



Employment Region Industry profile

North West Country SA Employment Region

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Overview

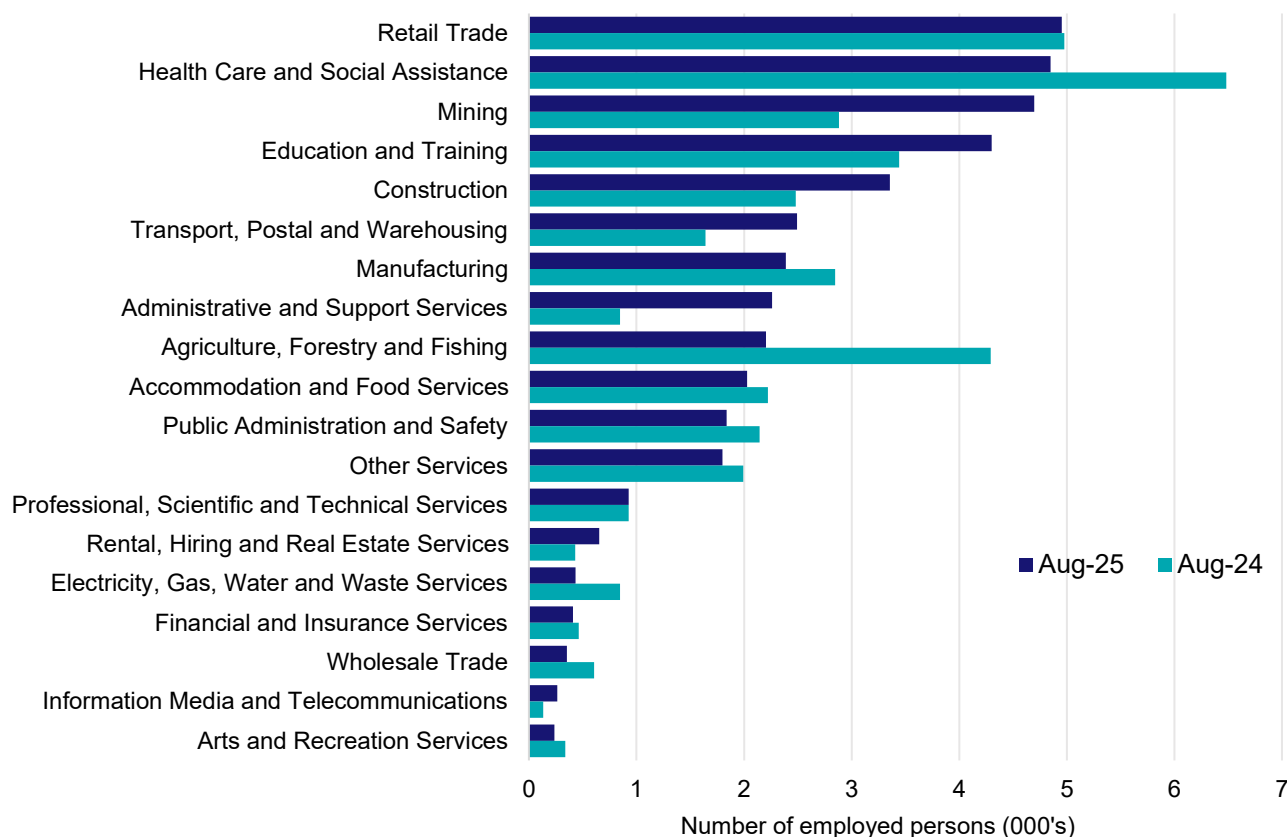
In August 2025, there were around 40,400 people employed in the North West Country SA Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Retail Trade, Health Care and Social Assistance, Mining, Education and Training, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 55% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2025, employment in:

- Retail Trade fell by 0.4% to stand at 5,000
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 25.2% to stand at 4,800
- Mining rose by 62.9% to stand at 4,700.

In Retail Trade in the North West Country SA Employment Region, 61% of workers were employed part-time; 55% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 35.

Employment by industry, August 2025 and August 2024



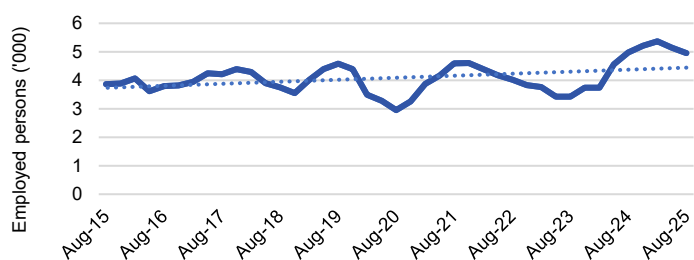
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2025. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) will not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (modelled estimates).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the South Australia - Outback SA4.

