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Industry profile

South Australia

Release date: 17 October 2024

Overview

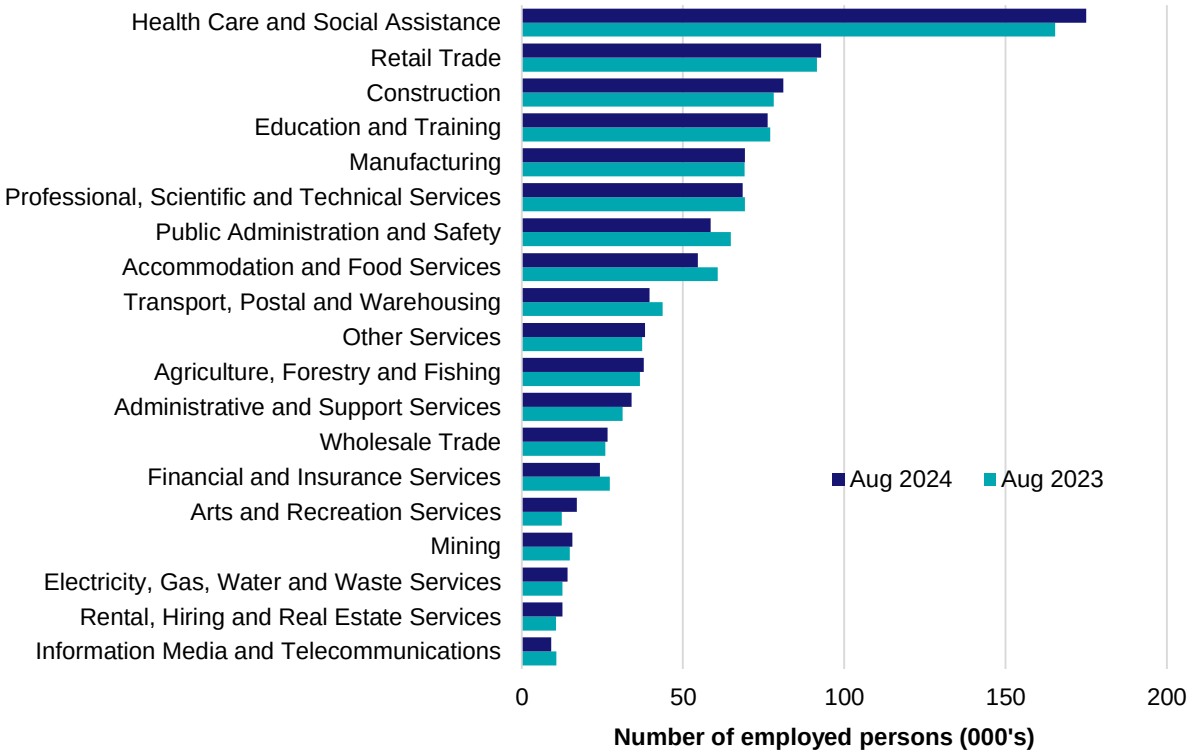
In August 2024, there were around 945,800 people employed in South Australia. The 5 largest employing industries in South Australia were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Education and Training and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of all employment.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 5.8% to stand at 175,000
- Retail Trade rose by 1.4% to stand at 92,800
- Construction rose by 3.8% to stand at 81,100.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in South Australia, 53% of workers were employed full-time; 76% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 42. Around 84% of employed persons in this industry were located in Greater Adelaide.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



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Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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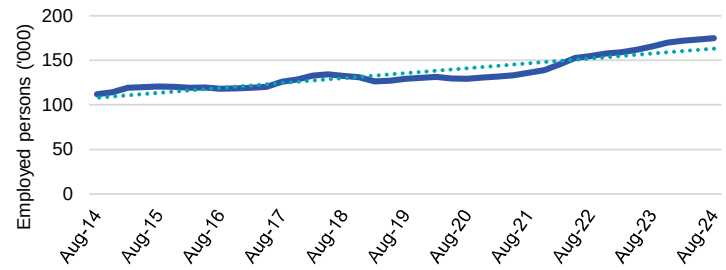
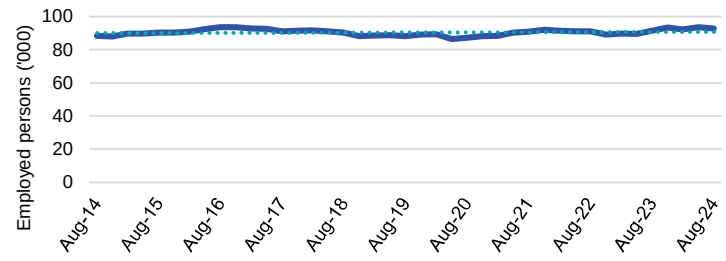


Number employed (Aug-24):	175,000
1 year employment change:	5.8%
5 year employment change:	35.5%
10 year employment change:	56.2%
Youth share of employment:	10.4%
Mature age share of employment:	18.5%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Aug-24):	92,800
1 year employment change:	1.4%
5 year employment change:	5.2%
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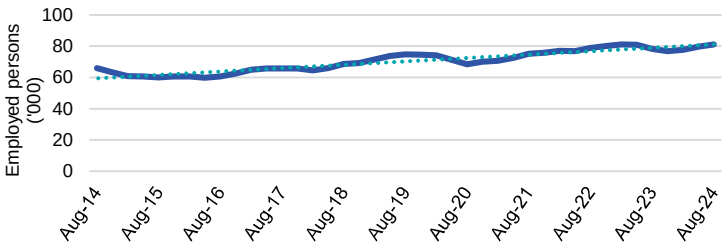
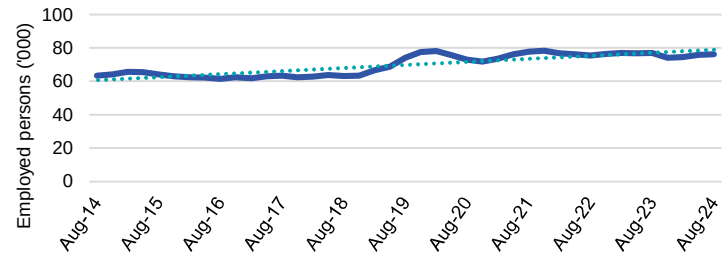
Youth share of employment:	22.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.5%

Construction



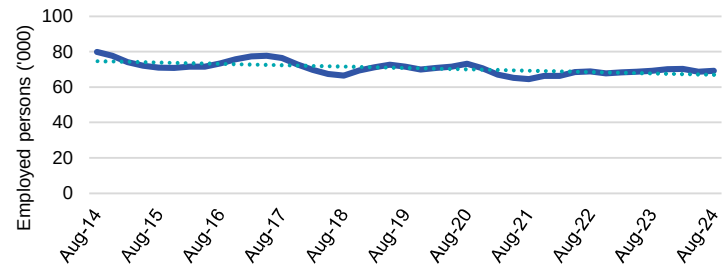
Number employed (Aug-24):	81,100
1 year employment change:	3.8%
5 year employment change:	8.5%
10 year employment change:	23.2%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-24):	76,300
1 year employment change:	-1.0%
5 year employment change:	3.1%
10 year employment change:	20.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.6%
Mature age share of employment:	9.9%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Aug-24):	69,300
1 year employment change:	0.2%
5 year employment change:	-3.2%
10 year employment change:	-13.3%
Youth share of employment:	5.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

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Employment characteristics by Industry

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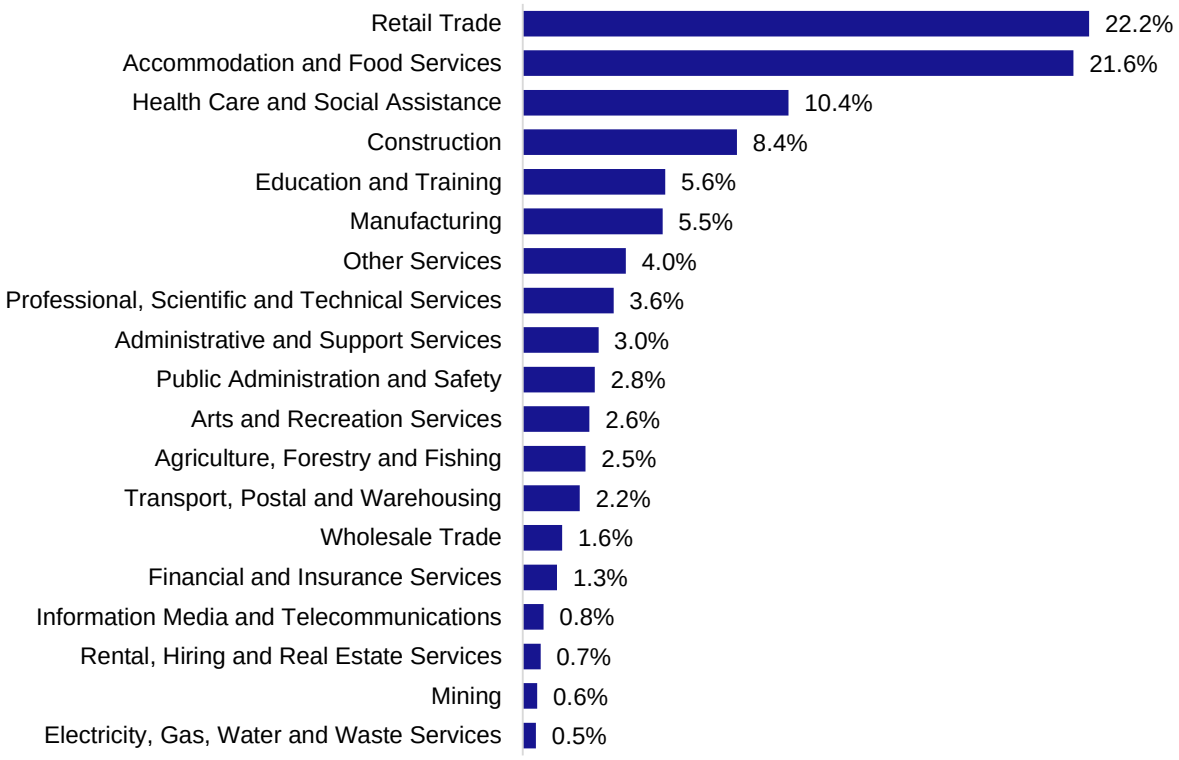

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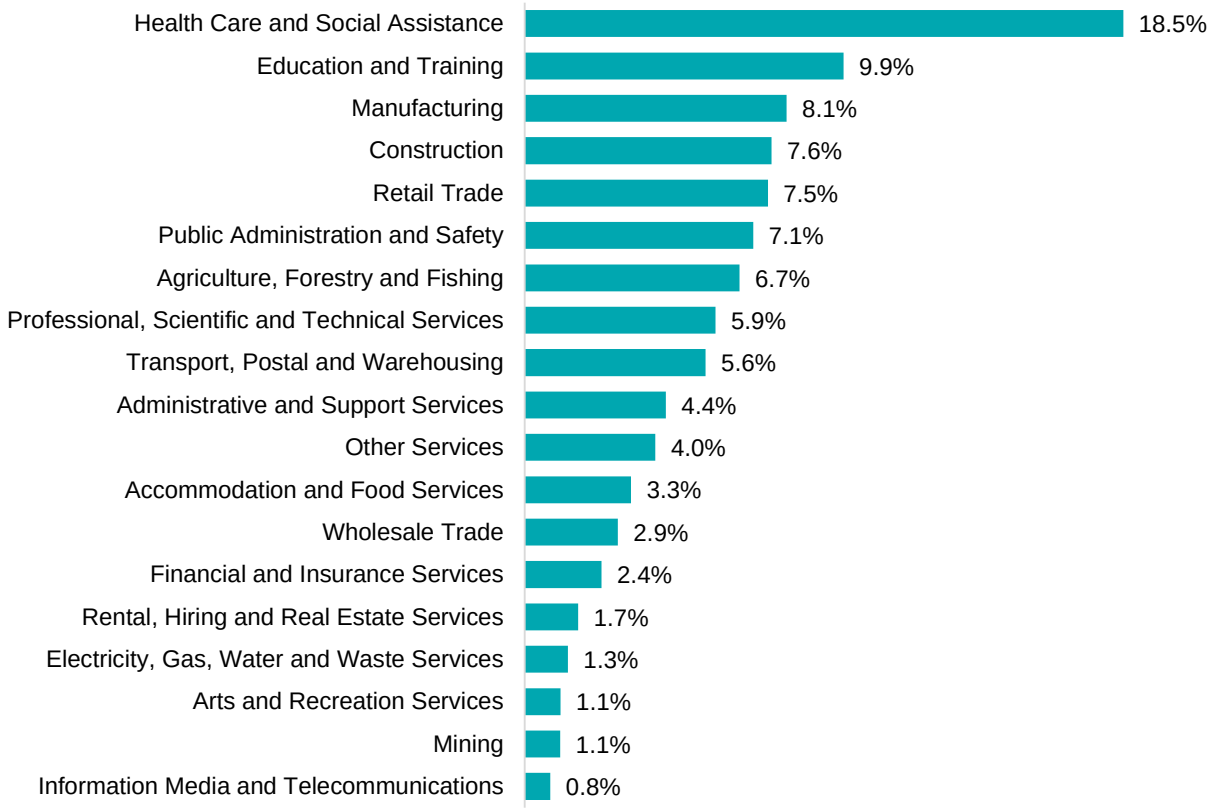

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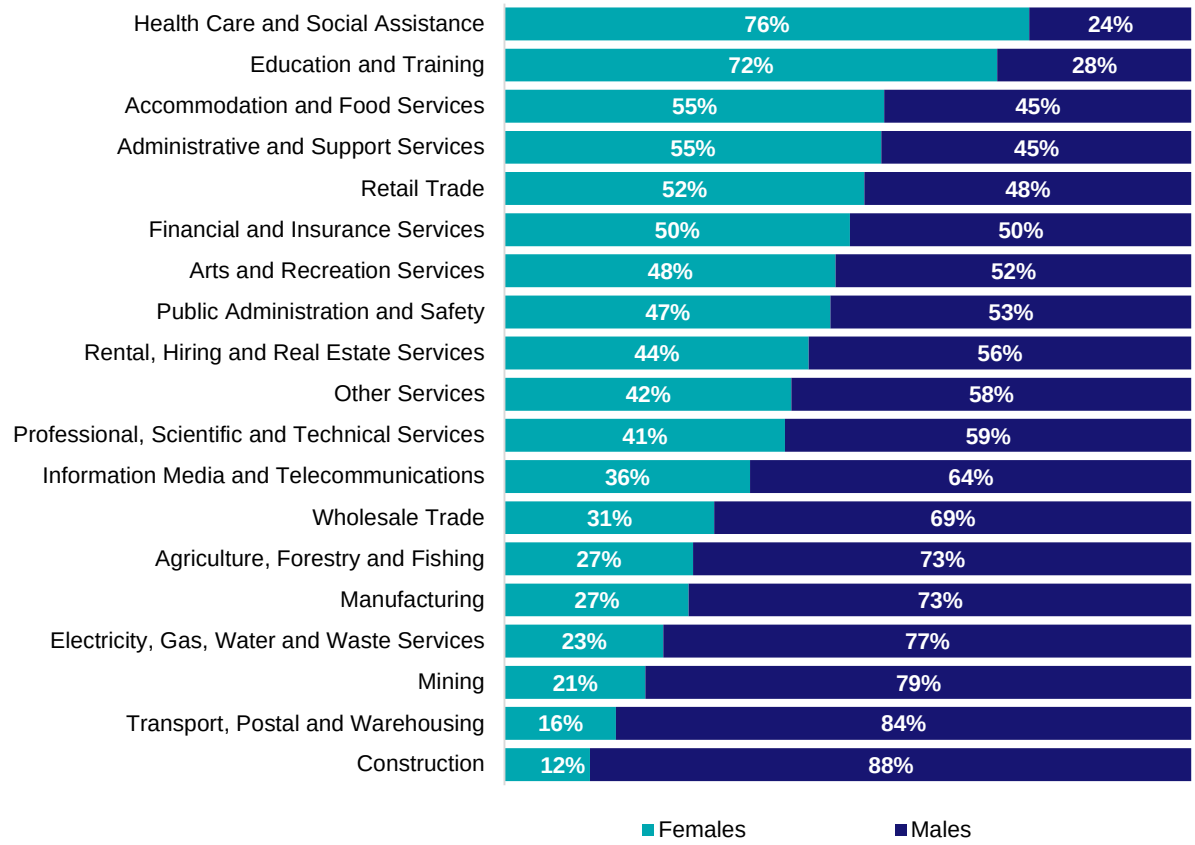

