Employment Region Industry profile

Wimmera/Mallee Employment Region

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Overview

In August 2023, there were around 85,700 people employed in the Wimmera/Mallee Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Construction, Retail Trade, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 0.8% to stand at 14,600
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 33.2% to stand at 12,200
- Construction rose by 1.7% to stand at 8,200.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Wimmera/Mallee Employment Region, 67% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 45.

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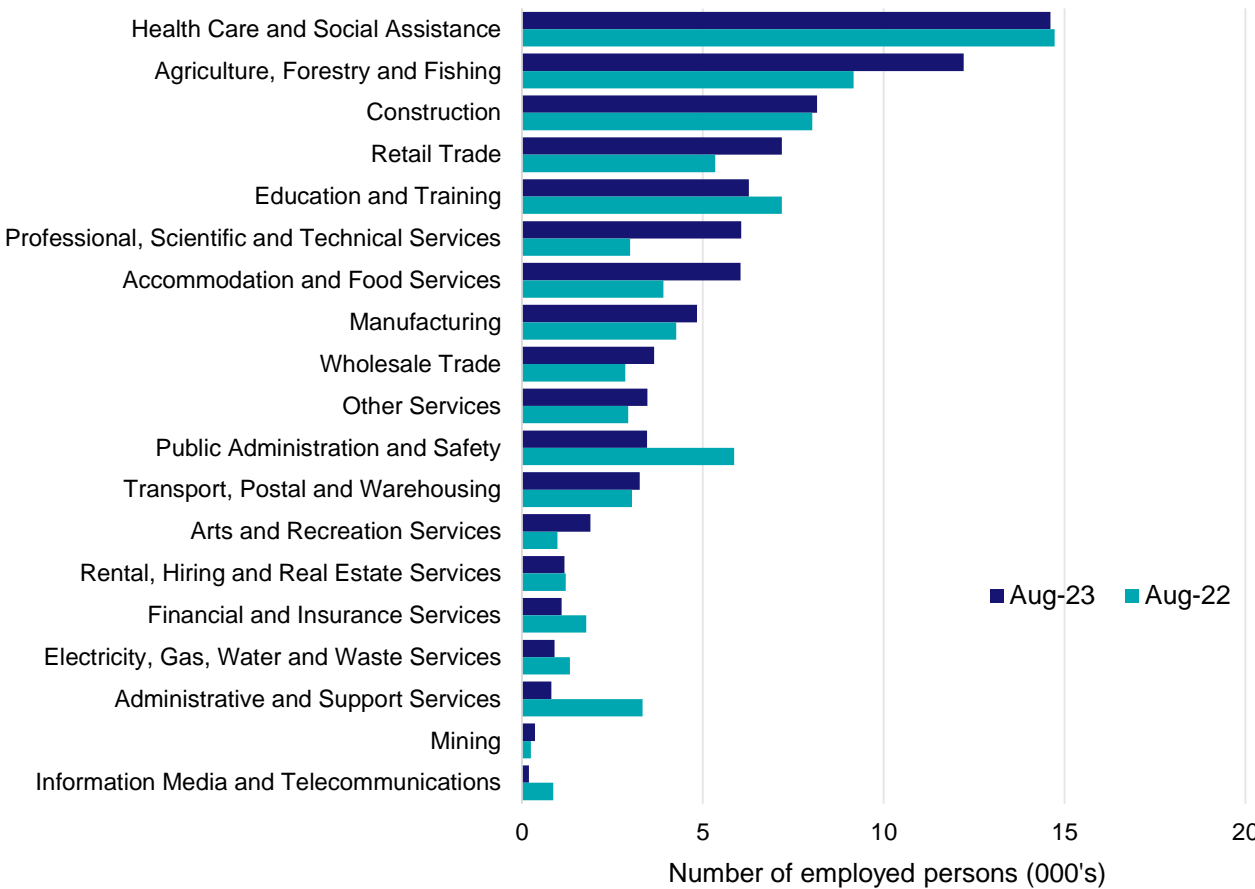
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the Victoria - North West 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

