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Employment Region Industry profile

Sydney South West Employment Region

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Overview

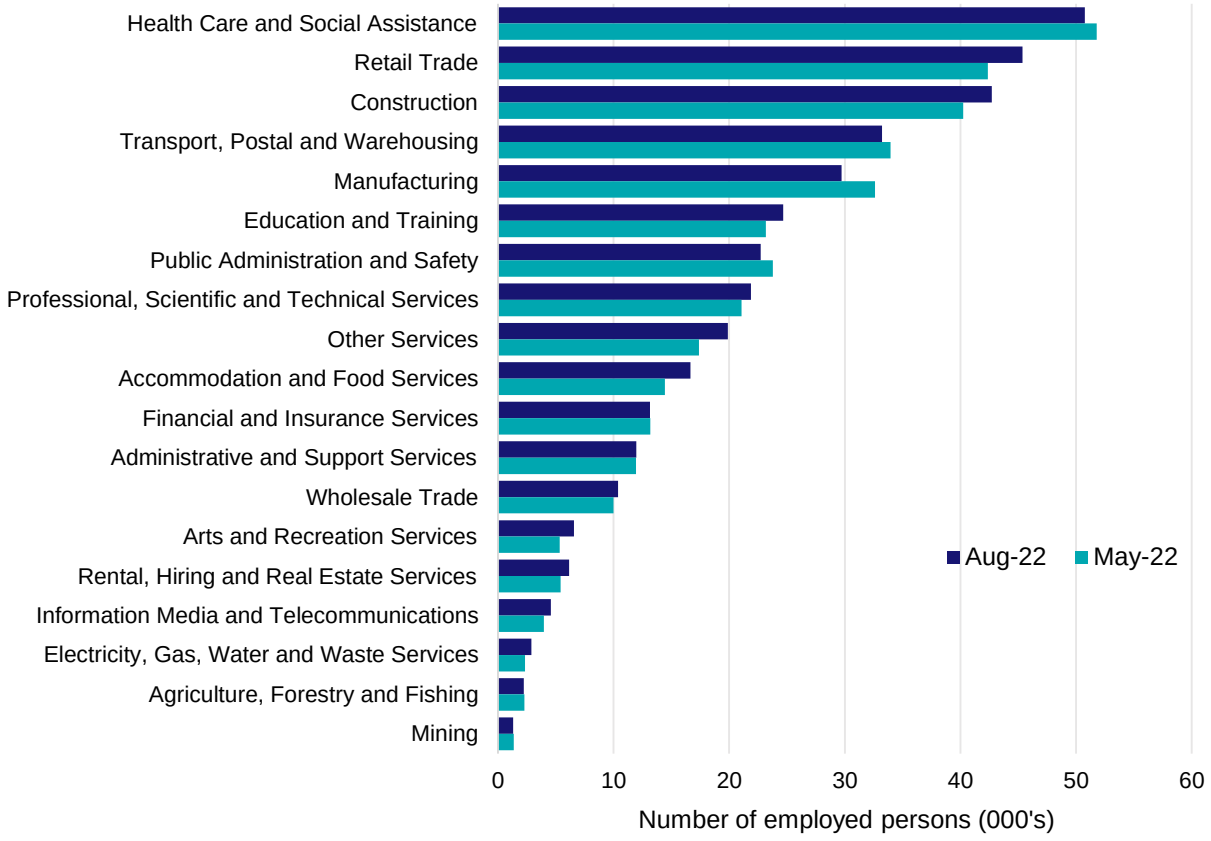
In August 2022, there were around 366,800 people employed in the Sydney South West Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Transport, Postal and Warehousing, and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 55% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2022, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 22.9% to stand at 50,800
- Retail Trade rose by 27.2% to stand at 45,400
- Construction rose by 6.1% to stand at 42,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Sydney South West Employment Region, 67% of workers were employed full-time; 75% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 40.

