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Employment Region Industry profile

Central West Employment Region

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Overview

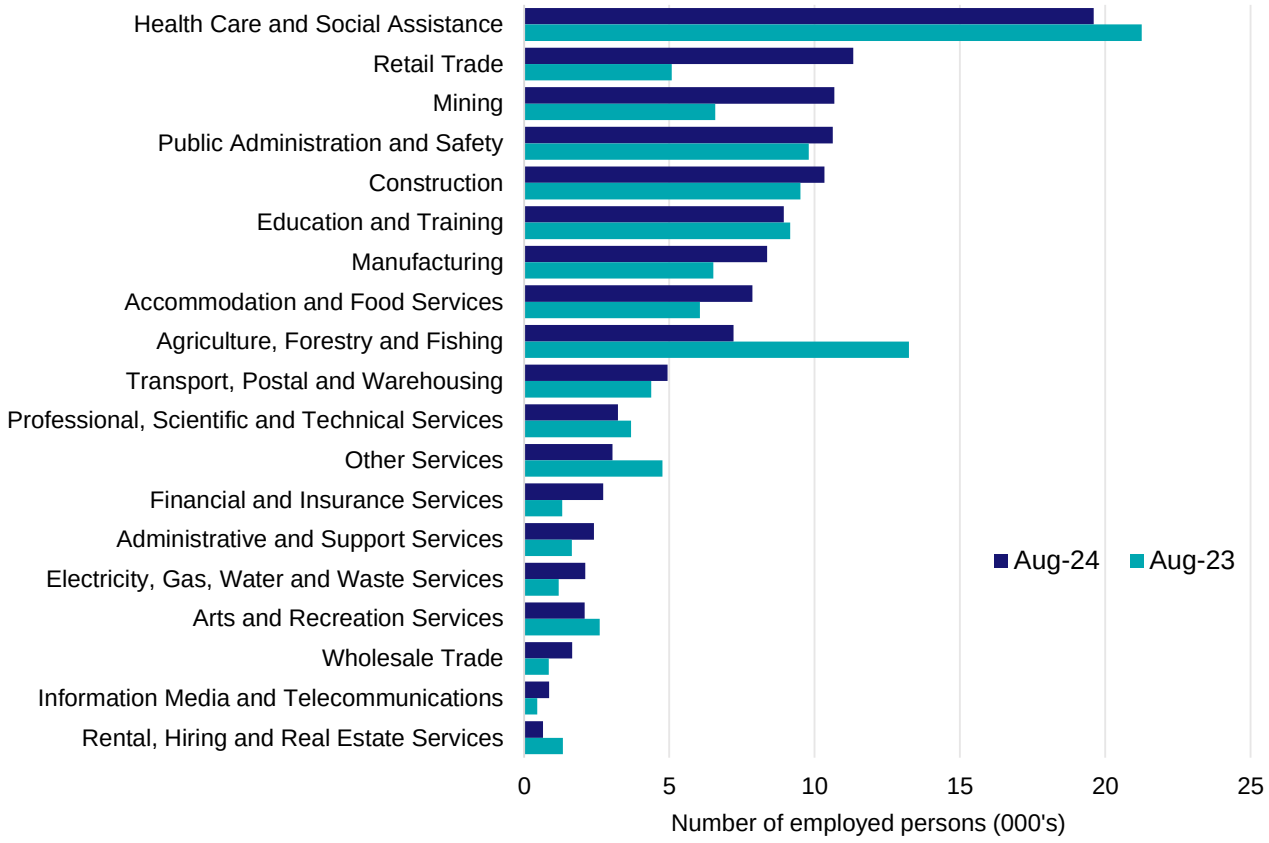
In August 2024, there were around 118,700 people employed in the Central West Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Mining, Public Administration and Safety, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 7.8% to stand at 19,600
- Retail Trade rose by 122.9% to stand at 11,300
- Mining rose by 62.3% to stand at 10,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Central West Employment Region, 56% of workers were employed full-time; 77% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 43.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



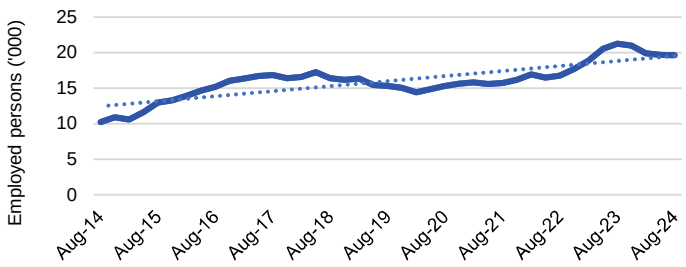
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) will not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (modelled estimates).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the New South Wales - Central West 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

