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Employment Region Industry profile

Somerset Employment Region

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Overview

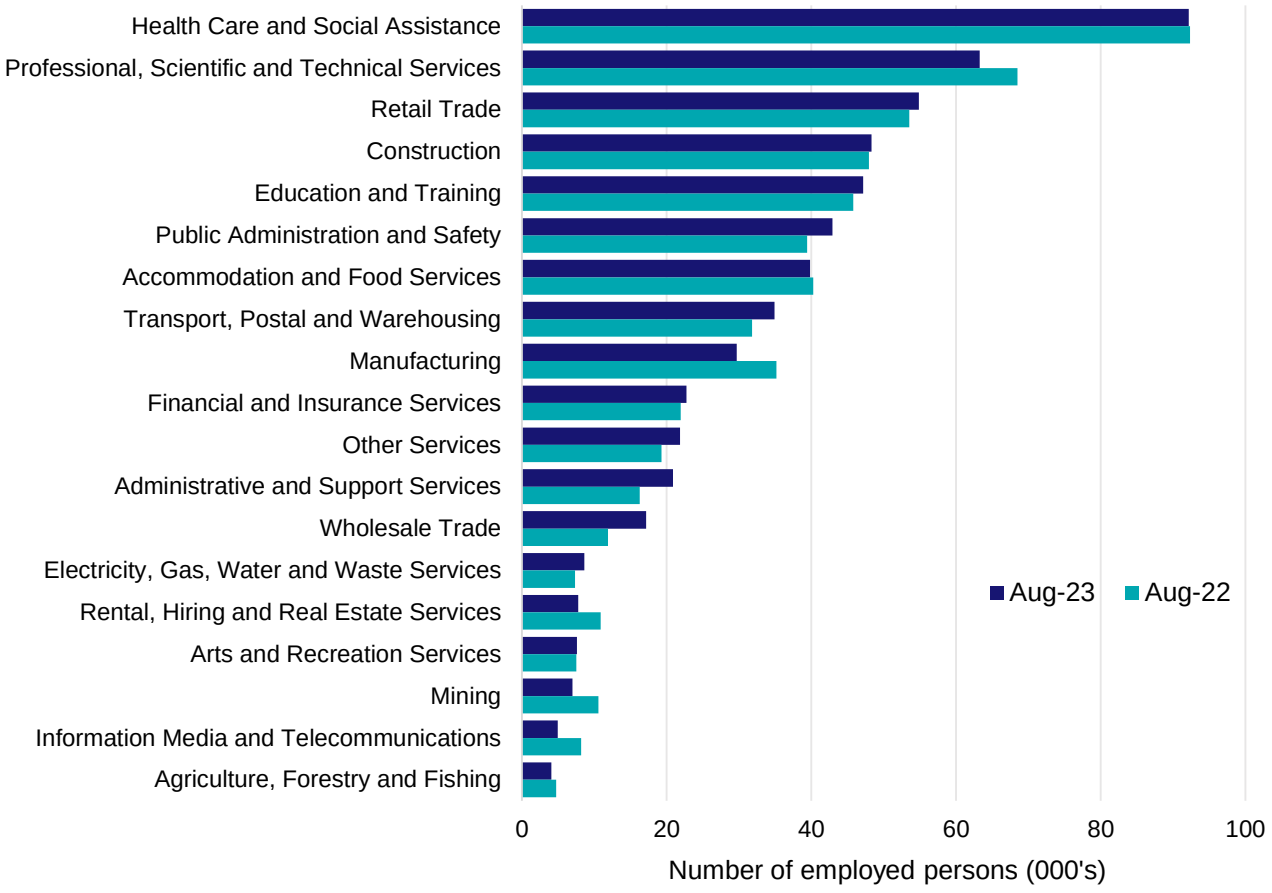
In August 2023, there were around 576,000 people employed in the Somerset Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Retail Trade, Construction, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 0.2% to stand at 92,200
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services fell by 7.7% to stand at 63,300
- Retail Trade rose by 2.4% to stand at 54,900.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Somerset Employment Region, 61% of workers were employed full-time; 76% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 40.

Employment by industry, August 2023 and August 2022



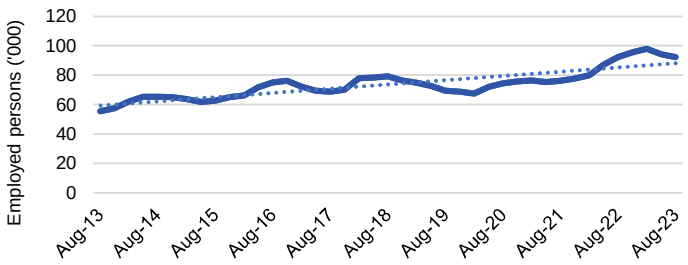
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the combined SA4s of Brisbane - North; Brisbane Inner City; Moreton Bay - North: and Moreton Bay - South.