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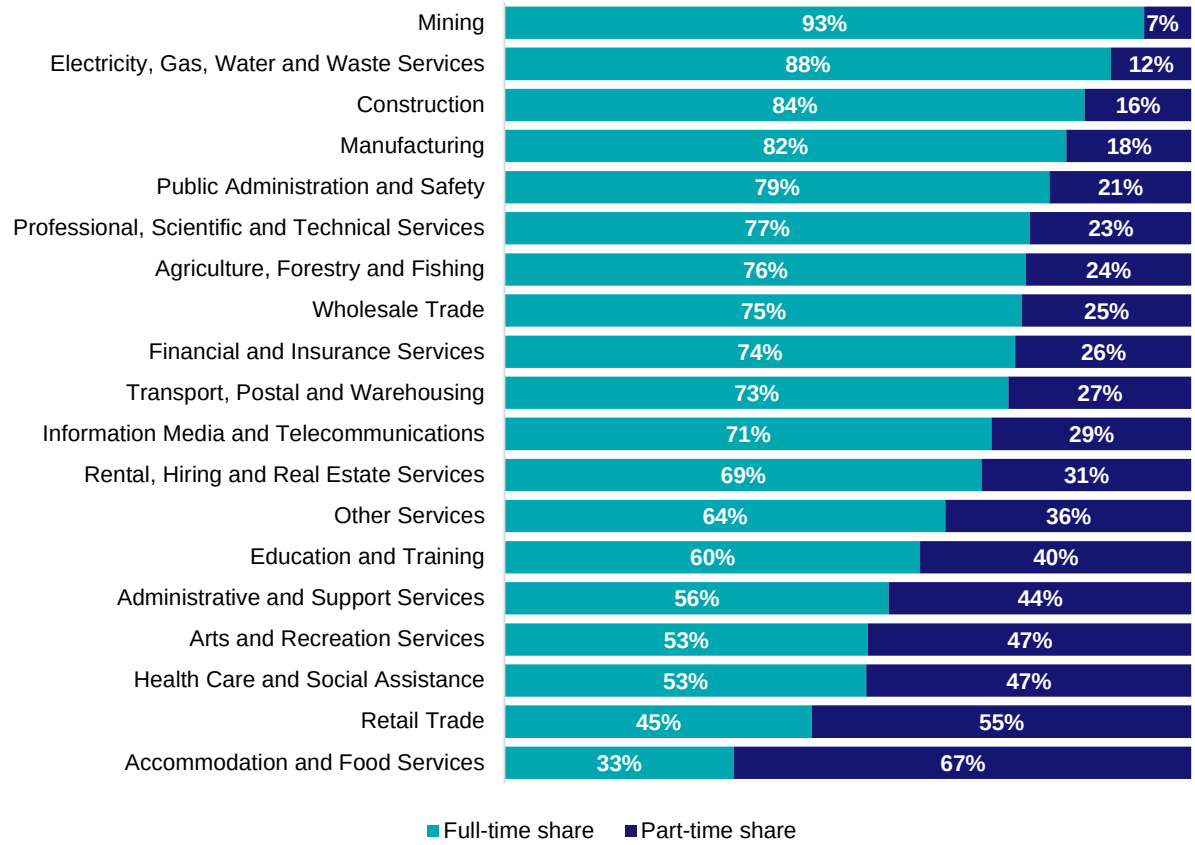

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Employment by industry, South Australia, August 2024

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Aug-24 (%)	Share of emp't in Greater Adelaide (%)	Share of emp't in Rest of SA (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
				Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	18.5	83.9	16.1	175.0	165.4	129.2	9.6	5.8	45.8	35.5	42
Retail Trade	9.8	78.4	21.6	92.8	91.5	88.2	1.3	1.4	4.6	5.2	33
Construction	8.6	80.9	19.1	81.1	78.1	74.8	3.0	3.8	6.3	8.5	39
Education and Training	8.1	82.7	17.3	76.3	77.0	74.0	-0.7	-1.0	2.3	3.1	43
Manufacturing	7.3	78.0	22.0	69.3	69.1	71.6	0.1	0.2	-2.3	-3.2	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7.2	93.5	6.5	68.5	69.2	56.8	-0.7	-1.0	11.8	20.7	41
Public Administration and Safety	6.2	86.9	13.1	58.6	64.9	53.4	-6.3	-9.7	5.2	9.7	44
Accommodation and Food Services	5.8	81.2	18.8	54.6	60.8	60.0	-6.1	-10.1	-5.4	-9.0	26
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.2	77.9	22.1	39.7	43.7	38.8	-4.0	-9.3	0.9	2.3	45
Other Services	4.0	78.0	22.0	38.3	37.4	34.6	0.9	2.4	3.7	10.8	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4.0	19.7	80.3	37.9	36.6	34.7	1.3	3.4	3.1	9.0	48
Administrative and Support Services	3.6	83.5	16.5	34.1	31.3	32.5	2.7	8.8	1.5	4.7	43
Wholesale Trade	2.8	83.1	16.9	26.6	25.9	24.5	0.7	2.6	2.1	8.5	45
Financial and Insurance Services	2.6	92.2	7.8	24.3	27.3	21.8	-3.0	-11.1	2.4	11.1	42
Arts and Recreation Services	1.8	86.0	14.0	17.1	12.4	13.0	4.7	37.7	4.0	31.0	35
Mining	1.7	56.6	43.4	15.7	14.9	12.8	0.8	5.4	2.9	23.0	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.5	81.6	18.4	14.2	12.6	13.0	1.6	12.5	1.3	9.8	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	90.6	9.4	12.7	10.7	11.6	2.0	18.6	1.1	9.7	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	87.0	13.0	9.2	10.7	10.6	-1.6	-14.7	-1.5	-13.7	39
All Industries	**100.0**	**80.1**	**19.9**	**945.8**	**939.7**	**855.8**	**6.1**	**0.7**	**90.0**	**10.5**	**41**

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, August 2024, four quarter averages. *Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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Employment Region Industry profile

Adelaide North Employment Region

Release date: 17 October 2024

Overview

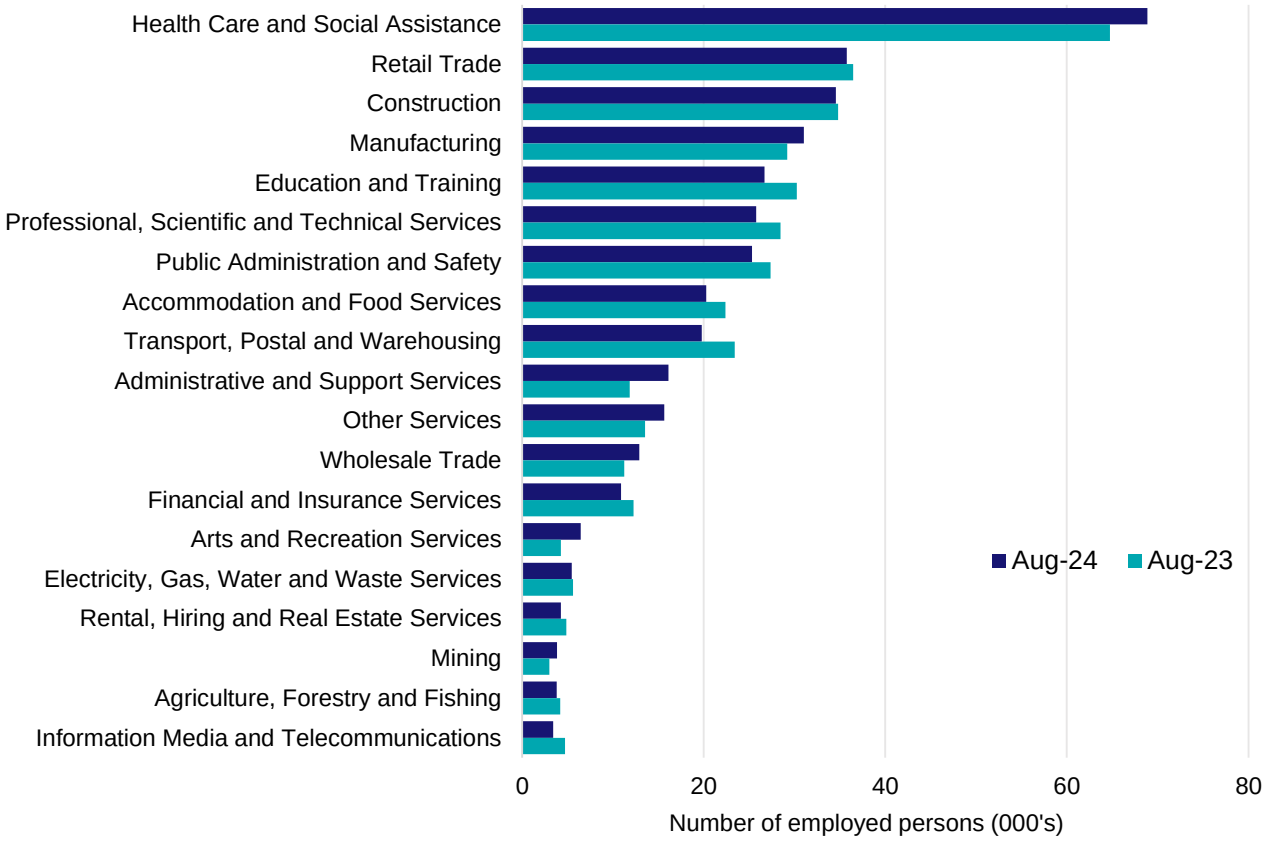
In August 2024, there were around 371,200 people employed in the Adelaide North Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Manufacturing, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 6.4% to stand at 68,900
- Retail Trade fell by 2.0% to stand at 35,800
- Construction fell by 0.7% to stand at 34,600.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Adelaide North Employment Region, 53% of workers were employed full-time; 78% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 40.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



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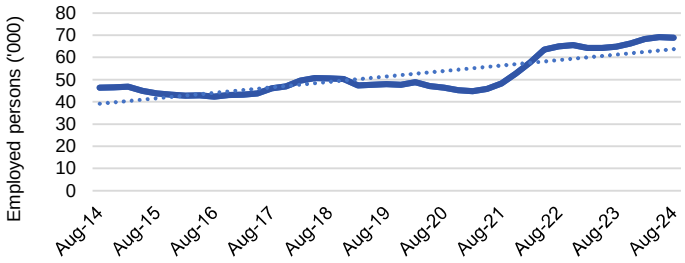
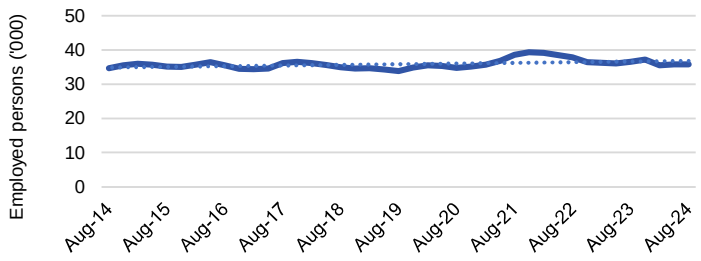


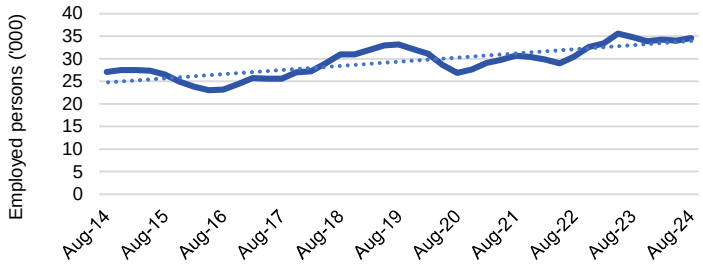
Number employed (Aug-24):	68,900
1 year employment change:	6.4%
5 year employment change:	43.7%
10 year employment change:	48.7%
Youth share of employment:	10.8%
Mature age share of employment:	18.2%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Aug-24):	35,800
1 year employment change:	-2.0%
5 year employment change:	5.8%
10 year employment change:	3.2%
Youth share of employment:	22.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

Construction



Number employed (Aug-24):	34,600
1 year employment change:	-0.7%
5 year employment change:	4.2%
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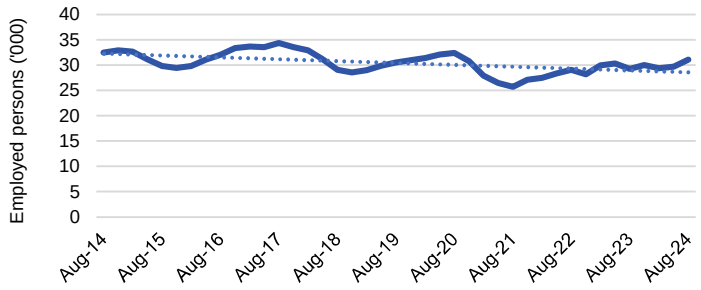
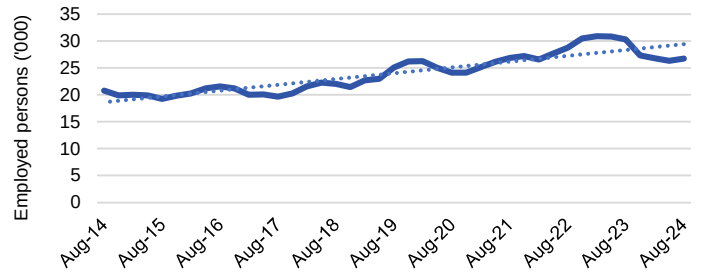
Mature age share of employment:	8.4%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Aug-24):	31,000
1 year employment change:	6.3%
5 year employment change:	1.8%
10 year employment change:	-4.2%
Youth share of employment:	5.0%
Mature age share of employment:	9.8%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-24):	26,700
1 year employment change:	-11.8%
5 year employment change:	6.7%
10 year employment change:	28.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.3%
Mature age share of employment:	9.2%

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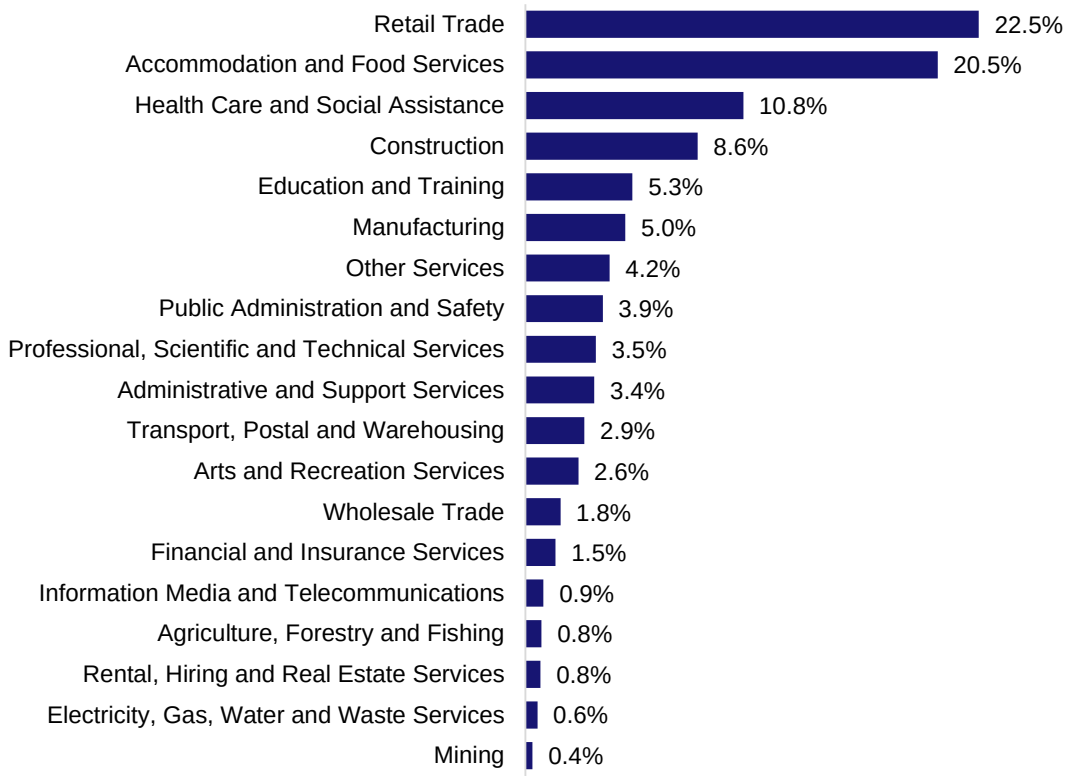