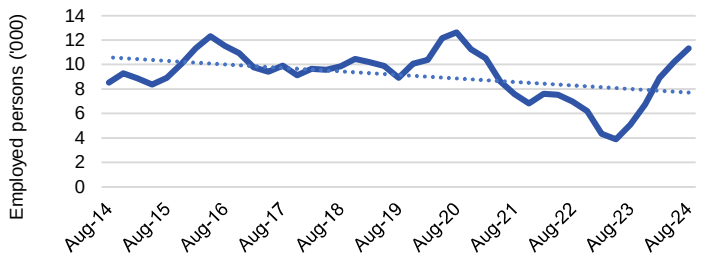
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance



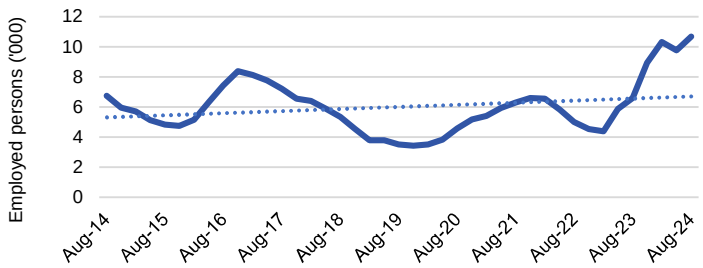
Number employed (Aug-24):	19,600
1 year employment change:	-7.8%
5 year employment change:	28.2%
10 year employment change:	91.3%
Youth share of employment:	11.4%
Mature age share of employment:	15.7%

Retail Trade



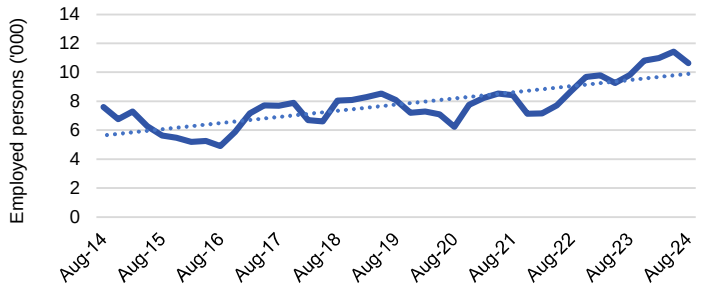
Number employed (Aug-24):	11,300
1 year employment change:	122.9%
5 year employment change:	27.3%
10 year employment change:	33.1%
Youth share of employment:	18.5%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

Mining



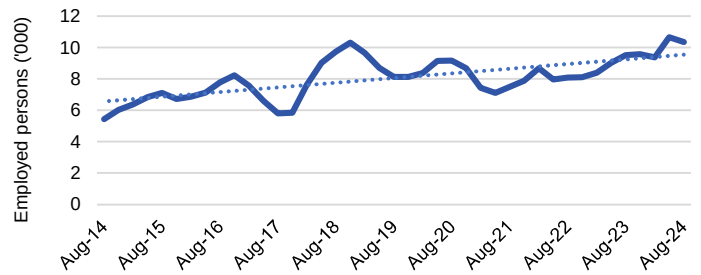
Number employed (Aug-24):	10,700
1 year employment change:	62.3%
5 year employment change:	205.3%
10 year employment change:	58.5%
Youth share of employment:	3.4%
Mature age share of employment:	3.6%

Public Administration and Safety



Number employed (Aug-24):	10,600
1 year employment change:	8.4%
5 year employment change:	31.5%
10 year employment change:	39.8%
Youth share of employment:	3.1%
Mature age share of employment:	7.4%