Notes: Data are the latest available. A high degree of caution should be exercised when interpreting data at the regional level, particularly in regards to percentage changes, given the volatility of the underlying data. For any enquiries related to the data in this report, please contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au

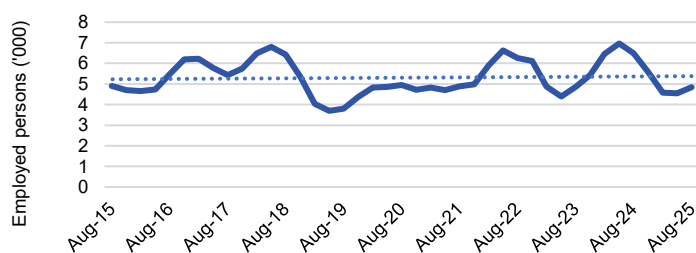
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Retail Trade



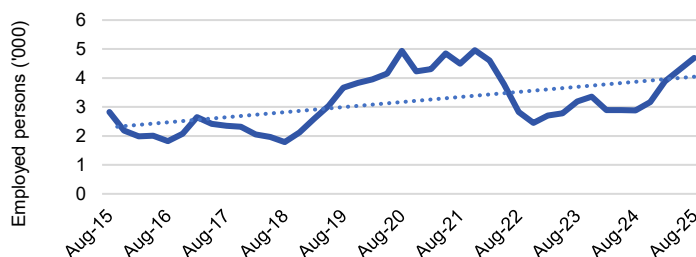
Number employed (Aug-25):	5,000
1 year employment change:	-0.4%
5 year employment change:	67.8%
10 year employment change:	28.4%
Youth share of employment:	22.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.7%

Health Care and Social Assistance



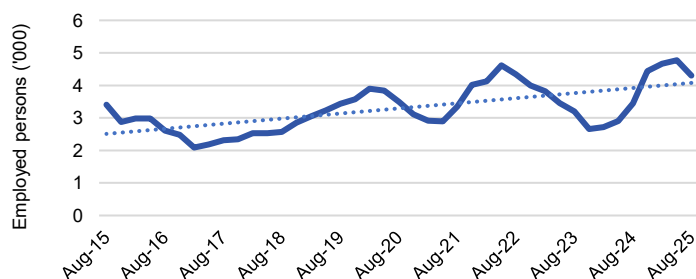
Number employed (Aug-25):	4,800
1 year employment change:	-25.2%
5 year employment change:	-2.0%
10 year employment change:	-1.0%
Youth share of employment:	11.1%
Mature age share of employment:	18.1%

Mining



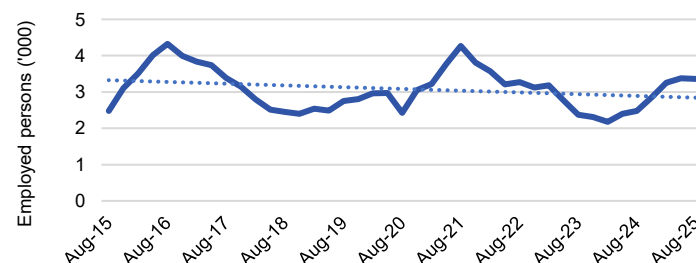
Number employed (Aug-25):	4,700
1 year employment change:	62.9%
5 year employment change:	-4.9%
10 year employment change:	66.1%
Youth share of employment:	2.2%
Mature age share of employment:	4.0%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-25):	4,300
1 year employment change:	25.0%
5 year employment change:	23.2%
10 year employment change:	26.3%
Youth share of employment:	4.5%
Mature age share of employment:	9.2%