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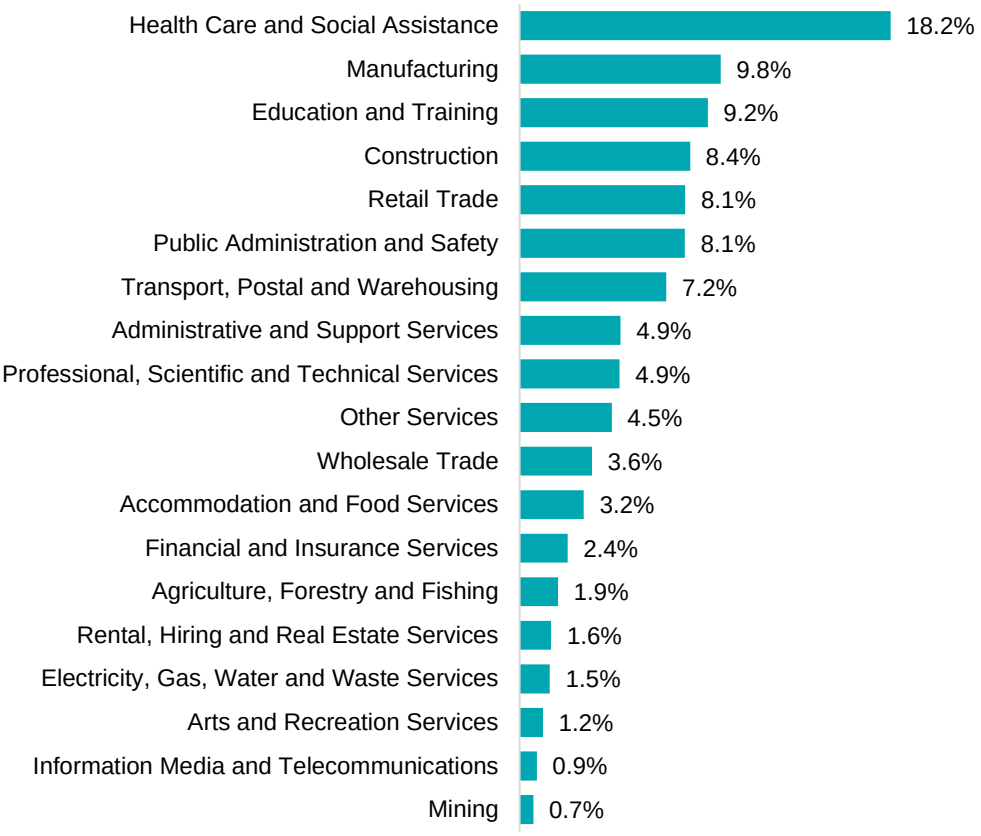

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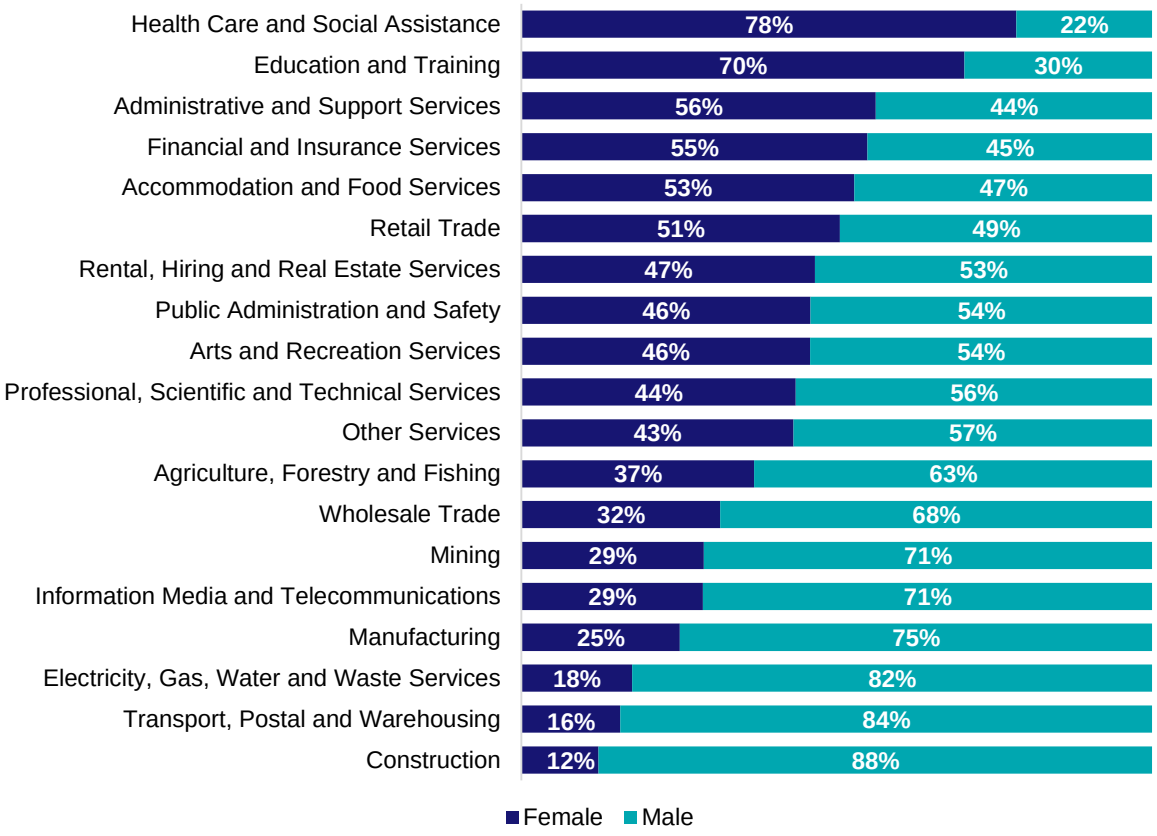

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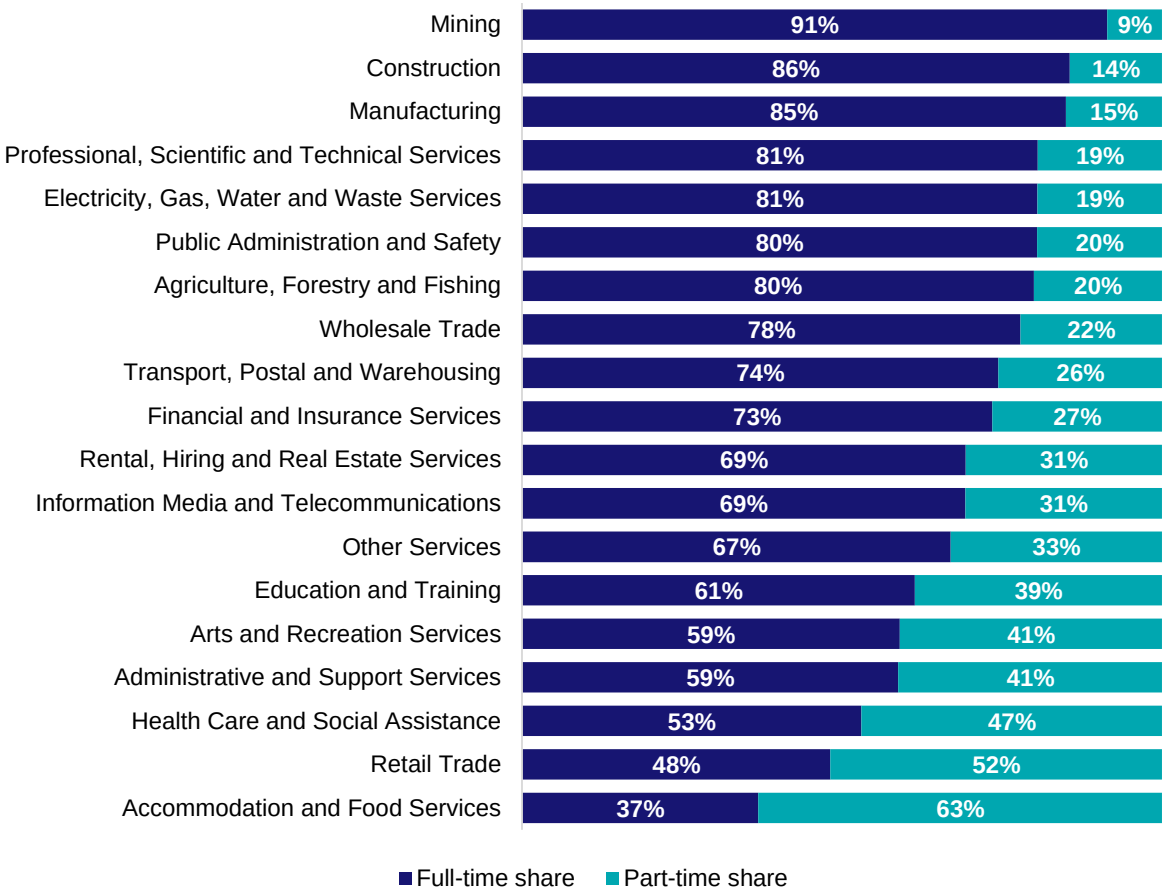

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		Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19			
Health Care and Social Assistance	18.6	68.9	64.8	47.9	53.0	47.0	40
Retail Trade	9.6	35.8	36.5	33.8	48.2	51.8	32
Construction	9.3	34.6	34.8	33.2	85.6	14.4	38
Manufacturing	8.4	31.0	29.2	30.5	85.0	15.0	43
Education and Training	7.2	26.7	30.3	25.0	61.4	38.6	41
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.9	25.8	28.5	20.2	80.6	19.4	38
Public Administration and Safety	6.8	25.3	27.4	24.3	80.5	19.5	42
Accommodation and Food Services	5.5	20.3	22.4	23.1	36.9	63.1	26
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.3	19.8	23.4	20.7	74.4	25.6	42
Administrative and Support Services	4.3	16.1	11.9	13.1	58.8	41.2	40
Other Services	4.2	15.7	13.6	14.0	67.0	33.0	38
Wholesale Trade	3.5	12.9	11.2	9.5	77.9	22.1	43
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Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.0	3.8	4.2	3.3	80.0	20.0	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.9	3.4	4.7	3.9	69.3	30.7	38
All industries	**100.0**	**371.2**	**372.9**	**328.3**	**66.7**	**33.3**	**39**

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Note: Small cells should be viewed with caution due to small sample sizes and regional volatility.

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Overview

In August 2024, there were around 386,000 people employed in the Adelaide South Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Retail Trade, Education and Training, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 7.1% to stand at 77,900
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 9.0% to stand at 38,300
- Retail Trade fell by 3.5% to stand at 36,900.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Adelaide South Employment Region, 55% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 43.

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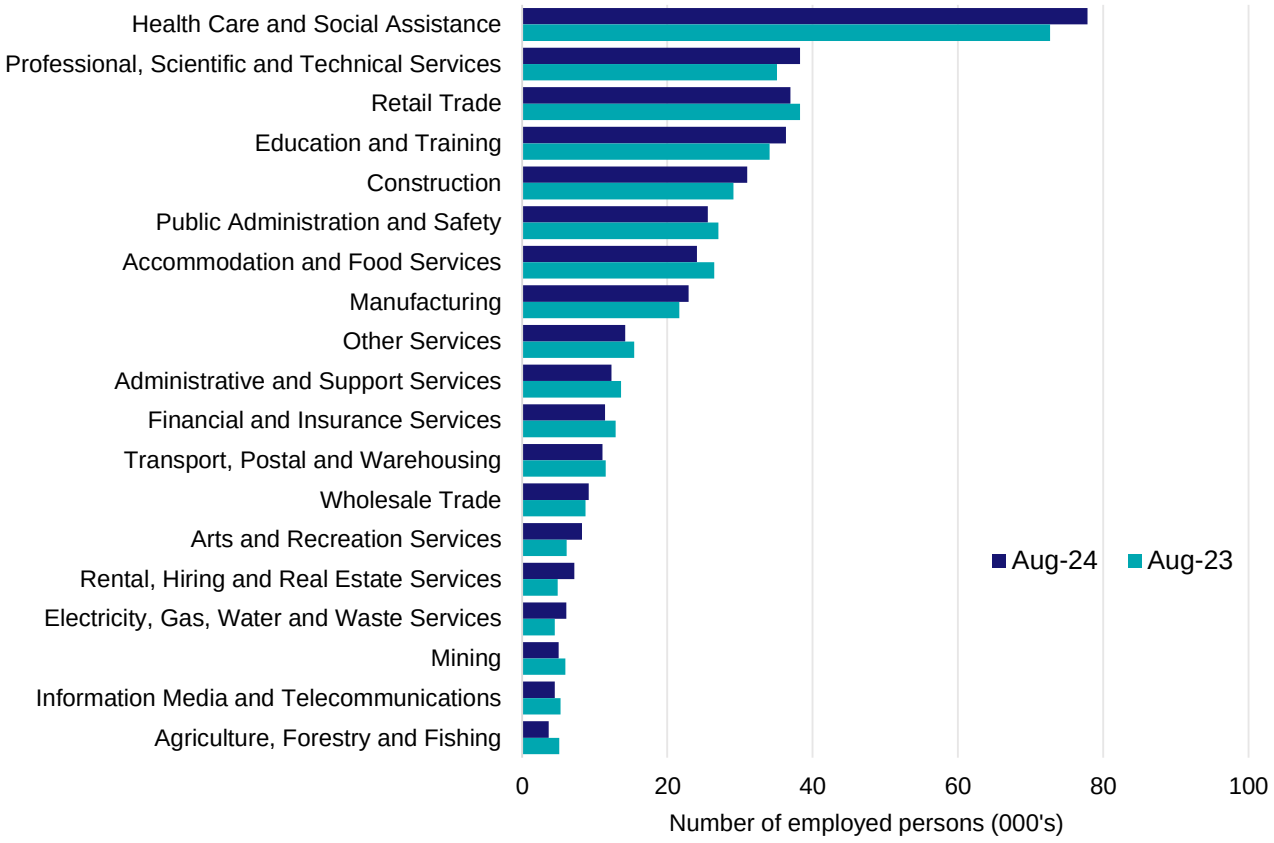

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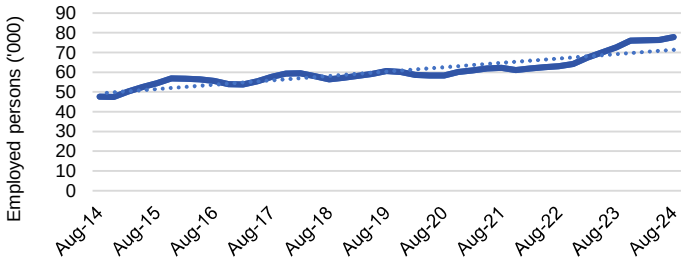
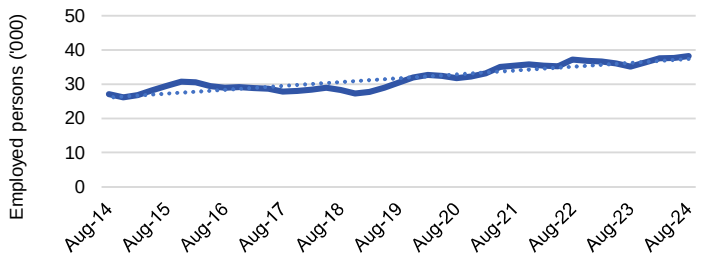