Construction



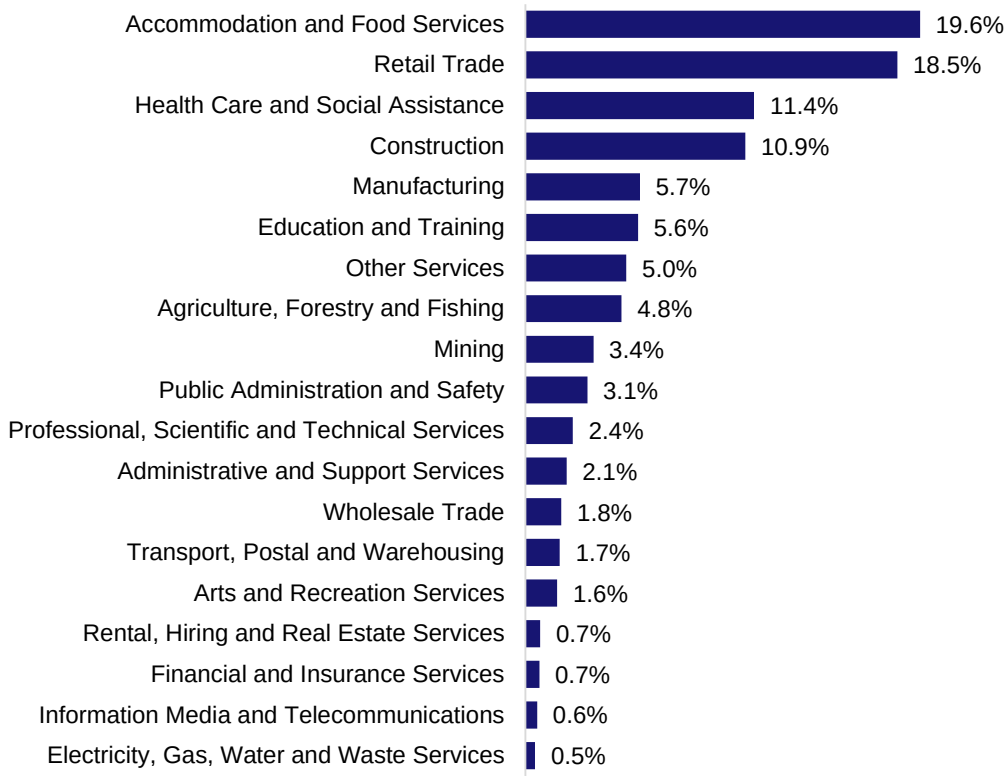
Number employed (Aug-24):	10,300
1 year employment change:	8.7%
5 year employment change:	27.3%
10 year employment change:	89.9%
Youth share of employment:	10.9%
Mature age share of employment:	6.5%

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.