Construction



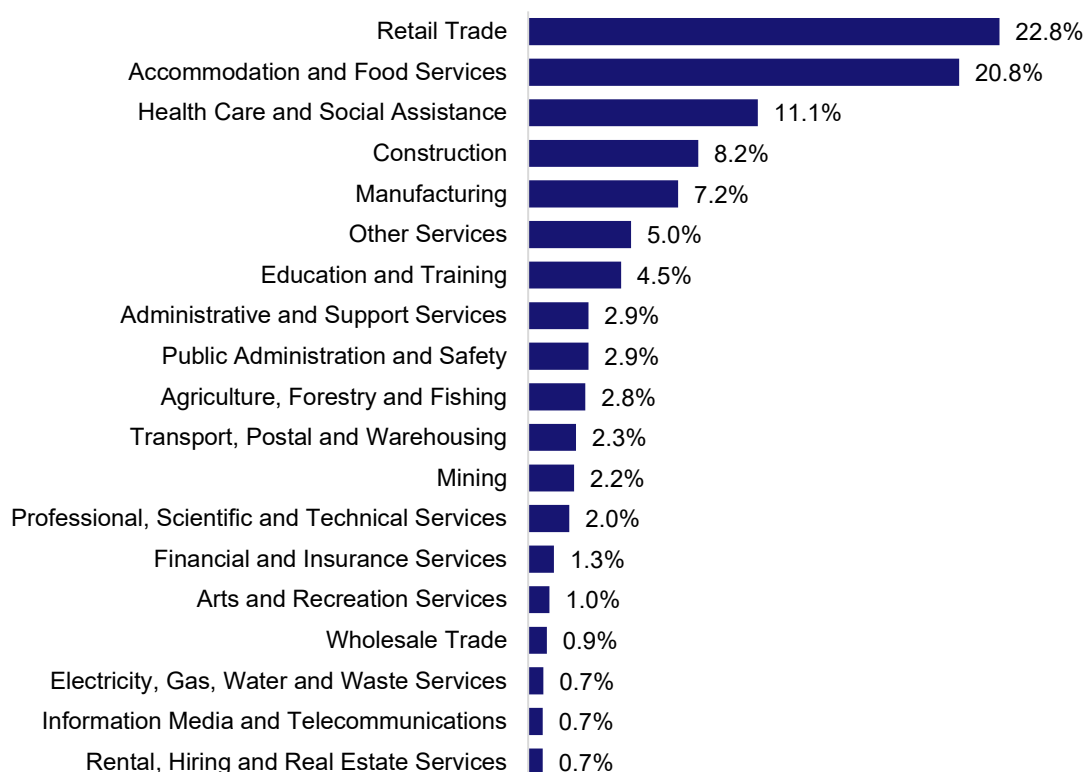
Number employed (Aug-25):	3,400
1 year employment change:	35.3%
5 year employment change:	38.4%
10 year employment change:	35.6%
Youth share of employment:	8.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.9%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2025, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Notes: 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. Given the volatility of the underlying data, employment estimates should be treated with a high degree of caution. Particular focus should be placed on the employment series over time to ascertain more reliable long-term growth trends.

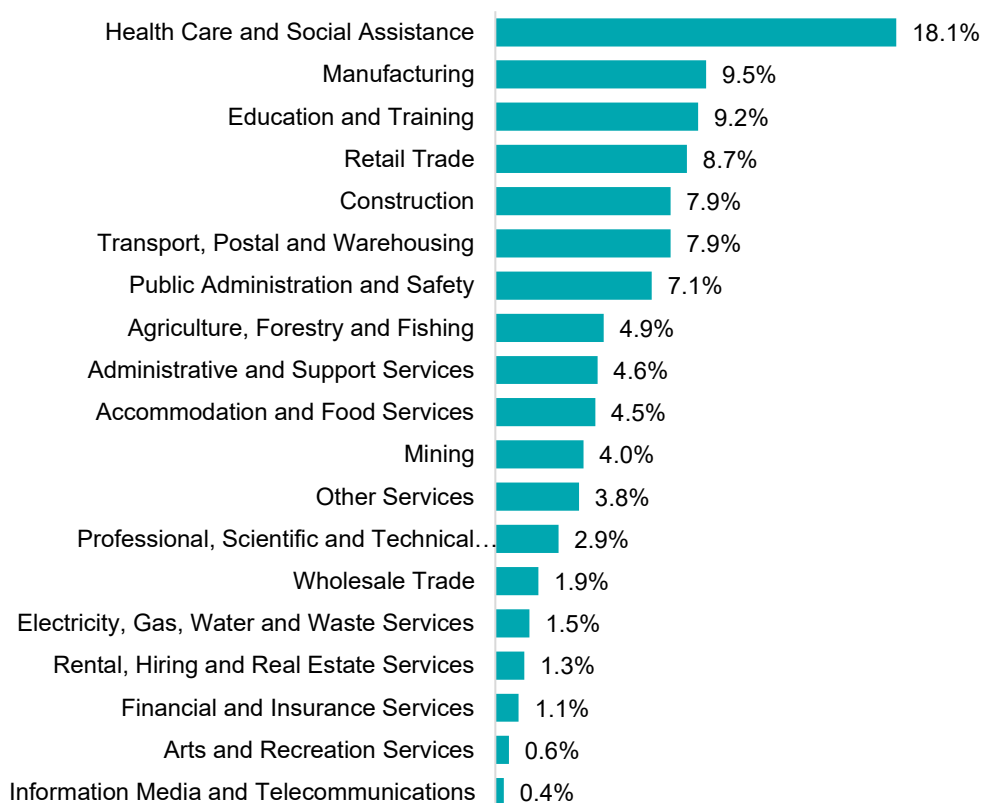
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