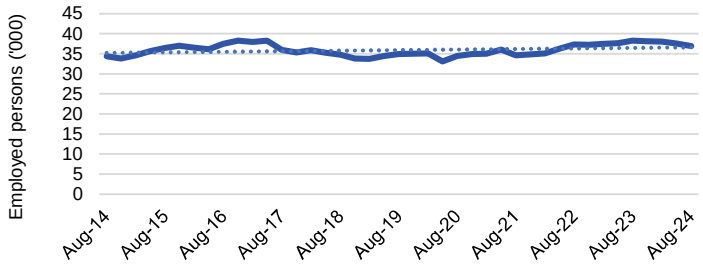
Number employed (Aug-24):	77,900
1 year employment change:	7.1%
5 year employment change:	28.5%
10 year employment change:	63.7%
Youth share of employment:	10.6%
Mature age share of employment:	20.6%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



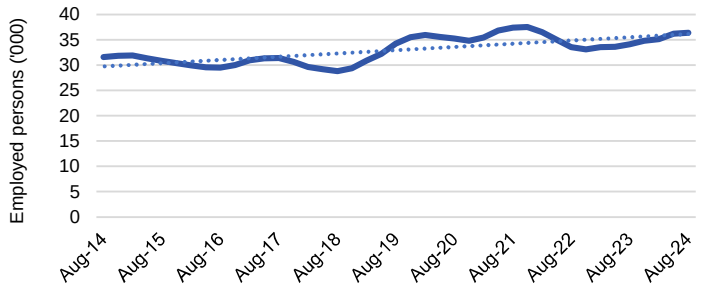
Number employed (Aug-24):	38,300
1 year employment change:	9.0%
5 year employment change:	25.8%
10 year employment change:	41.6%
Youth share of employment:	4.3%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

Retail Trade



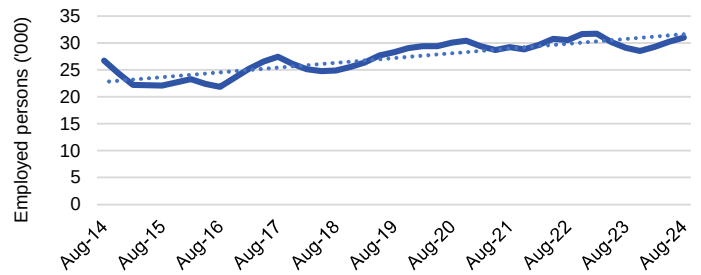
Number employed (Aug-24):	36,900
1 year employment change:	-3.5%
5 year employment change:	5.7%
10 year employment change:	7.5%
Youth share of employment:	22.9%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-24):	36,300
1 year employment change:	6.7%
5 year employment change:	6.3%
10 year employment change:	15.2%
Youth share of employment:	6.3%
Mature age share of employment:	11.6%

Construction



Number employed (Aug-24):	31,000
1 year employment change:	6.5%
5 year employment change:	9.7%
10 year employment change:	16.1%
Youth share of employment:	8.0%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

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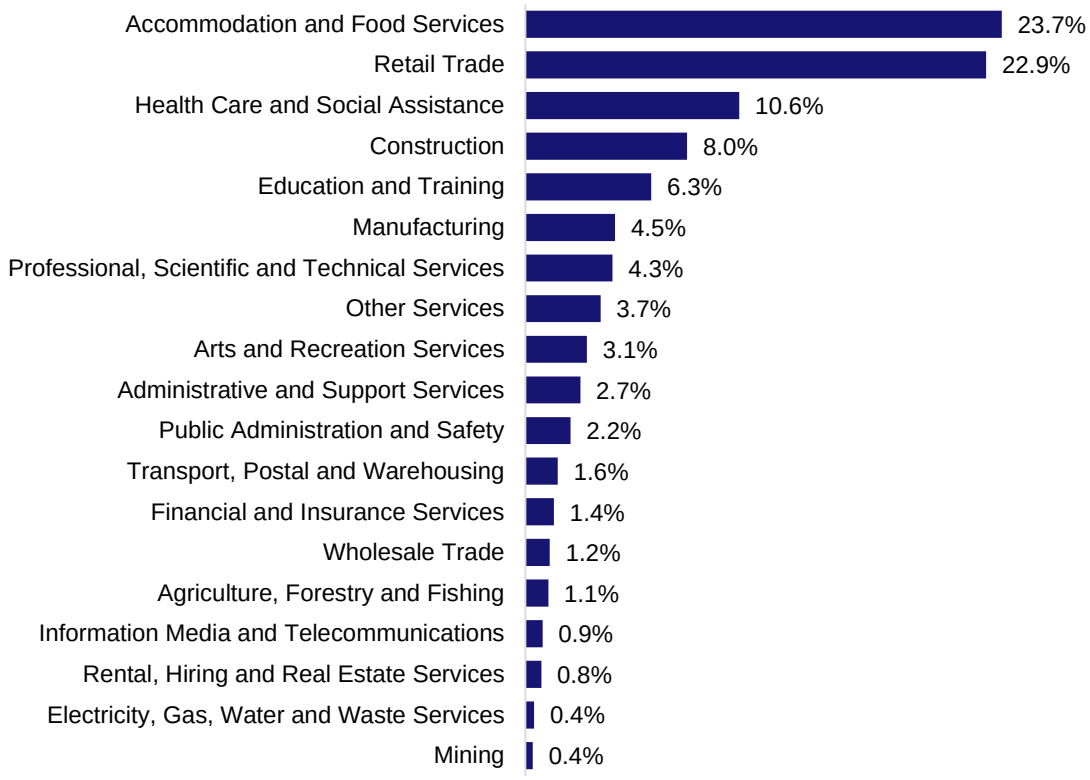
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



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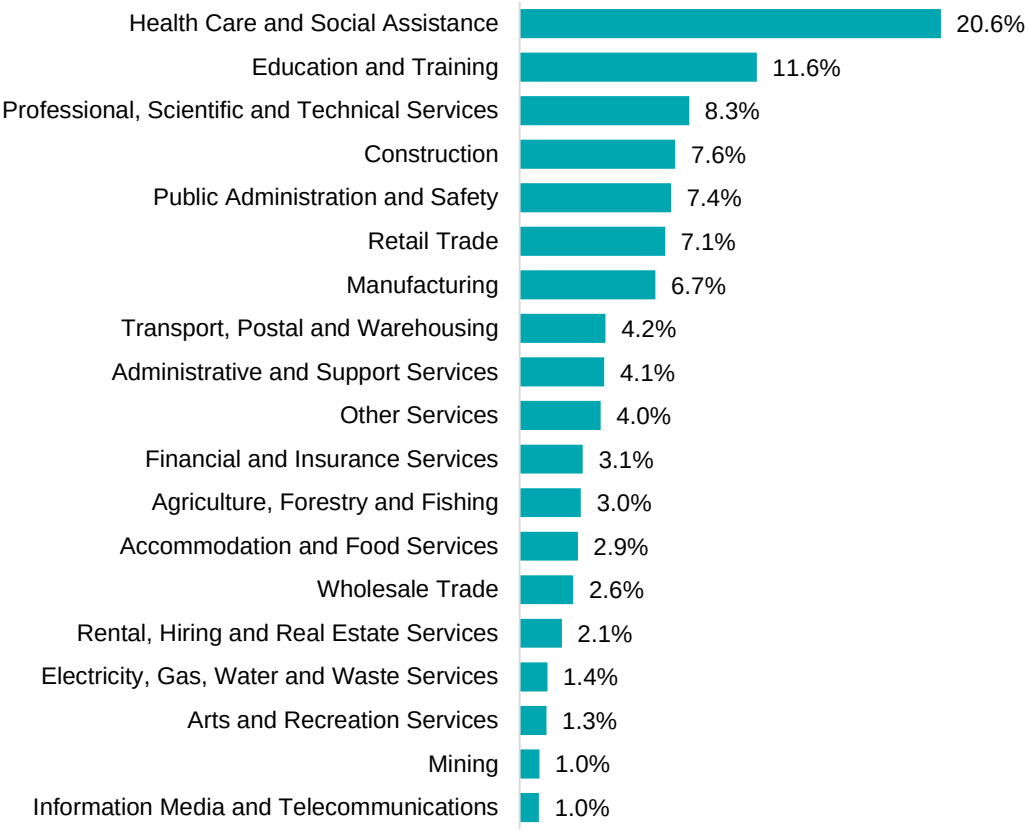

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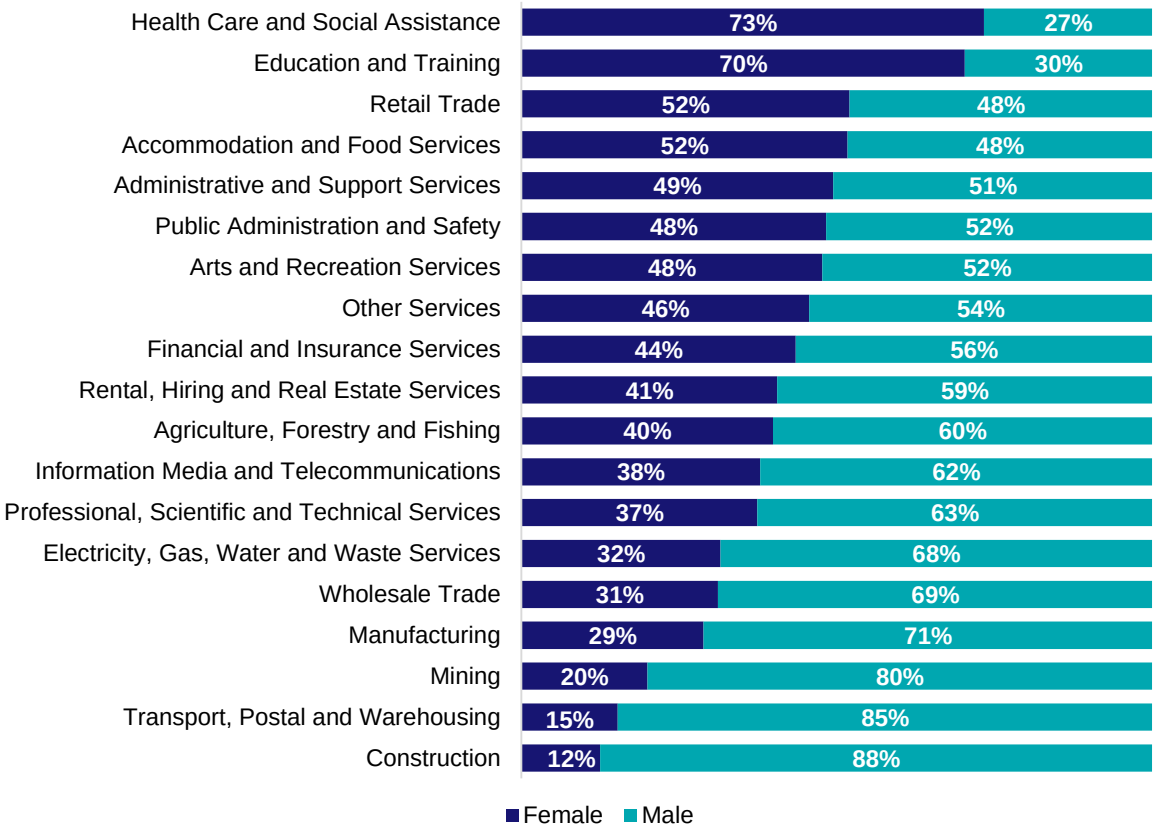

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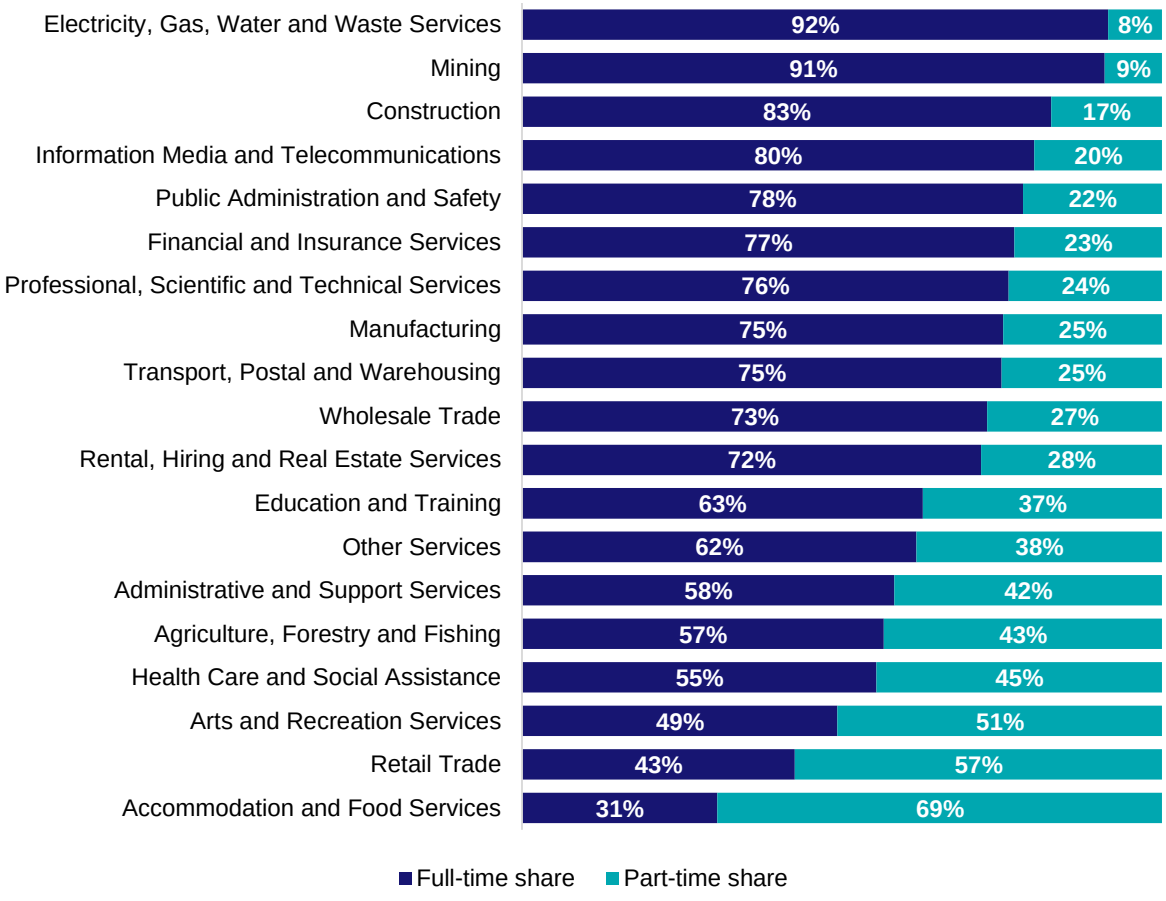

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Employment by industry, Adelaide South, August 2024

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-24 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19			
Health Care and Social Assistance	20.2	77.9	72.7	60.6	55.4	44.6	43
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	9.9	38.3	35.1	30.4	76.0	24.0	42
Retail Trade	9.6	36.9	38.3	34.9	42.6	57.4	32
Education and Training	9.4	36.3	34.1	34.2	62.7	37.3	44
Construction	8.0	31.0	29.1	28.3	82.7	17.3	40
Public Administration and Safety	6.6	25.6	27.0	21.1	78.3	21.7	45
Accommodation and Food Services	6.2	24.1	26.4	25.3	30.5	69.5	24
Manufacturing	5.9	22.9	21.7	21.8	75.2	24.8	45
Other Services	3.7	14.2	15.4	14.2	61.6	38.4	41
Administrative and Support Services	3.2	12.3	13.6	12.3	58.2	41.8	43
Financial and Insurance Services	3.0	11.4	12.9	10.6	76.9	23.1	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2.9	11.1	11.5	10.8	74.9	25.1	46
Wholesale Trade	2.4	9.2	8.7	11.1	72.7	27.3	46
Arts and Recreation Services	2.1	8.2	6.1	5.4	49.3	50.7	33
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.9	7.2	4.9	5.1	71.7	28.3	46
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.6	6.1	4.5	6.7	91.6	8.4	45
Mining	1.3	5.0	6.0	3.8	91.0	9.0	41
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.2	4.5	5.3	5.7	80.0	20.0	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.9	3.7	5.1	3.2	56.5	43.5	50
All industries	**100.0**	**386.0**	**378.5**	**345.5**	**63.7**	**36.3**	**41**