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

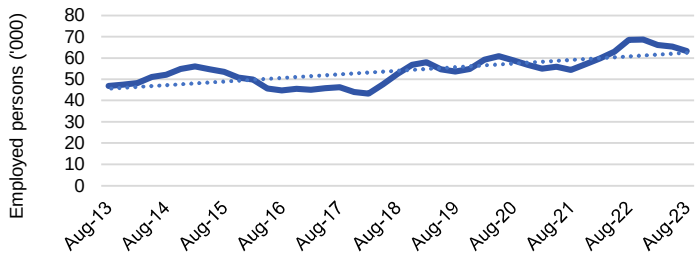
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance



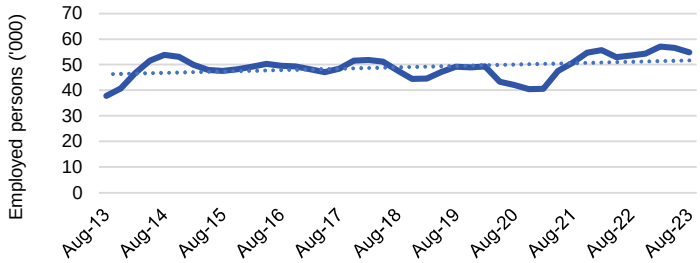
Number employed (Aug-23):	92,200
1 year employment change:	-0.2%
5 year employment change:	16.5%
10 year employment change:	66.0%
Youth share of employment:	11.8%
Mature age share of employment:	18.7%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



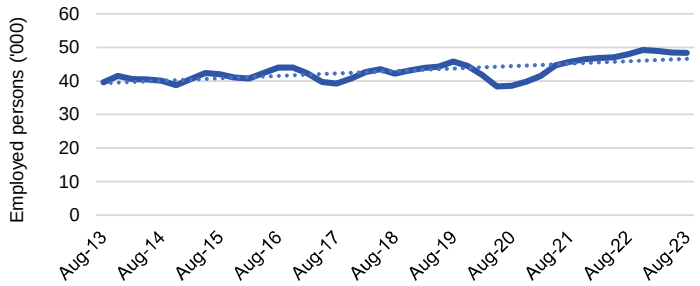
Number employed (Aug-23):	63,300
1 year employment change:	-7.7%
5 year employment change:	20.2%
10 year employment change:	35.0%
Youth share of employment:	6.4%
Mature age share of employment:	9.1%

Retail Trade



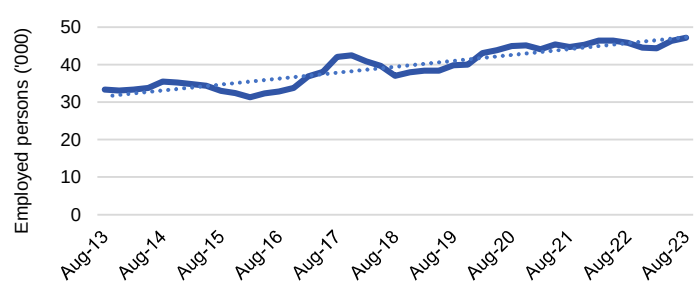
Number employed (Aug-23):	54,900
1 year employment change:	2.4%
5 year employment change:	15.1%
10 year employment change:	44.8%
Youth share of employment:	19.0%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

Construction



Number employed (Aug-23):	48,300
1 year employment change:	0.8%
5 year employment change:	14.7%
10 year employment change:	22.0%
Youth share of employment:	7.6%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