Employment by industry, May 2022 and August 2022



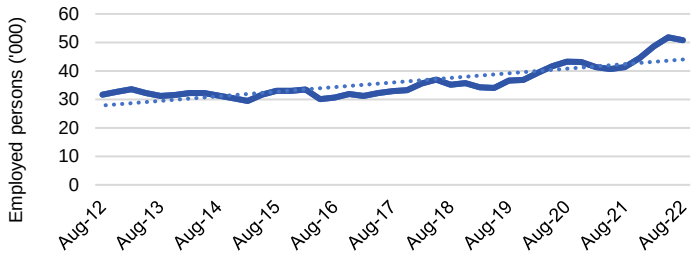
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2022. Note that the sum of four quarter averages may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards.

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the combined SA4s of Sydney - Outer South West; and Sydney - South West.

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 EmploymentPathwaysAnalysis@skillscommission.gov.au

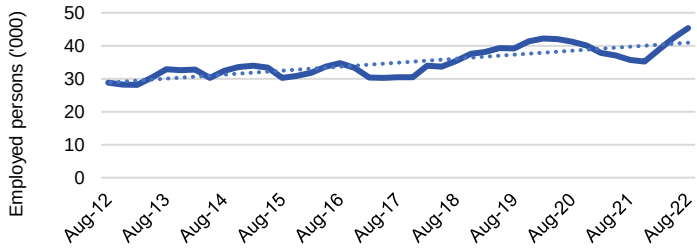
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance



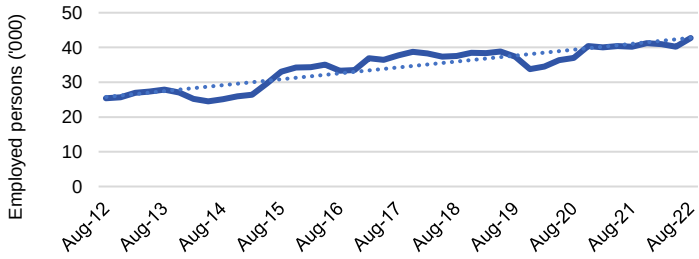
Number employed (Aug-22):	50,800
1 year employment change:	22.9%
5 year employment change:	54.2%
10 year employment change:	60.3%
Youth share of employment:	10.7%
Mature age share of employment:	14.7%

Retail Trade



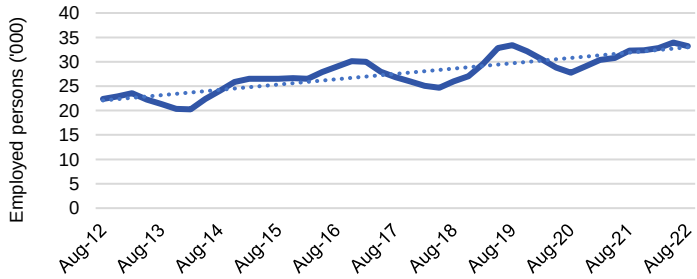
Number employed (Aug-22):	45,400
1 year employment change:	27.2%
5 year employment change:	48.7%
10 year employment change:	57.6%
Youth share of employment:	19.6%
Mature age share of employment:	8.7%

Construction



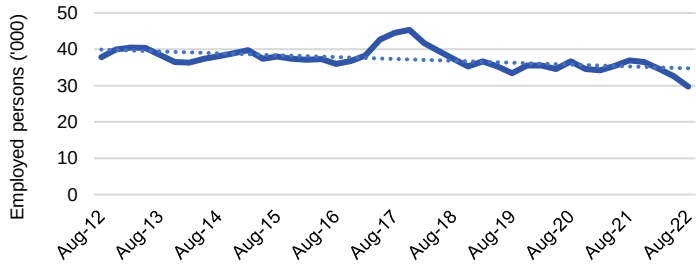
Number employed (Aug-22):	42,700
1 year employment change:	6.1%
5 year employment change:	13.2%
10 year employment change:	68.0%
Youth share of employment:	11.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.2%

Transport, Postal and Warehousing



Number employed (Aug-22):	33,200
1 year employment change:	3.0%
5 year employment change:	23.9%
10 year employment change:	48.6%
Youth share of employment:	4.6%
Mature age share of employment:	10.6%