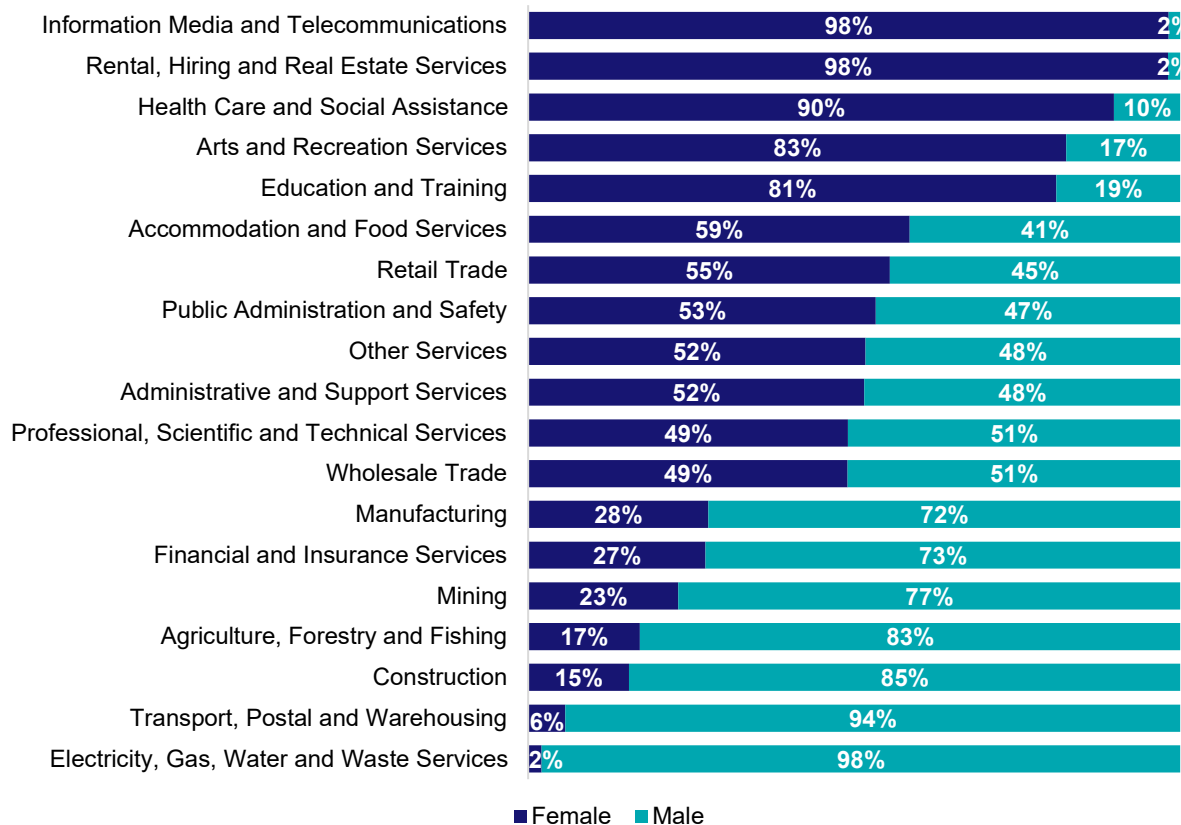
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