Education and Training



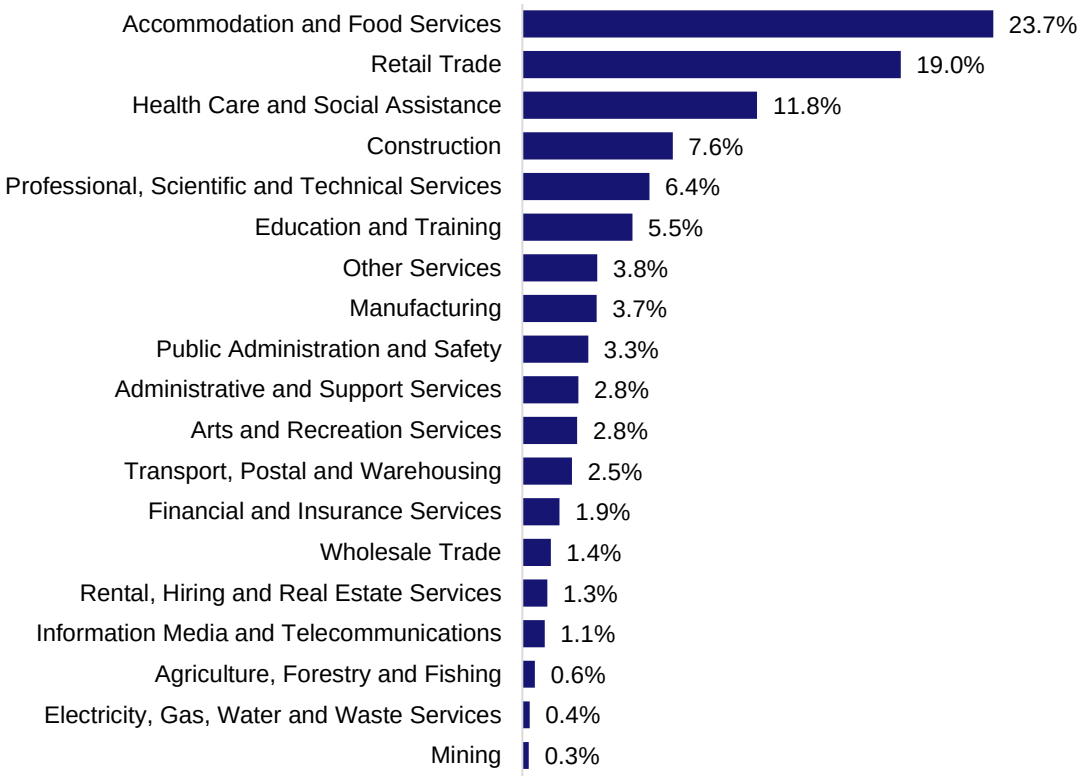
Number employed (Aug-23):	47,200
1 year employment change:	3.0%
5 year employment change:	27.7%
10 year employment change:	41.6%
Youth share of employment:	5.5%
Mature age share of employment:	11.1%

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.

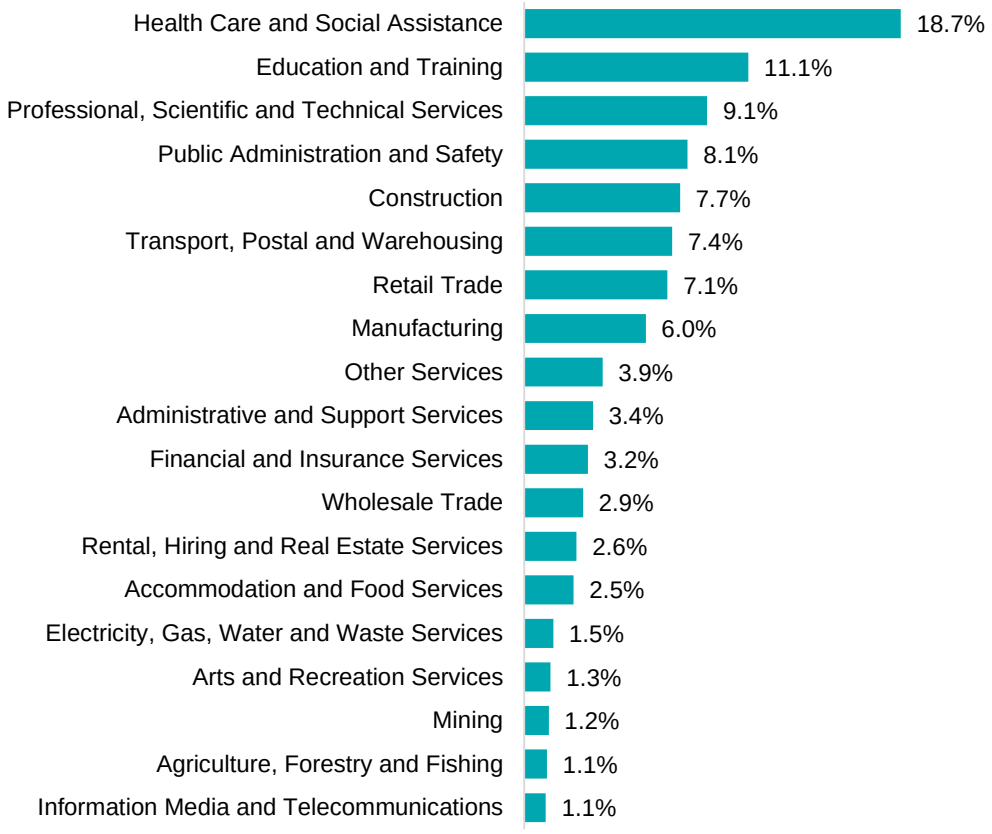
Employment characteristics by Industry

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?