Manufacturing



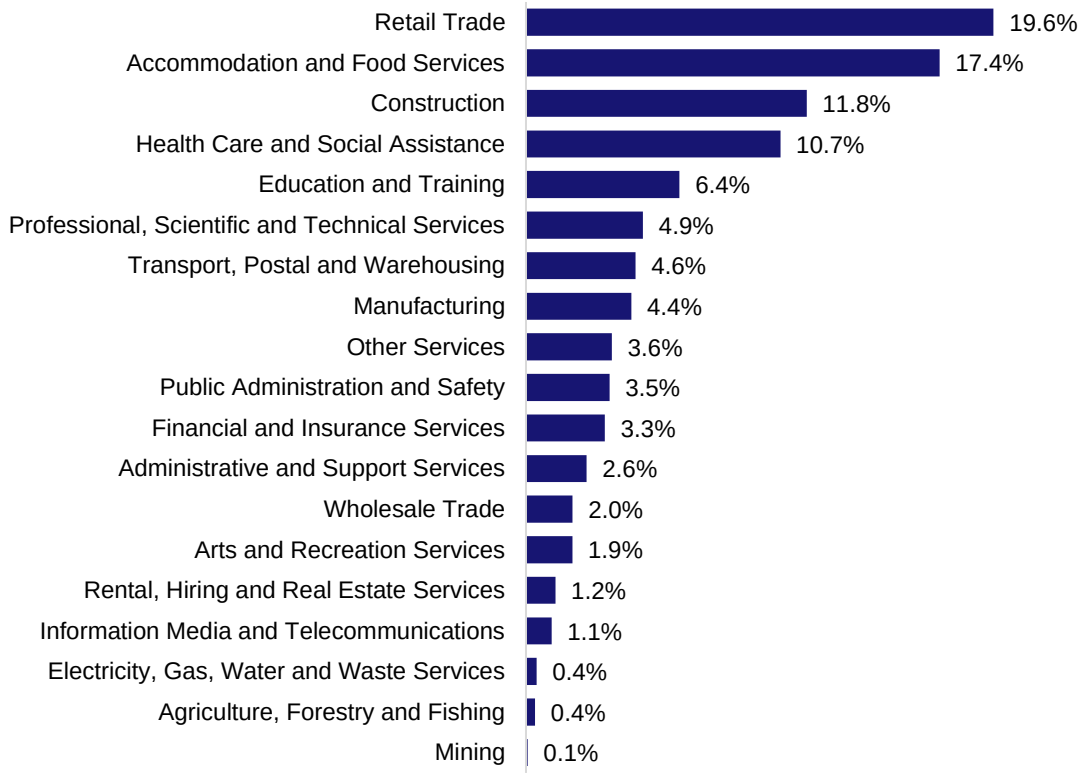
Number employed (Aug-22):	29,700
1 year employment change:	-19.5%
5 year employment change:	-33.2%
10 year employment change:	-21.3%
Youth share of employment:	4.4%
Mature age share of employment:	13.6%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2022, 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?