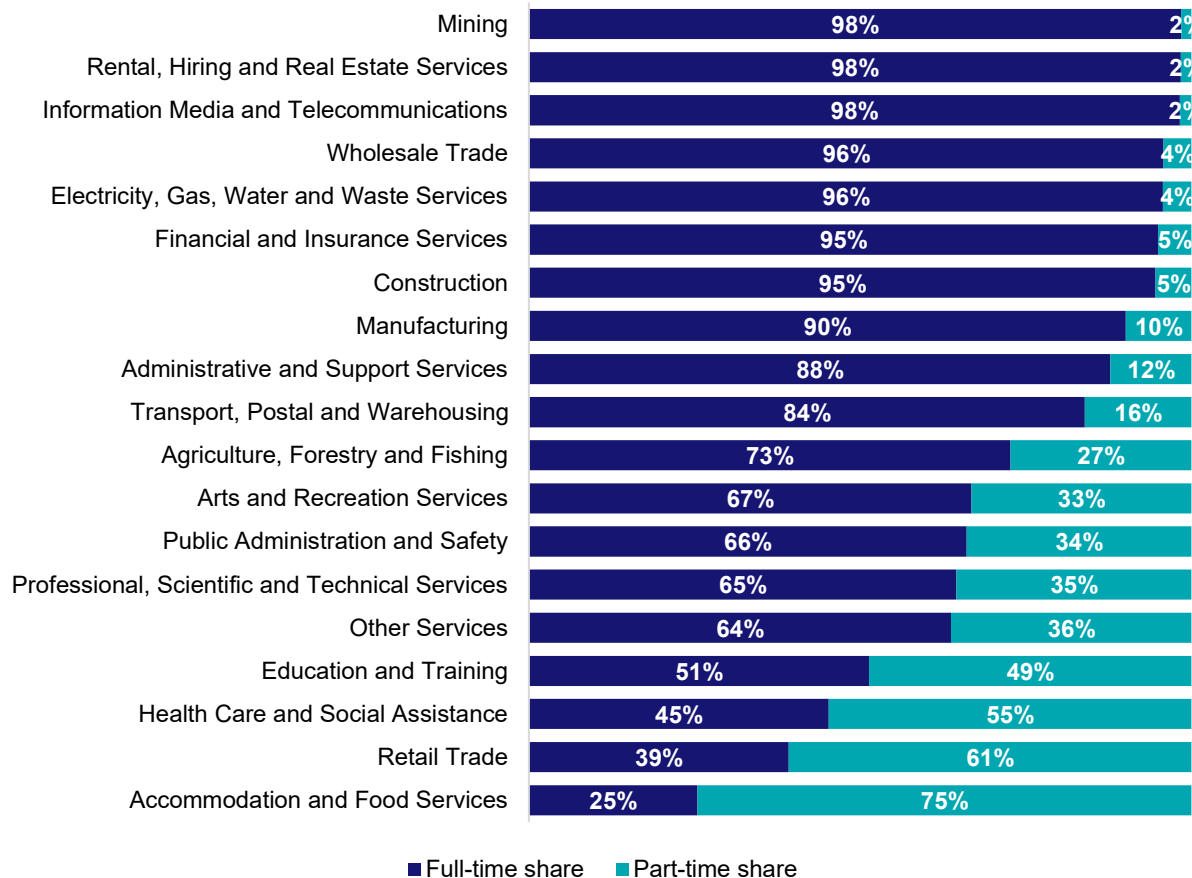
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2025.

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2025.

Appendix

Employment by industry, North West Country SA, August 2025

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-25 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-25	Aug-24	Aug-20			
Retail Trade	12.2	5.0	5.0	3.0	39.2	60.8	35
Health Care and Social Assistance	12.0	4.8	6.5	4.9	45.2	54.8	43
Mining	11.6	4.7	2.9	4.9	98.5	1.5	41
Education and Training	10.6	4.3	3.4	3.5	51.3	48.7	43
Construction	8.3	3.4	2.5	2.4	94.6	5.4	40
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.2	2.5	1.6	1.8	83.9	16.1	49
Manufacturing	5.9	2.4	2.8	2.1	90.1	9.9	42
Administrative and Support Services	5.6	2.3	0.8	1.4	87.8	12.2	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.4	2.2	4.3	3.9	72.7	27.3	41
Accommodation and Food Services	5.0	2.0	2.2	3.3	25.4	74.6	28
Public Administration and Safety	4.5	1.8	2.1	3.8	66.1	33.9	45
Other Services	4.4	1.8	2.0	1.8	63.8	36.2	38
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	64.6	35.4	41
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.2	98.4	1.6	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	95.7	4.3	44
Financial and Insurance Services	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.5	95.0	5.0	36
Wholesale Trade	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.2	95.8	4.2	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	98.3	1.7	43
Arts and Recreation Services	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	66.8	33.2	46
All industries	100.0	40.4	40.0	40.0	68.4	31.6	41

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2025. *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.