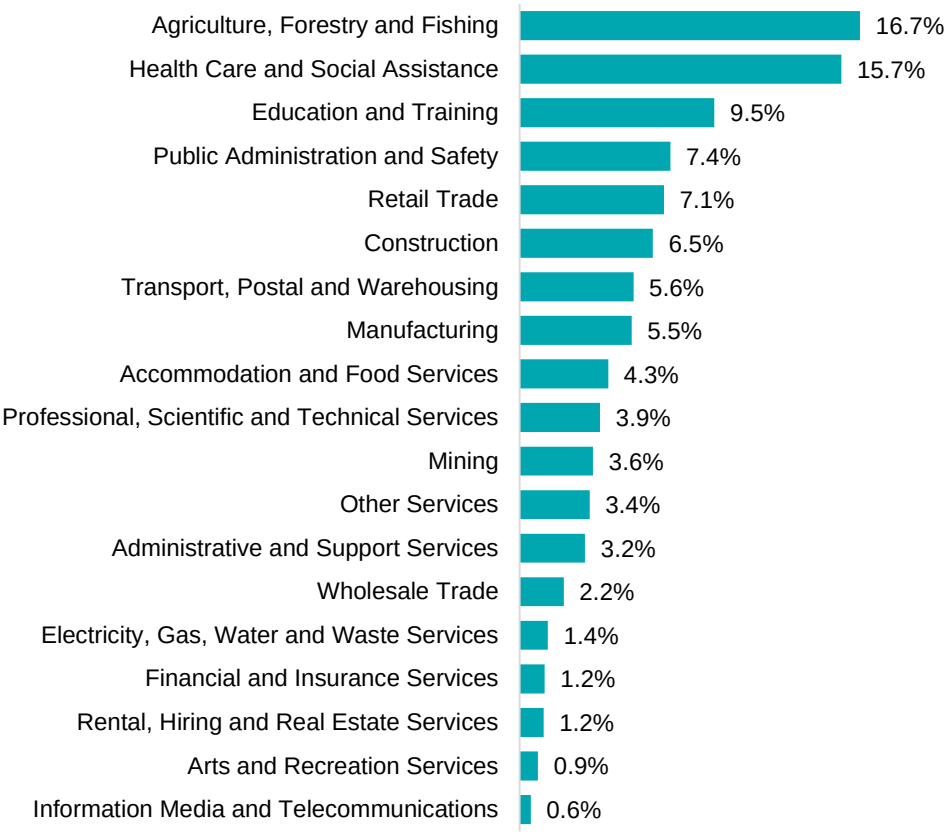
Employment characteristics by Industry

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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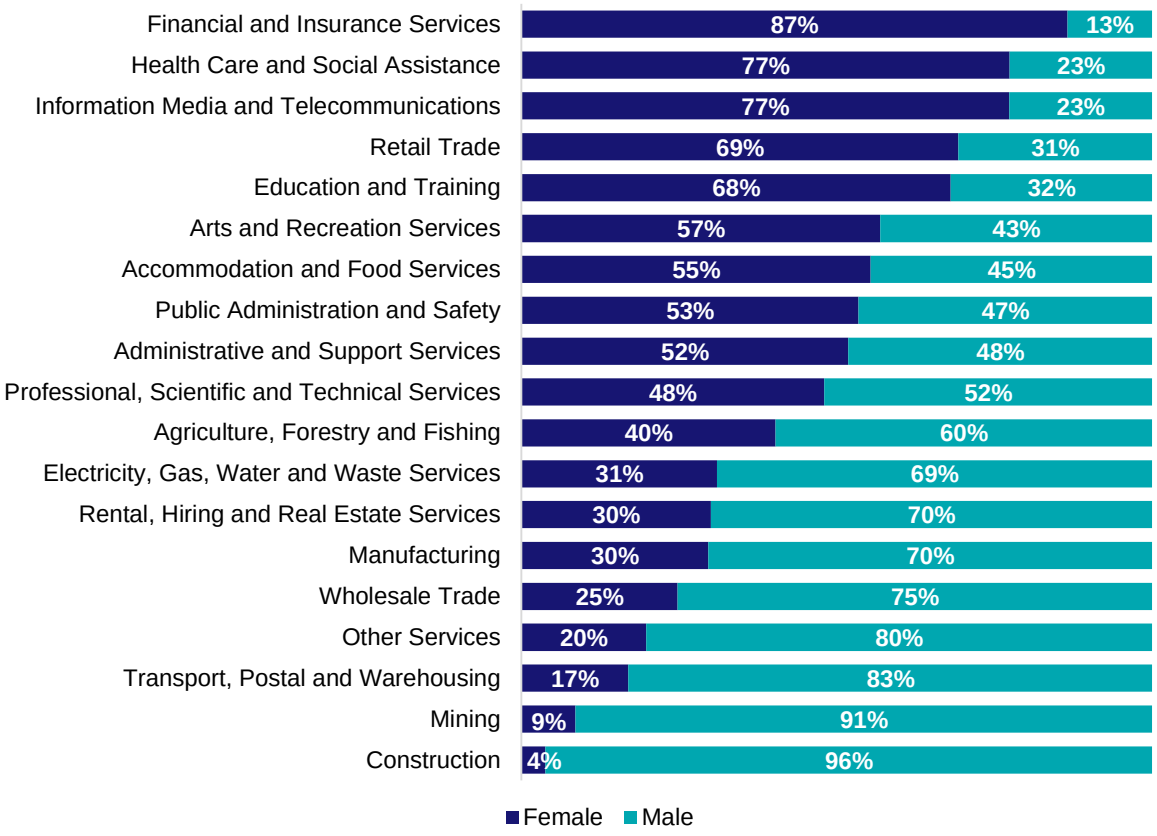
Gender share by industry