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024. *Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

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Employment Region Industry profile

Mid North SA Employment Region

Release date: 17 October 2024

Overview

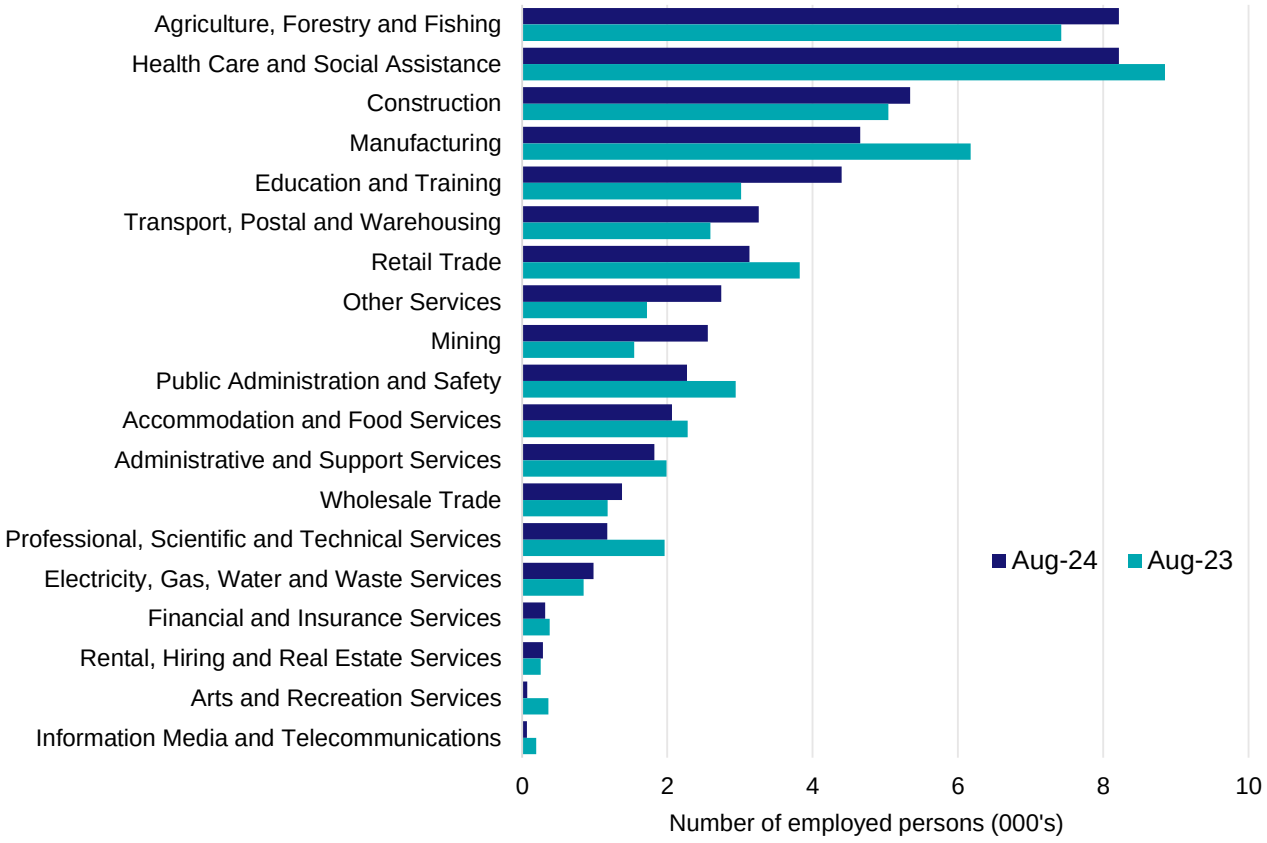
In August 2024, there were around 53,000 people employed in the Mid North SA Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Manufacturing, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 58% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 10.7% to stand at 8,200
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 7.2% to stand at 8,200
- Construction rose by 5.9% to stand at 5,300.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Mid North SA Employment Region, 74% of workers were employed full-time; 71% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 52.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



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Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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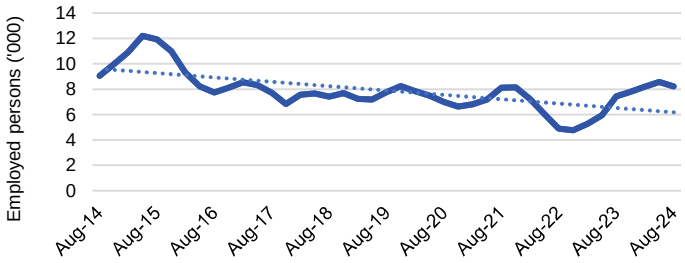
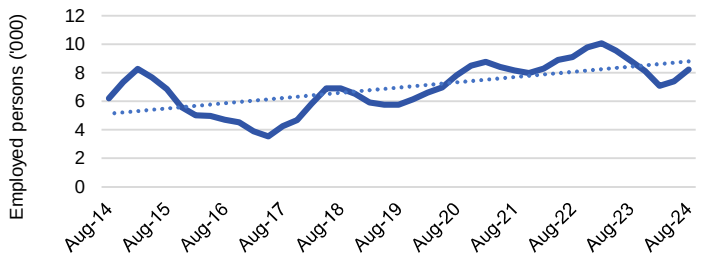


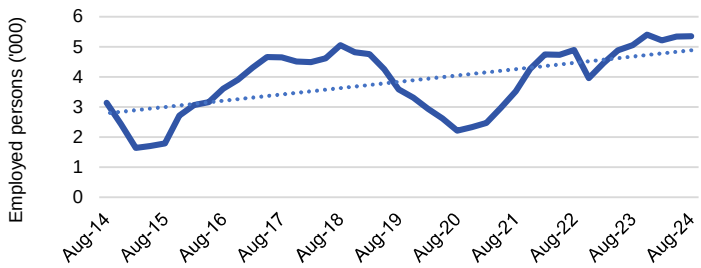
Number employed (Aug-24):	8,200
1 year employment change:	10.7%
5 year employment change:	5.8%
10 year employment change:	-9.1%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	20.0%

Health Care and Social Assistance



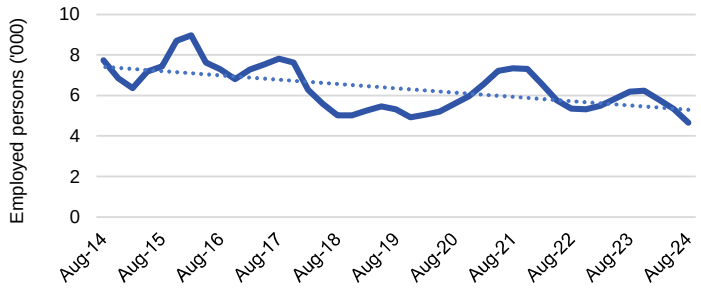
Number employed (Aug-24):	8,200
1 year employment change:	-7.2%
5 year employment change:	42.5%
10 year employment change:	32.4%
Youth share of employment:	9.0%
Mature age share of employment:	15.1%

Construction



Number employed (Aug-24):	5,300
1 year employment change:	5.9%
5 year employment change:	49.4%
10 year employment change:	70.7%
Youth share of employment:	9.4%
Mature age share of employment:	6.2%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Aug-24):	4,700
1 year employment change:	-24.6%
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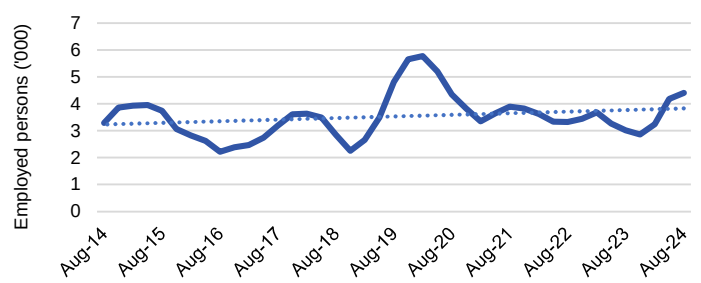
10 year employment change:	-39.8%
Youth share of employment:	11.6%
Mature age share of employment:	9.8%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-24):	4,400
1 year employment change:	46.0%
5 year employment change:	-8.5%
10 year employment change:	33.9%
Youth share of employment:	4.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.0%

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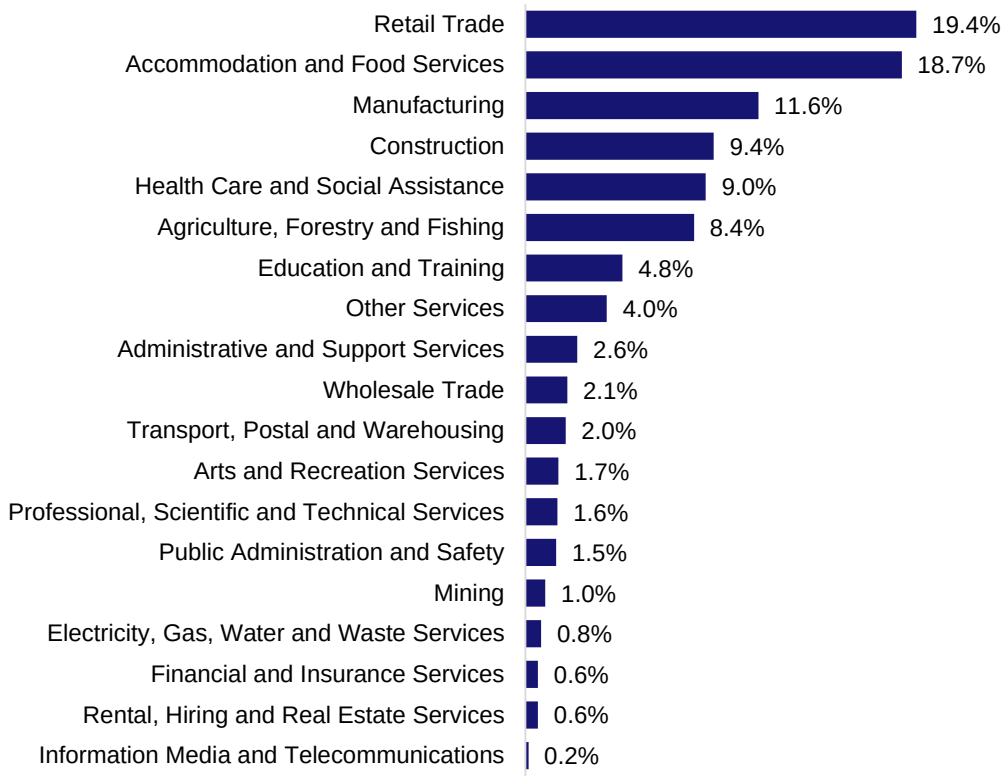

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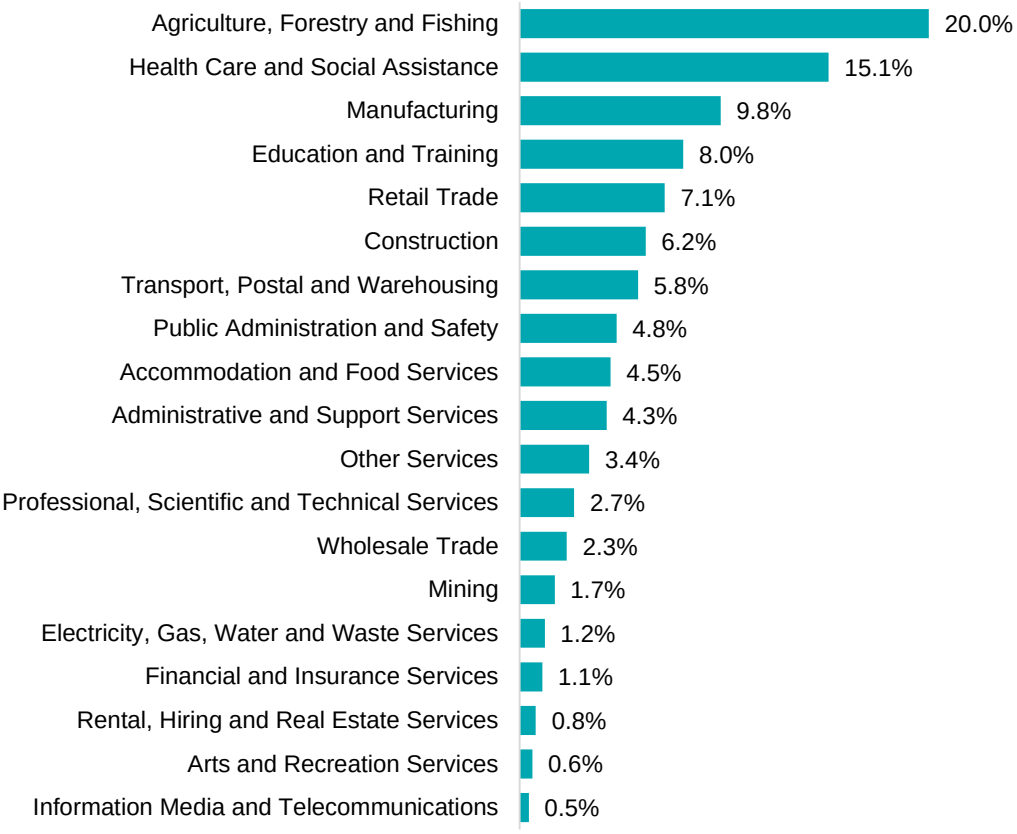

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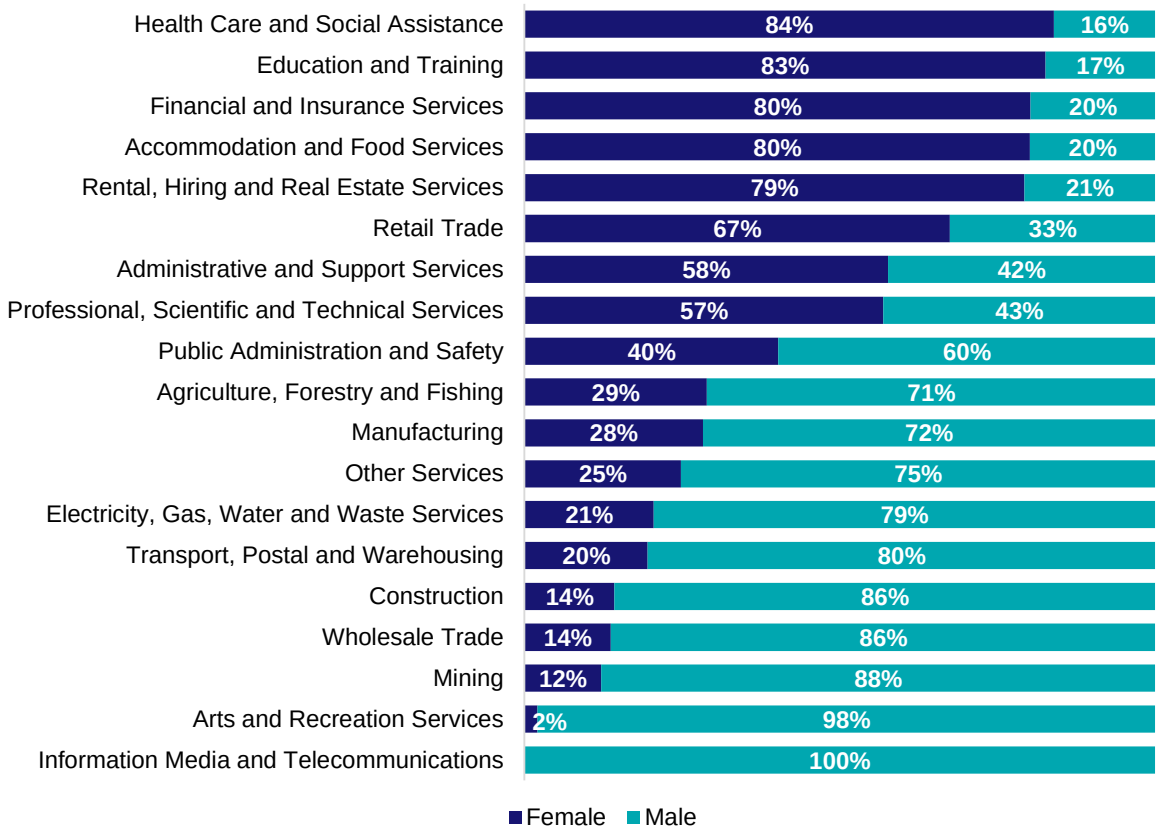