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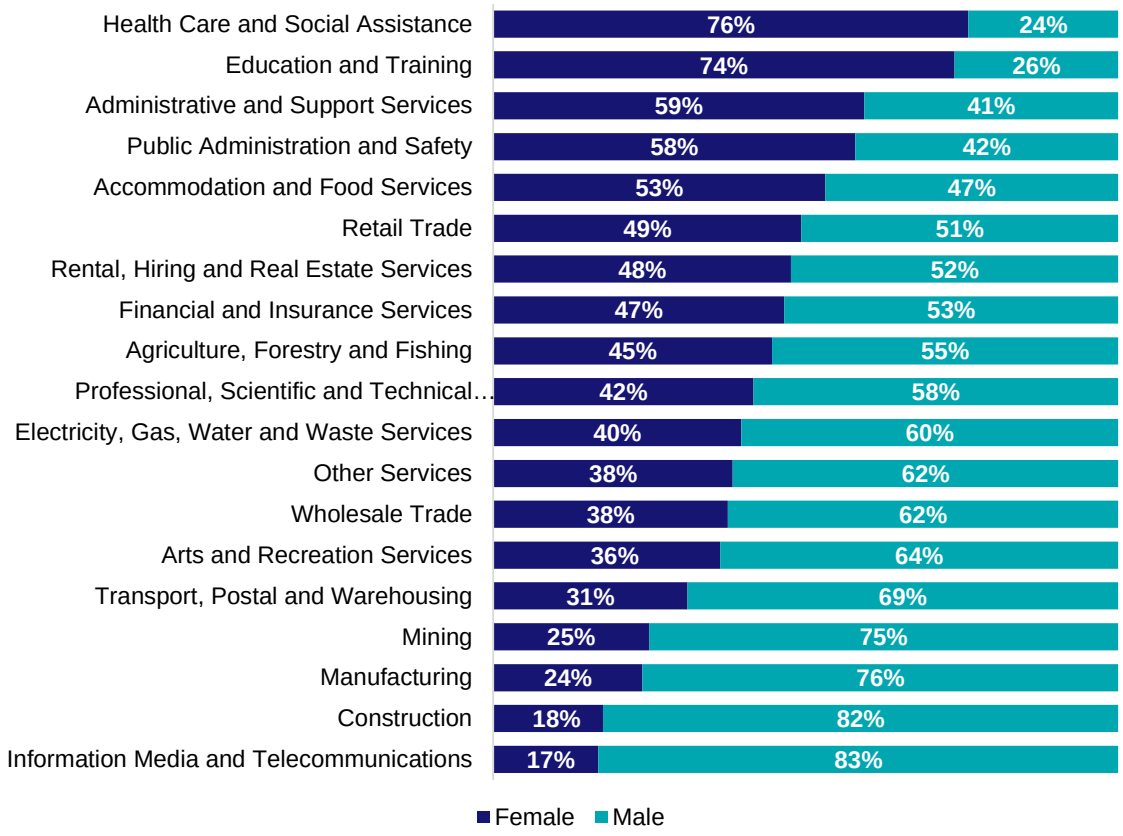
Gender share by industry