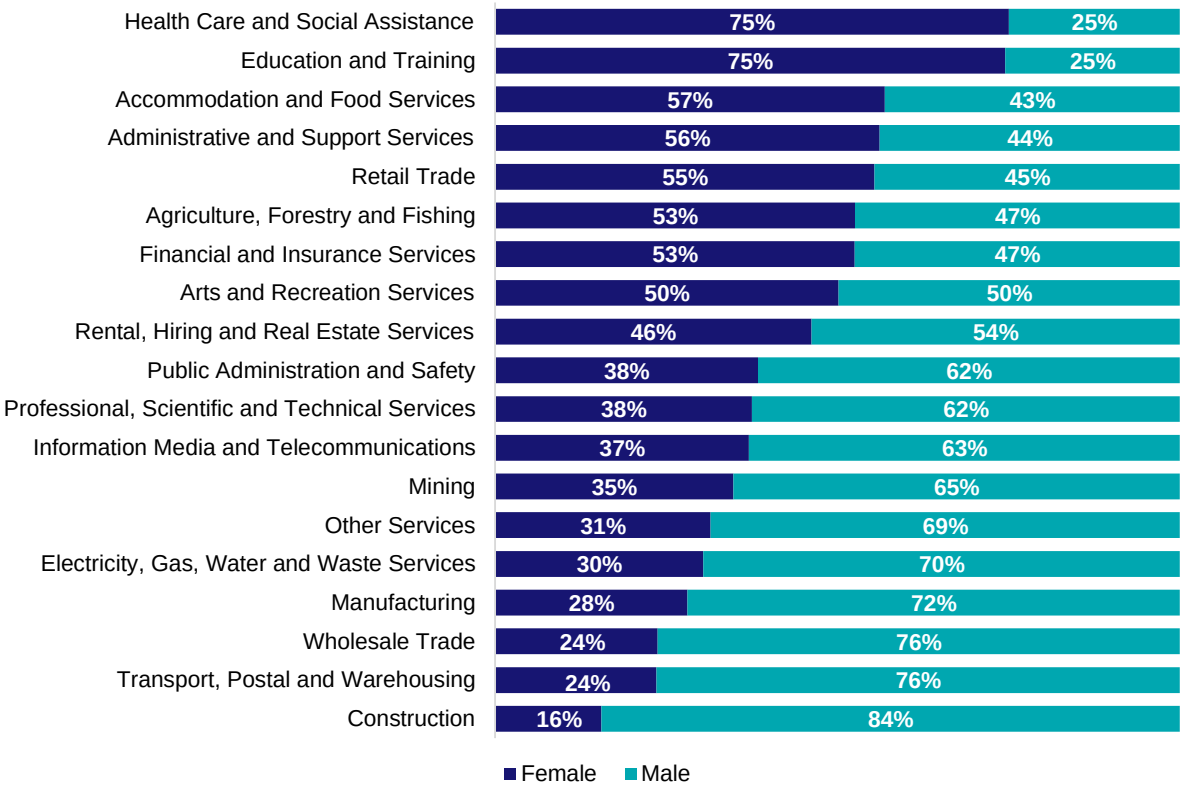


Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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

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

Gender share by industry



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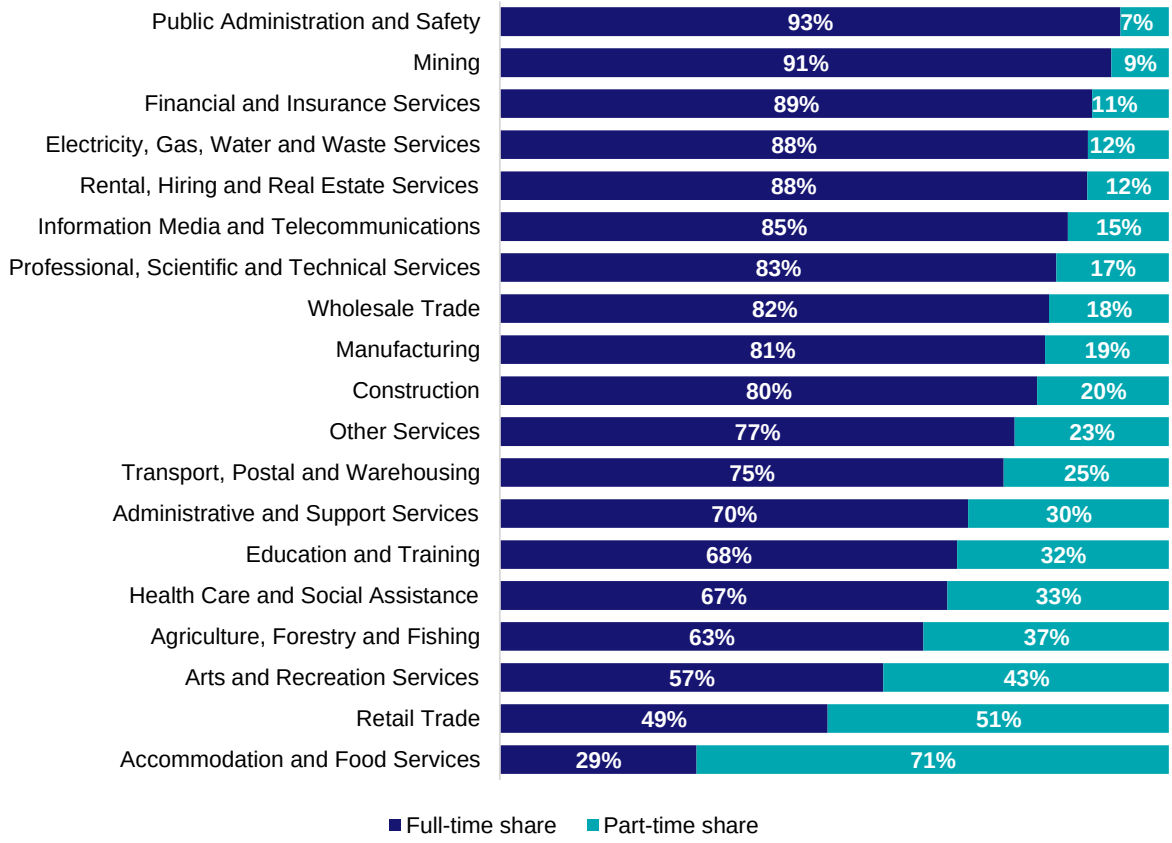
Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2022.