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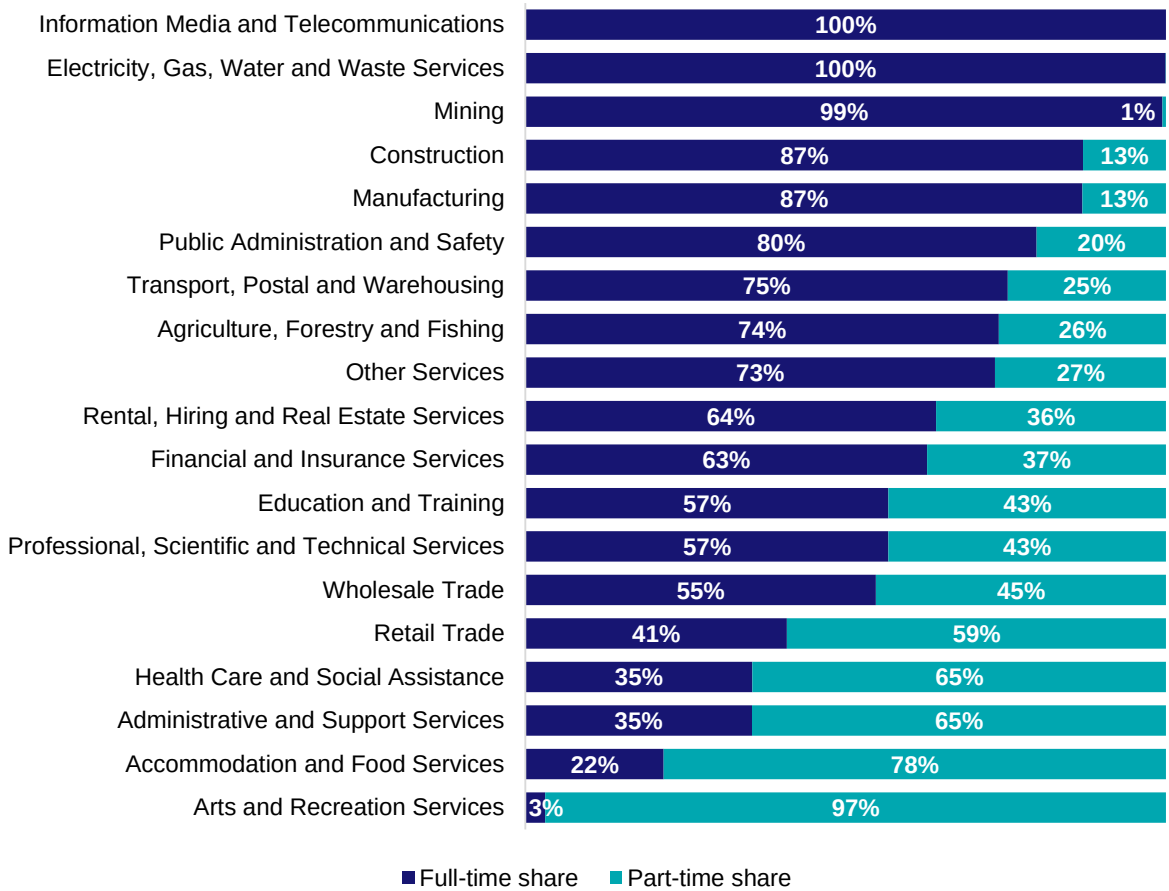

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Employment by industry, Mid North SA, August 2024

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		Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	15.5	8.2	7.4	7.8	73.9	26.1	52
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.5	8.2	8.9	5.8	35.5	64.5	48
Construction	10.1	5.3	5.0	3.6	87.1	12.9	40
Manufacturing	8.8	4.7	6.2	5.3	86.9	13.1	44
Education and Training	8.3	4.4	3.0	4.8	56.7	43.3	46
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	75.3	24.7	51
Retail Trade	5.9	3.1	3.8	5.0	40.9	59.1	37
Other Services	5.2	2.7	1.7	2.3	73.3	26.7	43
Mining	4.8	2.6	1.5	1.9	99.4	0.6	43
Public Administration and Safety	4.3	2.3	2.9	2.1	79.8	20.2	49
Accommodation and Food Services	3.9	2.1	2.3	3.3	21.6	78.4	32
Administrative and Support Services	3.4	1.8	2.0	1.4	35.4	64.6	48
Wholesale Trade	2.6	1.4	1.2	1.3	54.7	45.3	49
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.2	1.2	2.0	1.8	56.7	43.3	44
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	99.9	0.1	42
Financial and Insurance Services	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.8	62.7	37.3	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	64.1	35.9	51
Arts and Recreation Services	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	3.1	96.9	28
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	100.0	0.0	38
All industries	**100.0**	**53.0**	**52.6**	**51.3**	**64.6**	**35.4**	**45**

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Employment Region Industry profile

Murray and South East Employment Region

Release date: 17 October 2024

Overview

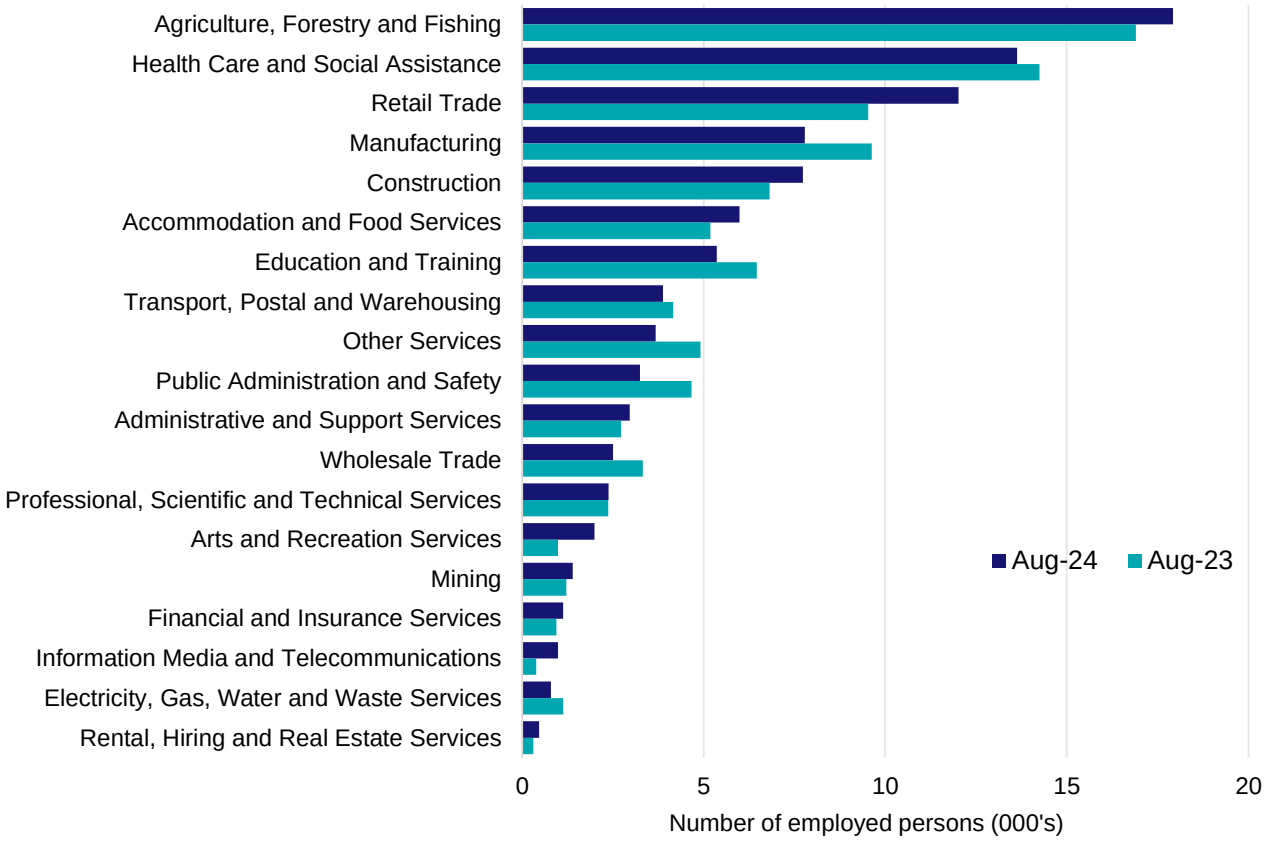
In August 2024, there were around 95,900 people employed in the Murray and South East Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 62% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 6.0% to stand at 17,900
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 4.3% to stand at 13,600
- Retail Trade rose by 26.0% to stand at 12,000.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Murray and South East Employment Region, 79% of workers were employed full-time; 77% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 48.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



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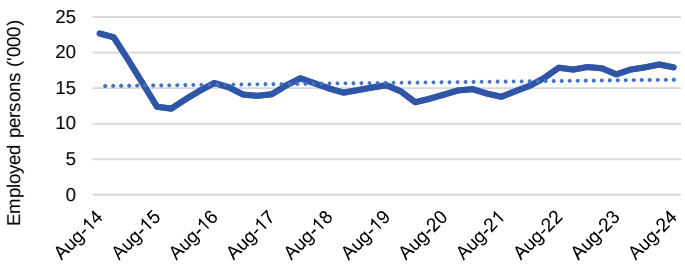
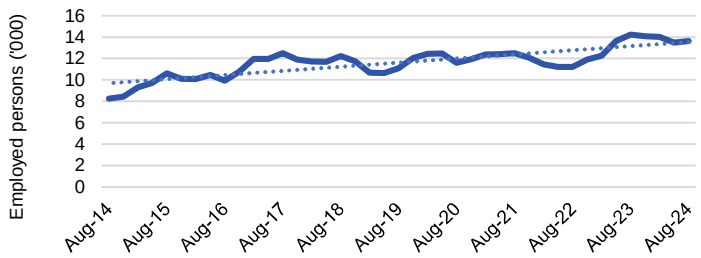


Number employed (Aug-24):	17,900
1 year employment change:	6.0%
5 year employment change:	16.4%
10 year employment change:	-21.1%
Youth share of employment:	12.6%
Mature age share of employment:	25.3%

Health Care and Social Assistance



Number employed (Aug-24):	13,600
1 year employment change:	-4.3%
5 year employment change:	22.9%
10 year employment change:	65.1%
Youth share of employment:	8.6%
Mature age share of employment:	14.2%

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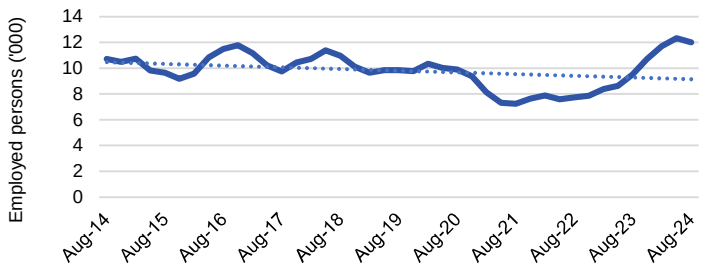

Number employed (Aug-24):	12,000
1 year employment change:	26.0%
5 year employment change:	22.0%
10 year employment change:	12.2%
Youth share of employment:	19.8%
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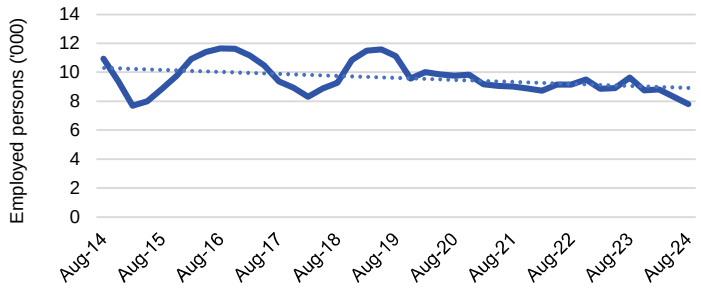
Manufacturing



Number employed (Aug-24):	7,800
1 year employment change:	-19.1%
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10 year employment change:	-28.8%
Youth share of employment:	9.6%
Mature age share of employment:	8.9%

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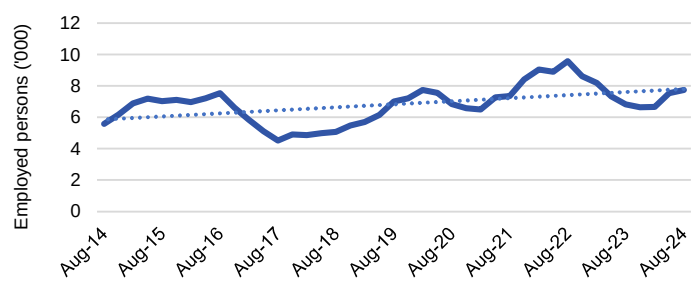

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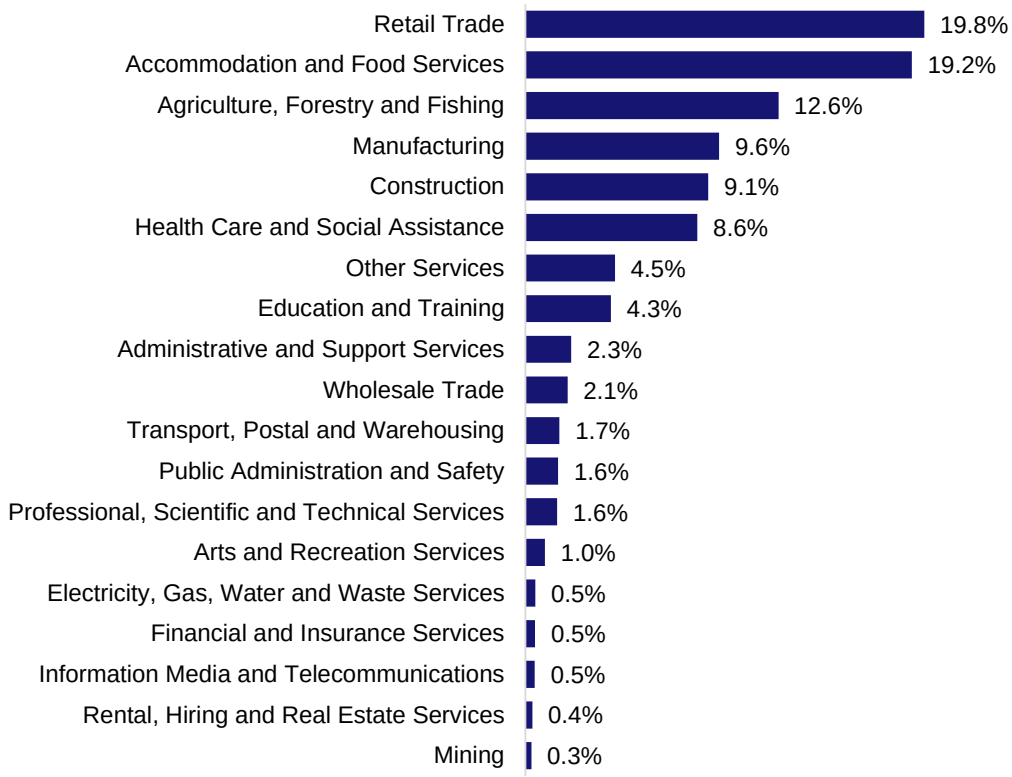

