%	14%
Public Administration and Safety	85%	15%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	80%	20%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	79%	21%
Construction	79%	21%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	71%	29%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	70%	30%
Financial and Insurance Services	67%	33%
Other Services	64%	36%
Administrative and Support Services	59%	41%
Health Care and Social Assistance	53%	47%
Education and Training	53%	47%
Retail Trade	48%	52%
Arts and Recreation Services	47%	53%
Information Media and Telecommunications	46%	54%
Accommodation and Food Services	40%	60%

■Full-time share ■Part-time share

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

Appendix

Employment by industry, Murray and South East, 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	17.6	17.7	18.2	15.5	-0.5	-2.9	2.2	14.2	70.7	29.3	48
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.7	14.7	11.2	12.4	3.5	31.5	2.3	18.9	53.4	46.6	46
Manufacturing	10.2	10.2	9.4	9.6	0.8	8.6	0.6	6.1	93.3	6.7	43
Retail Trade	10.1	10.1	7.8	11.3	2.3	29.5	-1.2	-10.5	48.4	51.6	36
Construction	7.1	7.1	9.9	5.2	-2.8	-28.4	1.9	35.8	79.0	21.0	40
Education and Training	6.7	6.7	5.5	7.0	1.2	22.2	-0.3	-4.8	53.3	46.7	44
Accommodation and Food Services	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.5	0.4	7.7	-0.6	-9.2	40.2	59.8	27
Other Services	5.1	5.1	4.6	3.5	0.6	12.3	1.6	46.4	64.4	35.6	39
Public Administration and Safety	4.8	4.8	3.5	4.6	1.3	37.9	0.2	5.2	84.6	15.4	47
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.2	4.3	3.3	4.0	0.9	28.1	0.3	6.9	85.8	14.2	52
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	2.0	2.6	1.4	70.5	0.9	34.6	93.2	6.8	47
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	2.8	3.4	1.8	-0.6	-17.5	1.0	54.8	58.8	41.2	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.4	2.5	1.5	3.2	1.0	69.0	-0.8	-24.6	79.8	20.2	42
Mining	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.2	18.3	0.3	29.7	100.0	0.0	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.0	-0.1	-11.2	-0.9	-42.2	69.9	30.1	49
Arts and Recreation Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.1	15.1	0.3	38.5	46.8	53.2	34
Financial and Insurance Services	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.2	27.7	0.1	10.4	67.0	33.0	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	-0.4	-51.8	-0.2	-28.0	46.0	54.0	32
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.3	0.3	1.4	2.2	-1.1	-77.2	-1.9	-85.3	79.2	20.8	46
All industries	**100.0**	**100.3**	**91.9**	**94.5**	**8.5**	**9.2**	**5.8**	**6.2**	**67.5**	**32.5**	**44**

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.