Health Care and Social Assistance
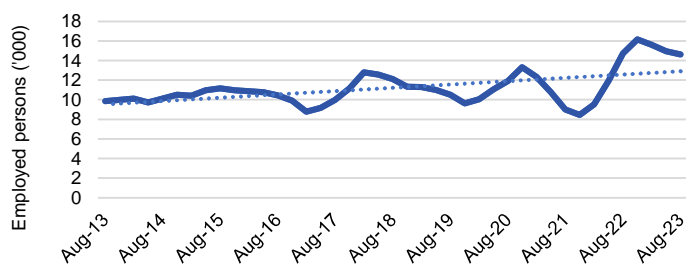
Number employed (Aug-23):	14,600
1 year employment change:	-0.8%
5 year employment change:	20.7%
10 year employment change:	48.3%
Youth share of employment:	10.6%
Mature age share of employment:	16.5%

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Number employed (Aug-23):	12,200
1 year employment change:	33.2%
5 year employment change:	-19.8%
10 year employment change:	9.2%
Youth share of employment:	10.4%
Mature age share of employment:	23.8%

Construction

Number employed (Aug-23):	8,200
1 year employment change:	1.7%
5 year employment change:	92.1%
10 year employment change:	74.5%
Youth share of employment:	10.6%
Mature age share of employment:	6.0%

Retail Trade
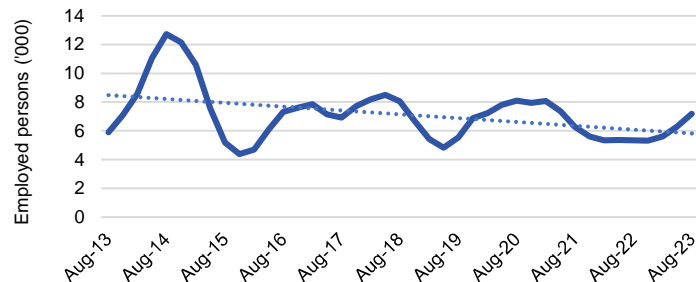
Number employed (Aug-23):	7,200
1 year employment change:	34.4%
5 year employment change:	-10.9%
10 year employment change:	21.8%
Youth share of employment:	21.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.5%

Education and Training

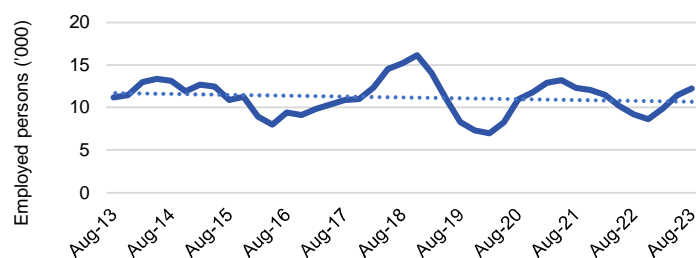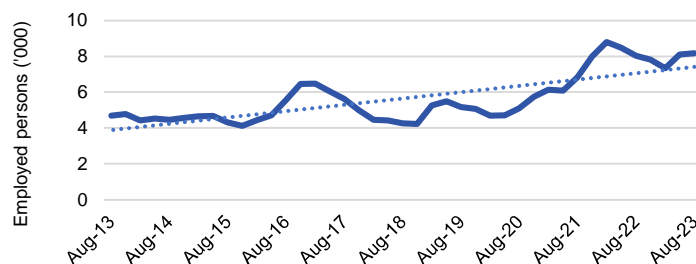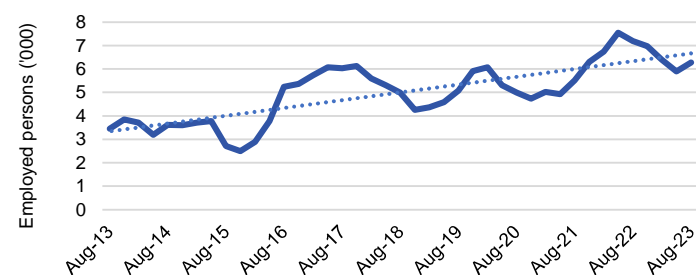|	
Number employed (Aug-23):	6,300
1 year employment change:	-12.8%
5 year employment change:	25.8%
10 year employment change:	81.8%
Youth share of employment:	4.3%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