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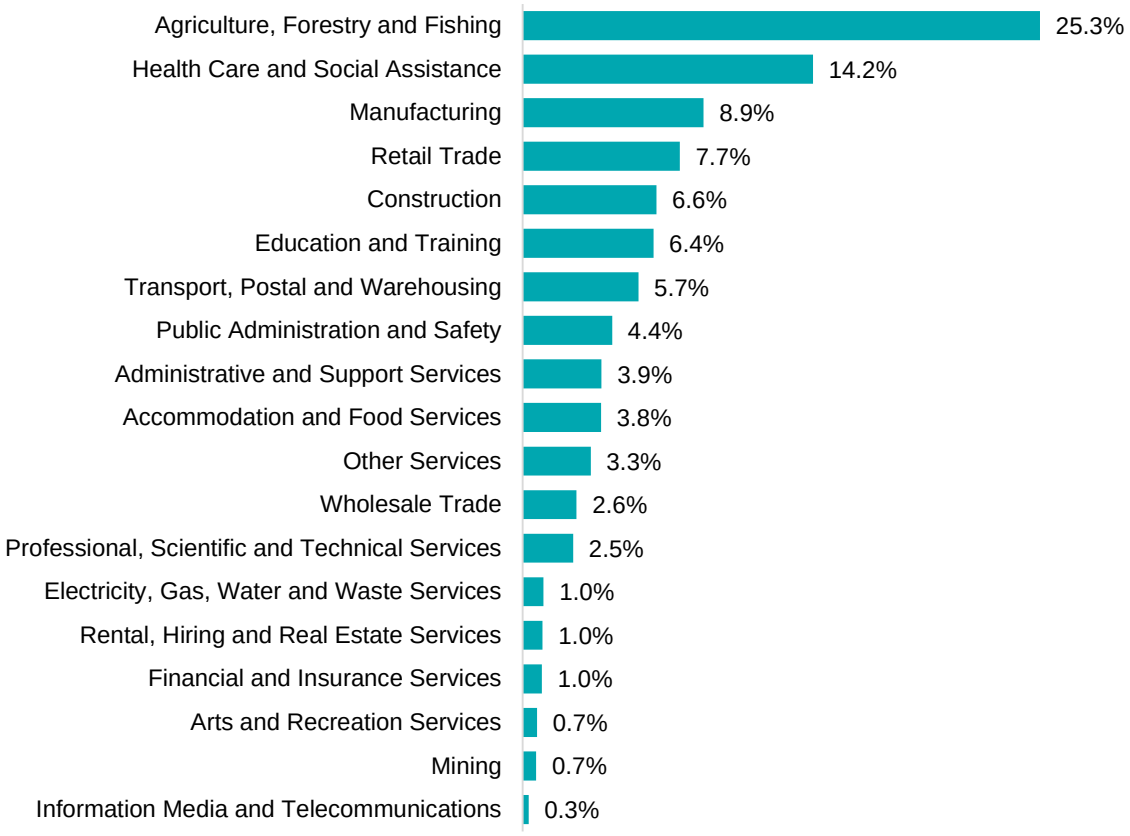

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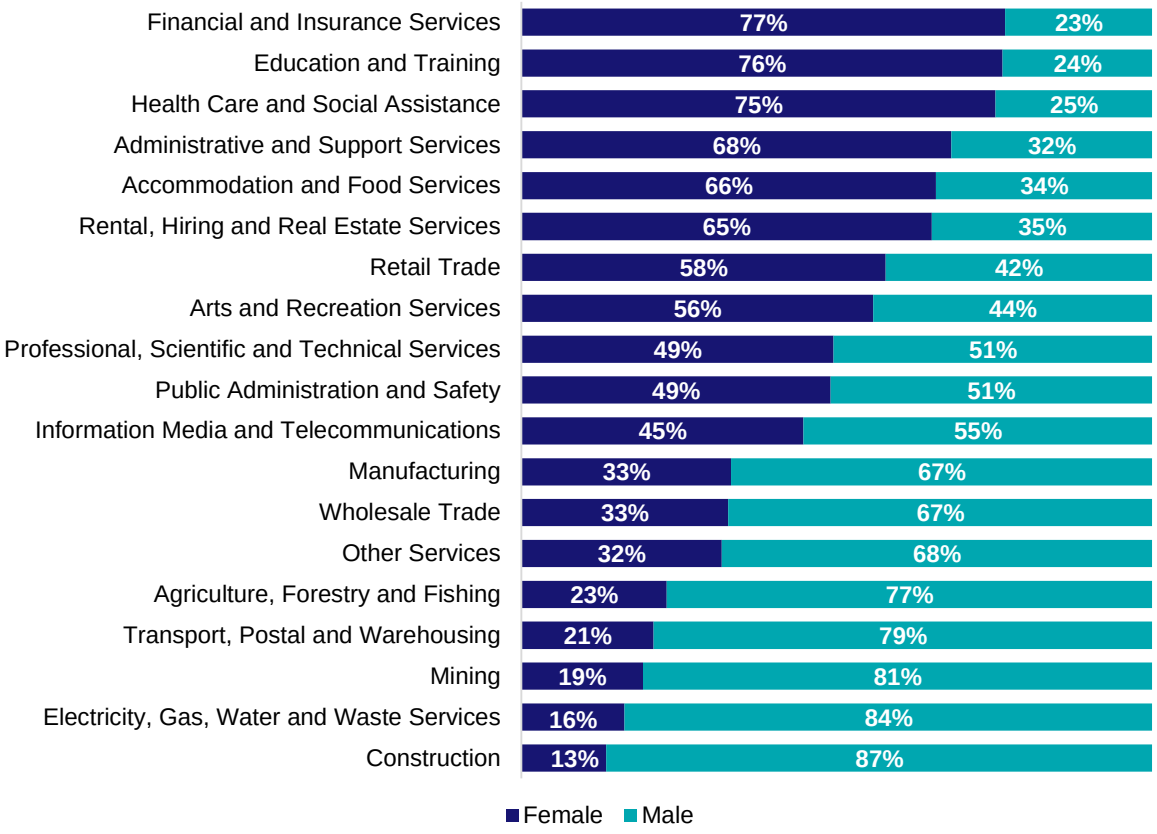

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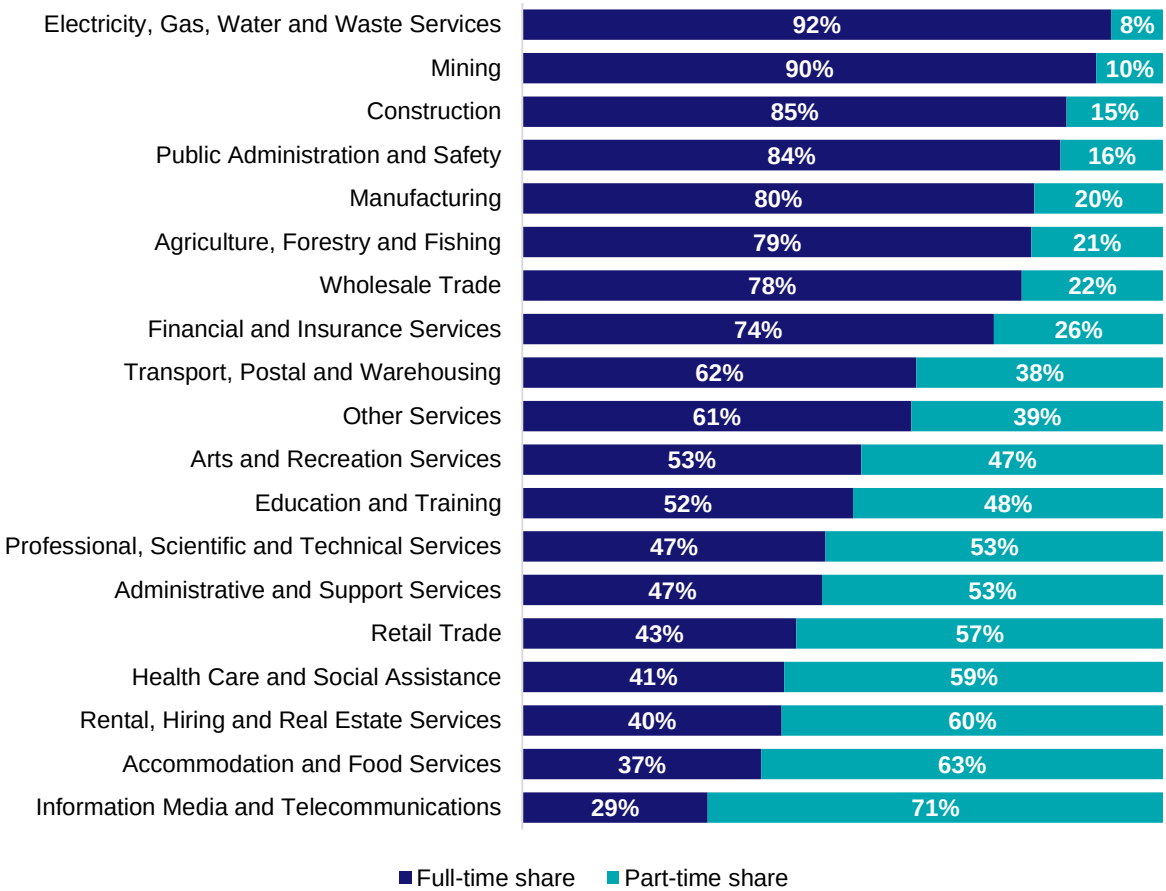

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Employment by industry, Murray and South East, August 2024

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-24 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	18.7	17.9	16.9	15.4	79.5	20.5	48
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.2	13.6	14.2	11.1	40.9	59.1	46
Retail Trade	12.5	12.0	9.5	9.9	42.8	57.2	36
Manufacturing	8.1	7.8	9.6	11.1	79.9	20.1	43
Construction	8.1	7.7	6.8	7.0	85.0	15.0	40
Accommodation and Food Services	6.2	6.0	5.2	5.7	37.3	62.7	27
Education and Training	5.6	5.4	6.5	6.6	51.7	48.3	44
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.4	61.5	38.5	52
Other Services	3.8	3.7	4.9	2.4	60.7	39.3	39
Public Administration and Safety	3.4	3.3	4.7	3.5	84.0	16.0	47
Administrative and Support Services	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.5	46.8	53.2	47
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.5	3.3	1.7	77.9	22.1	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.5	2.4	2.4	3.3	47.3	52.7	42
Arts and Recreation Services	2.1	2.0	1.0	1.0	52.9	47.1	34
Mining	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.6	89.6	10.4	45
Financial and Insurance Services	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.3	73.6	26.4	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	1.0	0.4	1.0	28.9	71.1	32
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.9	91.9	8.1	49
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.3	40.5	59.5	46
All industries	**100.0**	**95.9**	**95.9**	**90.6**	**61.5**	**38.5**	**44**

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024. *Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

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Employment Region Industry profile

North West Country SA Employment Region

Release date: 17 October 2024

Overview

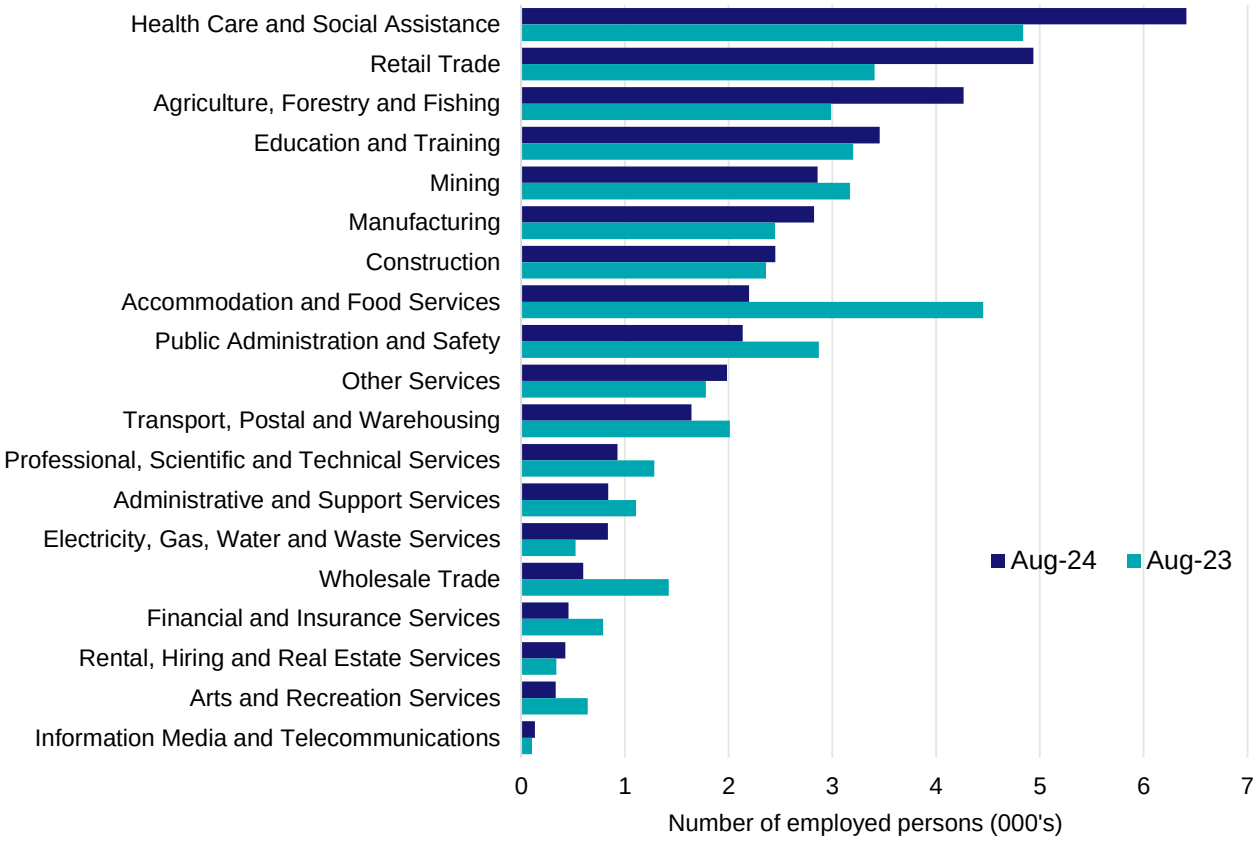
In August 2024, there were around 39,700 people employed in the North West Country SA Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Education and Training, and Mining. Together these 5 industries accounted for 55% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 32.6% to stand at 6,400
- Retail Trade rose by 44.9% to stand at 4,900
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 42.7% to stand at 4,300.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the North West Country SA Employment Region, 63% of workers were employed full-time; 85% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 43.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024. 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, particulalrly 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

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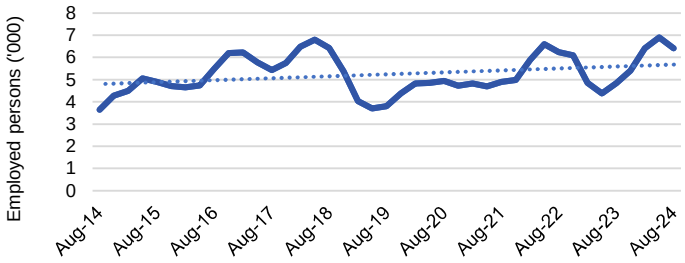
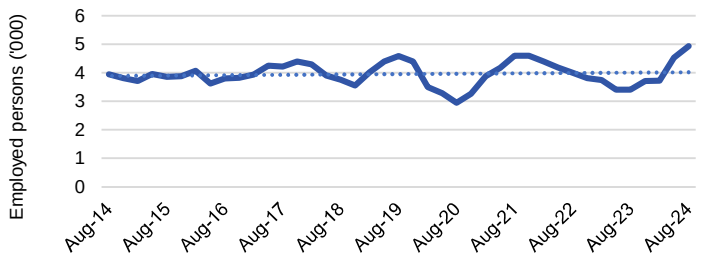