Appendix

Employment by industry, Sydney South West, August 2022

Industry (in order of size)	Share of regional employment Aug-22 (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-22	Aug-21	Aug-17	('000)	%	('000)	%			
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.8	50.8	41.3	32.9	9.5	22.9	17.8	54.2	66.9	33.1	40
Retail Trade	12.4	45.4	35.7	30.5	9.7	27.2	14.9	48.7	49.0	51.0	35
Construction	11.6	42.7	40.3	37.8	2.5	6.1	5.0	13.2	80.3	19.7	36
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	9.1	33.2	32.3	26.8	1.0	3.0	6.4	23.9	75.3	24.7	43
Manufacturing	8.1	29.7	37.0	44.5	-7.2	-19.5	-14.8	-33.2	81.5	18.5	46
Education and Training	6.7	24.7	24.5	23.2	0.2	0.7	1.5	6.4	68.3	31.7	40
Public Administration and Safety	6.2	22.7	21.3	14.2	1.4	6.5	8.5	60.1	92.7	7.3	41
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.0	21.9	21.5	18.8	0.4	1.7	3.1	16.7	83.2	16.8	37
Other Services	5.4	19.9	13.5	14.4	6.4	47.0	5.4	37.7	76.9	23.1	40
Accommodation and Food Services	4.5	16.6	17.3	17.0	-0.6	-3.7	-0.4	-2.2	29.4	70.6	25
Financial and Insurance Services	3.6	13.1	12.2	12.7	0.9	7.6	0.5	3.6	88.5	11.5	37
Administrative and Support Services	3.3	12.0	12.2	9.6	-0.2	-1.5	2.4	24.9	70.0	30.0	41
Wholesale Trade	2.8	10.4	13.8	14.2	-3.4	-24.5	-3.8	-26.6	82.1	17.9	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.8	6.6	5.0	4.0	1.6	31.9	2.6	64.2	57.3	42.7	31
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.7	6.1	3.8	4.4	2.4	63.1	1.7	38.2	87.8	12.2	38
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.2	4.6	2.9	4.5	1.6	55.5	0.1	1.2	84.9	15.1	37
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.8	2.9	2.5	3.1	0.4	17.6	-0.3	-8.2	87.9	12.1	42
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.6	2.2	2.7	1.2	-0.5	-19.0	1.1	89.8	63.3	36.7	48
Mining	0.4	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.0	-3.2	0.3	25.3	91.4	8.6	44
All industries	**100.0**	**366.8**	**341.0**	**314.9**	**25.8**	**7.6**	**51.9**	**16.5**	**71.6**	**28.4**	**39**

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2022. * 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.