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	21.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	15.9%
Construction	10.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10.6%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	10.4%
Manufacturing	6.6%
Education and Training	4.3%
Other Services	4.3%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	2.5%
Administrative and Support Services	2.2%
Public Administration and Safety	2.1%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2.0%
Arts and Recreation Services	1.8%
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7%
Mining	0.7%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.6%
Financial and Insurance Services	0.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.2%

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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

Industry	Percentage
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	23.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.5%
Education and Training	7.6%
Retail Trade	7.5%
Public Administration and Safety	6.3%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.1%
Construction	6.0%
Manufacturing	5.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	3.8%
Other Services	3.2%
Administrative and Support Services	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	3.0%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.4%
Arts and Recreation Services	0.9%
Financial and Insurance Services	0.9%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.8%
Mining	0.6%
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4%

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

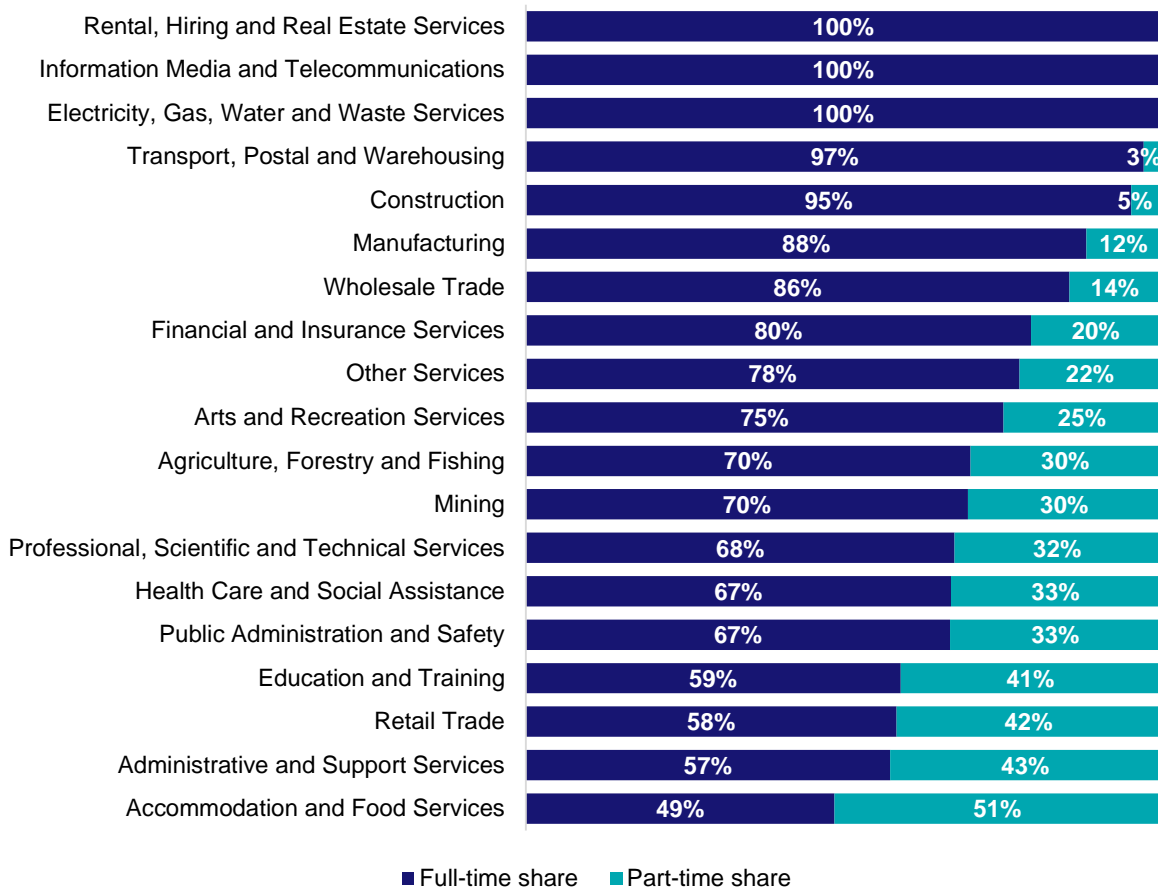| Industry	Female	Male
Accommodation and Food Services	77%	23%
Education and Training	75%	25%
Health Care and Social Assistance	73%	27%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	57%	43%
Professional, Scientific and Technical…	46%	54%
Other Services	44%	56%
Arts and Recreation Services	42%	58%
Financial and Insurance Services	40%	60%
Retail Trade	39%	61%
Manufacturing	35%	65%
Wholesale Trade	32%	68%
Administrative and Support Services	30%	70%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	29%	71%
Public Administration and Safety	28%	72%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	23%	77%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	21%	79%
Construction	12%	88%
Mining		100%
Information Media and Telecommunications		100%