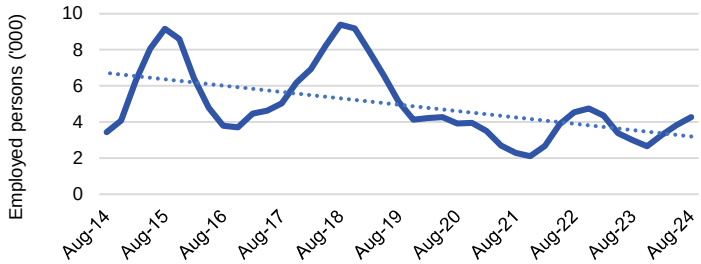
Number employed (Aug-24):	6,400
1 year employment change:	32.6%
5 year employment change:	68.7%
10 year employment change:	75.9%
Youth share of employment:	11.1%
Mature age share of employment:	18.1%

Retail Trade



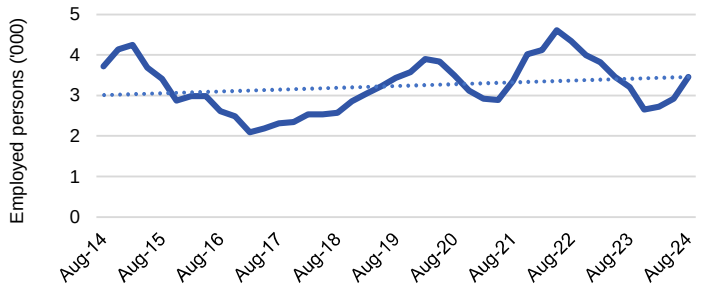
Number employed (Aug-24):	4,900
1 year employment change:	44.9%
5 year employment change:	7.6%
10 year employment change:	25.3%
Youth share of employment:	22.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.7%

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



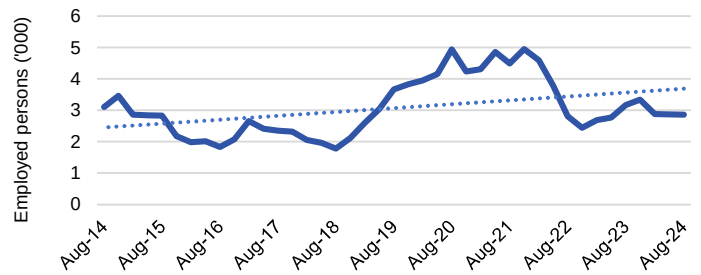
Number employed (Aug-24):	4,300
1 year employment change:	42.7%
5 year employment change:	-16.8%
10 year employment change:	24.3%
Youth share of employment:	2.8%
Mature age share of employment:	4.9%

Education and Training



Number employed (Aug-24):	3,500
1 year employment change:	8.0%
5 year employment change:	0.6%
10 year employment change:	-7.1%
Youth share of employment:	4.5%
Mature age share of employment:	9.2%

Mining



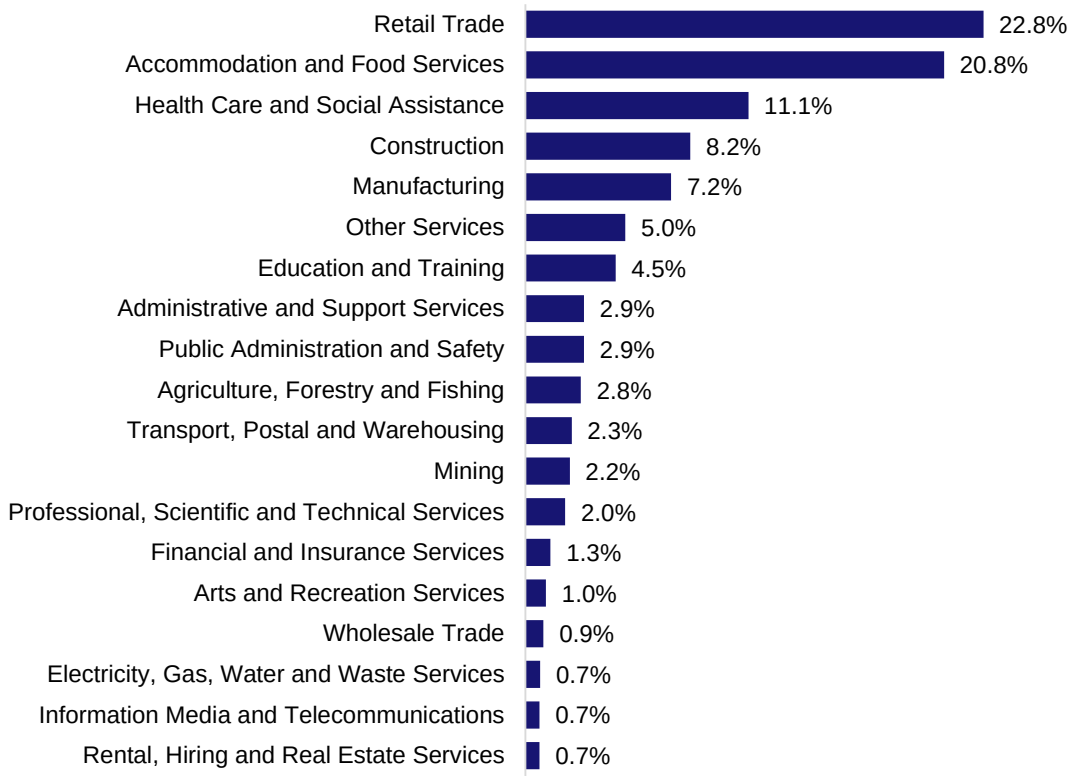
Number employed (Aug-24):	2,900
1 year employment change:	-9.8%
5 year employment change:	-21.9%
10 year employment change:	-7.9%
Youth share of employment:	2.2%
Mature age share of employment:	4.0%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024, 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.

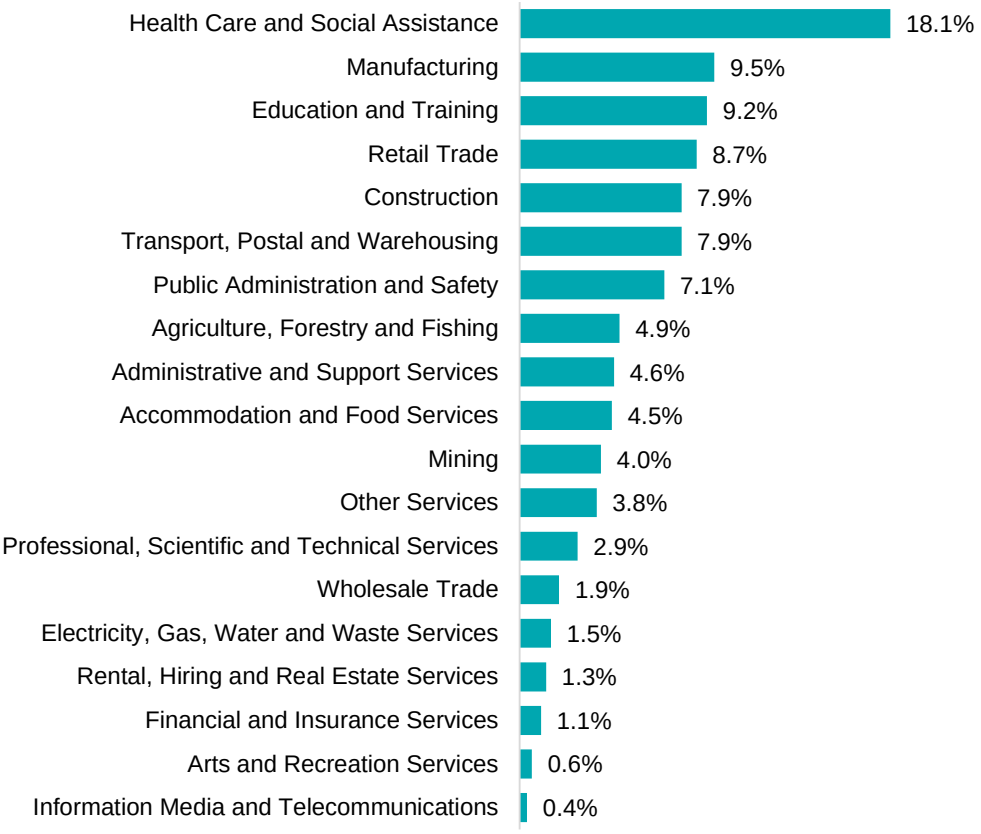
Employment characteristics by Industry

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?



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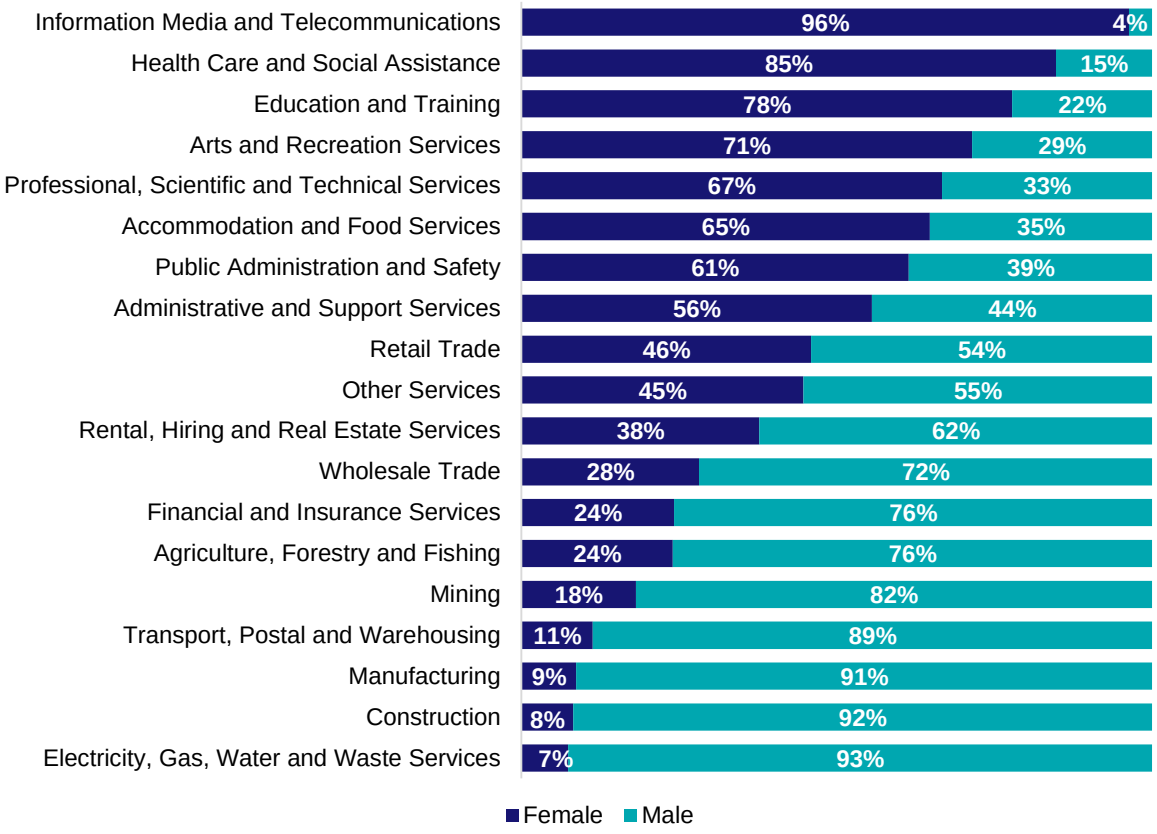
Gender share by industry



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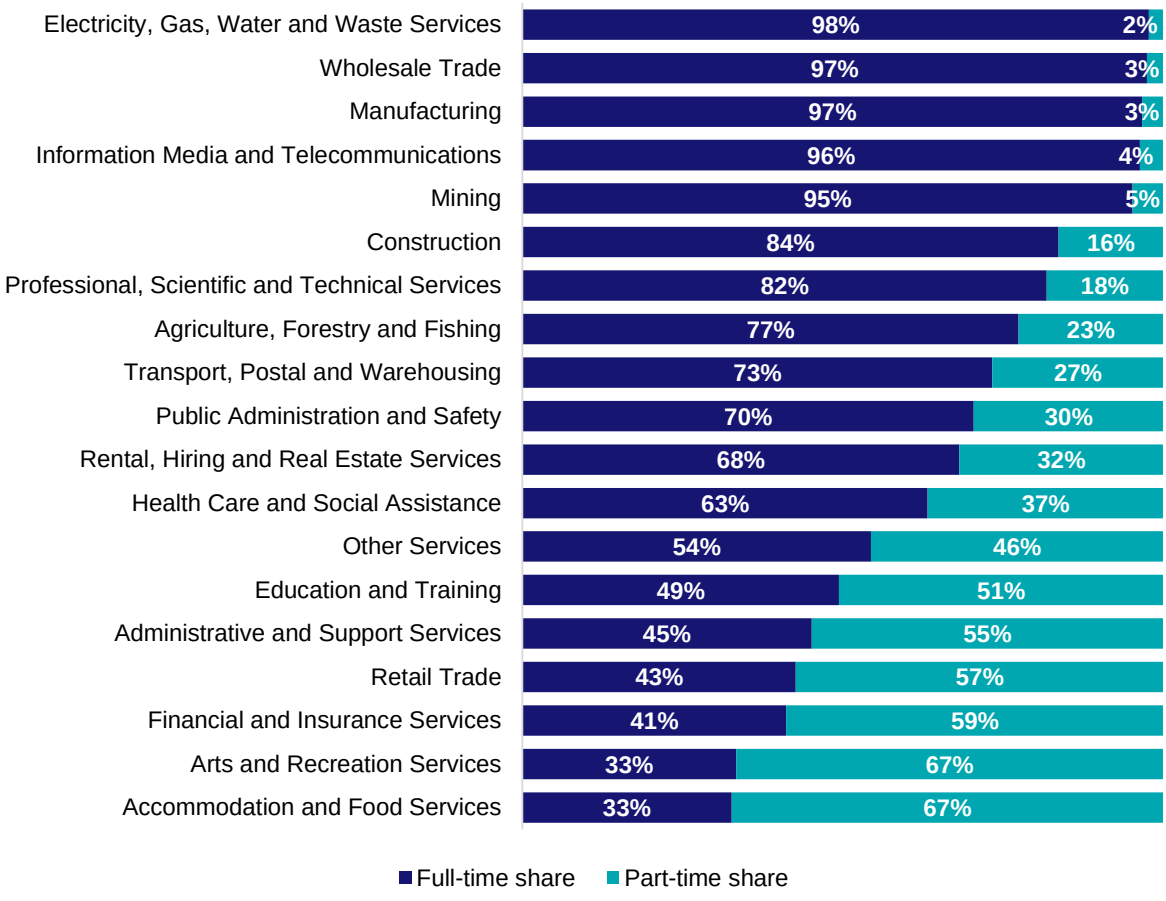
Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024.

Appendix

Employment by industry, North West Country SA, August 2024

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-24 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19			
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.1	6.4	4.8	3.8	63.3	36.7	43
Retail Trade	12.4	4.9	3.4	4.6	42.7	57.3	35
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	10.7	4.3	3.0	5.1	77.5	22.5	41
Education and Training	8.7	3.5	3.2	3.4	49.4	50.6	43
Mining	7.2	2.9	3.2	3.7	95.3	4.7	41
Manufacturing	7.1	2.8	2.4	2.8	96.8	3.2	42
Construction	6.2	2.5	2.4	2.8	83.7	16.3	40
Accommodation and Food Services	5.5	2.2	4.5	2.6	32.7	67.3	28
Public Administration and Safety	5.4	2.1	2.9	2.3	70.5	29.5	45
Other Services	5.0	2.0	1.8	1.6	54.4	45.6	38
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.1	1.6	2.0	1.8	73.4	26.6	49
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.3	0.9	1.3	1.1	81.9	18.1	41
Administrative and Support Services	2.1	0.8	1.1	2.1	45.2	54.8	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	97.8	2.2	44
Wholesale Trade	1.5	0.6	1.4	1.0	97.5	2.5	44
Financial and Insurance Services	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.3	41.2	58.8	36
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	68.2	31.8	41
Arts and Recreation Services	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.3	33.4	66.6	46
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	96.4	3.6	43
All industries	**100.0**	**39.7**	**39.8**	**40.0**	**66.6**	**33.4**	**41**

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