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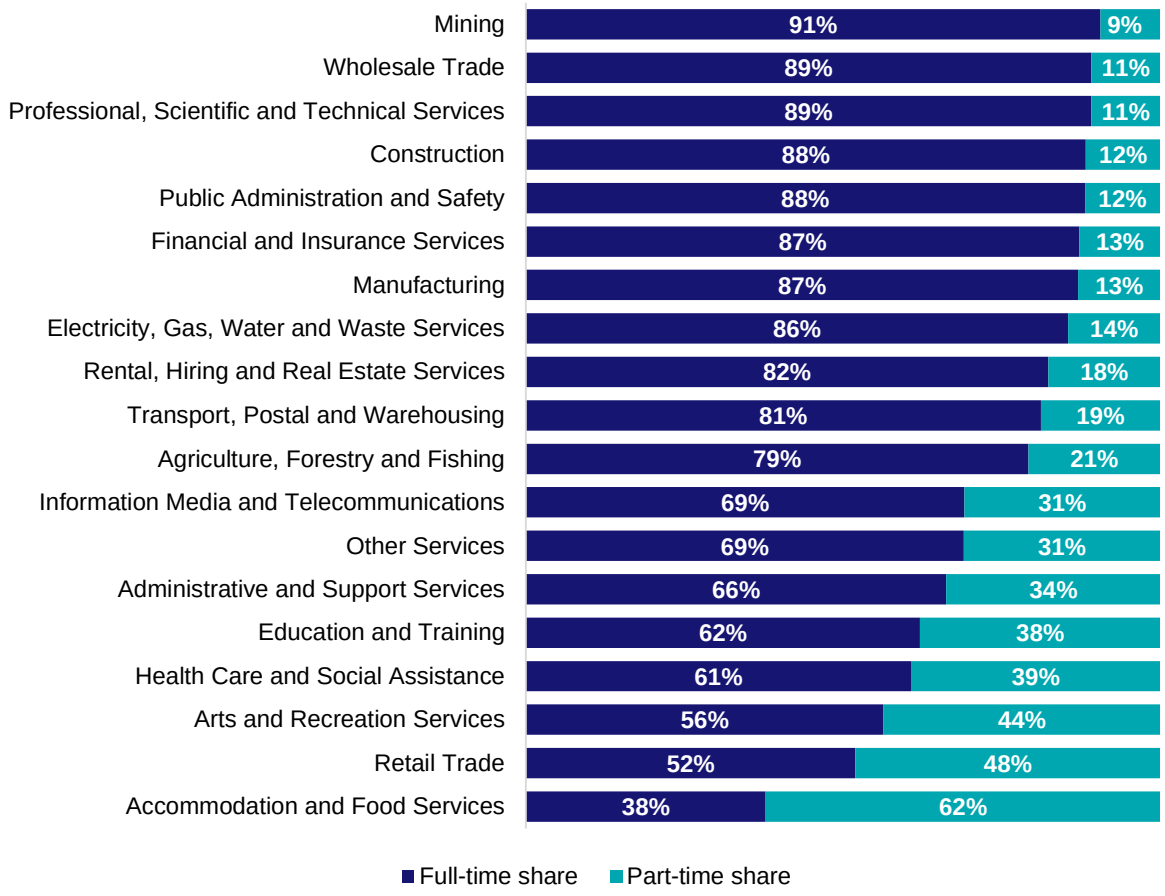
Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Somerset, 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)	%			
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.0	92.2	92.4	79.1	-0.2	-0.2	13.1	16.5	60.7	39.3	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	11.0	63.3	68.5	52.6	-5.3	-7.7	10.7	20.2	89.1	10.9	39
Retail Trade	9.5	54.9	53.6	47.7	1.3	2.4	7.2	15.1	51.9	48.1	31
Construction	8.4	48.3	48.0	42.2	0.4	0.8	6.2	14.7	88.3	11.7	38
Education and Training	8.2	47.2	45.8	37.0	1.4	3.0	10.2	27.7	62.1	37.9	43
Public Administration and Safety	7.5	42.9	39.4	33.5	3.5	8.8	9.4	28.0	88.2	11.8	42
Accommodation and Food Services	6.9	39.8	40.3	35.1	-0.4	-1.1	4.7	13.5	37.8	62.2	23
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.1	34.9	31.8	30.0	3.1	9.7	4.9	16.3	81.2	18.8	43
Manufacturing	5.2	29.7	35.2	33.0	-5.5	-15.6	-3.3	-9.9	87.1	12.9	42
Financial and Insurance Services	3.9	22.7	22.0	21.6	0.8	3.5	1.1	5.2	87.3	12.7	40
Other Services	3.8	21.9	19.3	17.2	2.6	13.3	4.7	27.2	69.1	30.9	37
Administrative and Support Services	3.6	20.9	16.3	17.3	4.6	28.1	3.6	21.1	66.3	33.7	38
Wholesale Trade	3.0	17.2	11.9	15.7	5.3	44.2	1.5	9.3	89.1	10.9	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.5	8.7	7.4	7.0	1.3	17.7	1.7	23.7	85.5	14.5	44
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.4	7.8	10.9	12.9	-3.1	-28.5	-5.1	-39.8	82.4	17.6	40
Arts and Recreation Services	1.3	7.6	7.6	8.5	0.0	0.6	-0.9	-10.8	56.4	43.6	32
Mining	1.2	7.0	10.6	6.8	-3.6	-34.0	0.2	2.2	90.6	9.4	41
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.9	5.0	8.2	8.9	-3.2	-39.5	-3.9	-44.1	69.2	30.8	37
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.7	4.1	4.7	4.0	-0.7	-14.4	0.1	1.6	79.2	20.8	37
All industries	**100.0**	**576.0**	**573.8**	**510.1**	**2.2**	**0.4**	**65.9**	**12.9**	**72.1**	**27.9**	**38**

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.