■ 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
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	100%	
Information Media and Telecommunications	100%	
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	100%	
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	97%	3%
Construction	95%	5%
Manufacturing	88%	12%
Wholesale Trade	86%	14%
Financial and Insurance Services	80%	20%
Other Services	78%	22%
Arts and Recreation Services	75%	25%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	70%	30%
Mining	70%	30%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	68%	32%
Health Care and Social Assistance	67%	33%
Public Administration and Safety	67%	33%
Education and Training	59%	41%
Retail Trade	58%	42%
Administrative and Support Services	57%	43%
Accommodation and Food Services	49%	51%

■ Full-time share ■ Part-time share

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

Appendix

Employment by industry, Wimmera/Mallee, 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	17.0	14.6	14.7	12.1	-0.1	-0.8	2.5	20.7	67.0	33.0	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	14.3	12.2	9.2	15.2	3.0	33.2	-3.0	-19.8	70.1	29.9	49
Construction	9.5	8.2	8.0	4.3	0.1	1.7	3.9	92.1	95.5	4.5	38
Retail Trade	8.4	7.2	5.3	8.1	1.8	34.4	-0.9	-10.9	58.5	41.5	36
Education and Training	7.3	6.3	7.2	5.0	-0.9	-12.8	1.3	25.8	59.1	40.9	45
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7.1	6.1	3.0	4.3	3.1	102.7	1.7	40.3	67.6	32.4	41
Accommodation and Food Services	7.1	6.0	3.9	6.0	2.1	54.4	0.1	1.4	48.7	51.3	30
Manufacturing	5.6	4.8	4.3	4.3	0.6	13.4	0.6	13.4	88.4	11.6	41
Wholesale Trade	4.3	3.7	2.9	2.2	0.8	27.6	1.4	62.4	85.7	14.3	44
Other Services	4.0	3.5	2.9	3.5	0.5	17.9	-0.1	-1.5	77.8	22.2	38
Public Administration and Safety	4.0	3.5	5.9	2.9	-2.4	-41.0	0.6	19.4	66.9	33.1	47
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.8	3.3	3.0	3.2	0.2	7.2	0.1	2.1	97.4	2.6	51
Arts and Recreation Services	2.2	1.9	1.0	1.2	0.9	92.4	0.7	56.3	75.3	24.7	39
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	-3.0	0.1	8.4	100.0	0.0	46
Financial and Insurance Services	1.3	1.1	1.8	0.4	-0.7	-37.9	0.7	199.1	79.6	20.4	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.1	-0.4	-31.9	-0.2	-20.5	100.0	0.0	47
Administrative and Support Services	1.0	0.8	3.3	3.2	-2.5	-75.5	-2.3	-74.1	57.4	42.6	45
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.1	45.1	-0.6	-61.3	69.7	30.3	39
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.6	-0.7	-77.0	-0.4	-65.3	100.0	0.0	37
All industries	**100.0**	**85.7**	**80.1**	**79.6**	**5.6**	**7.0**	**6.2**	**7.8**	**72.4**	**27.6**	**43**

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.