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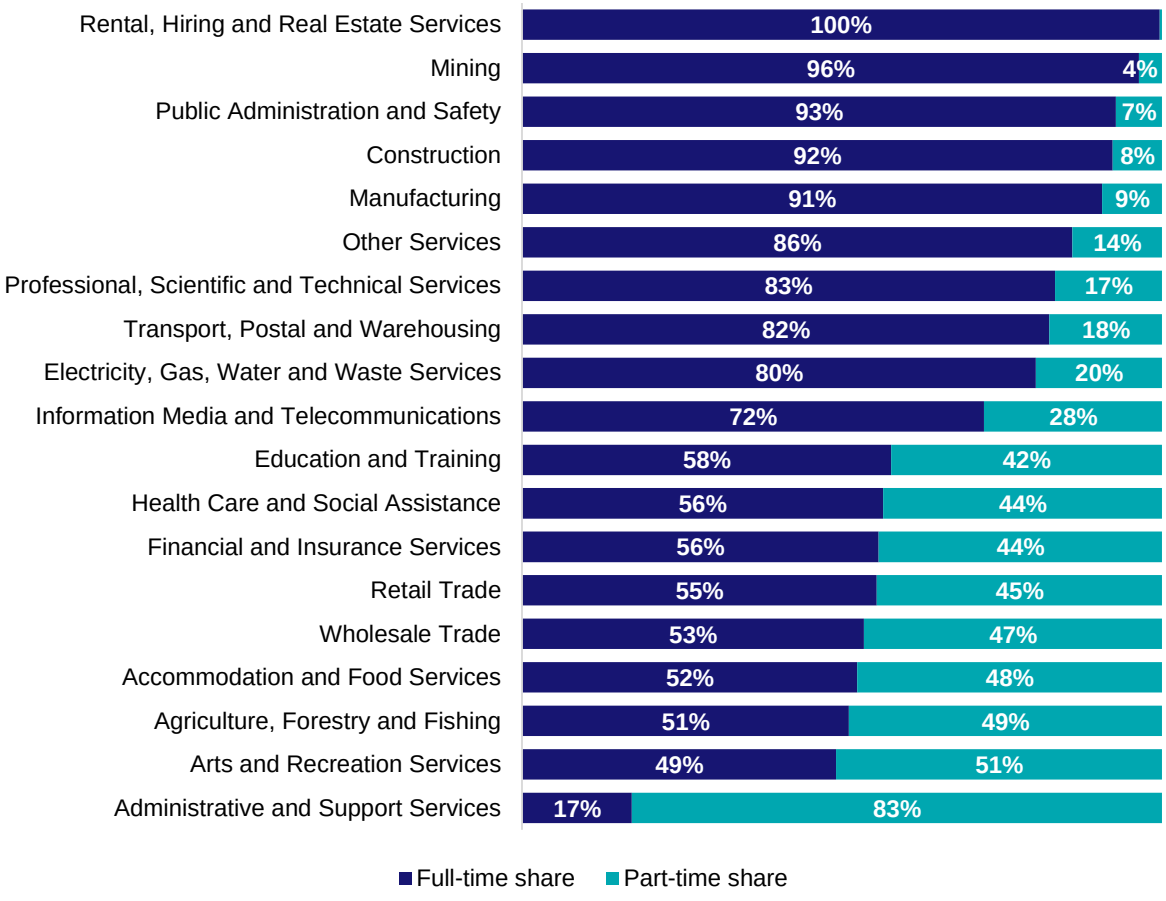
Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Central West, 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	16.5	19.6	21.3	15.3	56.5	43.5	43
Retail Trade	9.5	11.3	5.1	8.9	55.4	44.6	35
Mining	9.0	10.7	6.6	3.5	96.4	3.6	39
Public Administration and Safety	9.0	10.6	9.8	8.1	92.8	7.2	46
Construction	8.7	10.3	9.5	8.1	92.3	7.7	38
Education and Training	7.5	8.9	9.2	7.2	57.7	42.3	45
Manufacturing	7.0	8.4	6.5	8.5	90.7	9.3	42
Accommodation and Food Services	6.6	7.9	6.1	5.7	52.4	47.6	28
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	6.1	7.2	13.3	12.5	51.1	48.9	53
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.2	4.9	4.4	5.0	82.4	17.6	49
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.9	83.3	16.7	43
Other Services	2.6	3.0	4.8	5.5	86.0	14.0	38
Financial and Insurance Services	2.3	2.7	1.3	1.3	55.7	44.3	44
Administrative and Support Services	2.0	2.4	1.6	2.5	17.2	82.8	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.8	2.1	1.2	1.1	80.3	19.7	49
Arts and Recreation Services	1.8	2.1	2.6	0.5	49.1	50.9	35
Wholesale Trade	1.4	1.7	0.9	3.4	53.4	46.6	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.4	72.2	27.8	38
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.1	99.7	0.3	47
All industries	**100.0**	**118.7**	**109.4**	**103.5**	**70.6**	**29.4**	**42**

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.

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