

## Barkly

This region comprises the Local Government Areas of Tennant Creek, Elliot, Ali Curung and Newcastle Waters.

Total Workforce

# 2,854

(August 2025)

### Vocational Education and Training (VET)

(January - December 2024)

525

VET Enrolments

4% decrease since 2023

145

VET Completions

6% decrease since 2023

#### Top 3 Qualifications by Enrolments

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Certificate III in Agriculture

Certificate II in Rural Operations

#### Top 3 Occupation Pathways by Enrolments

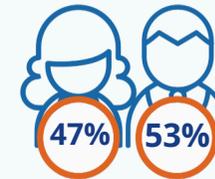
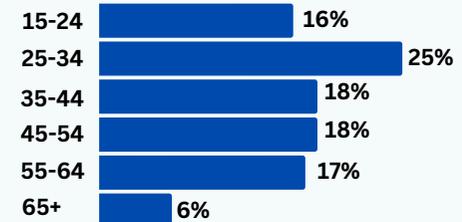
Welfare Support Workers

General Clerks

Child Carers

## Workforce

Age (years)



Employment by Gender (June 2021)

Age Breakdown (June 2021)

183

Total Registered Businesses

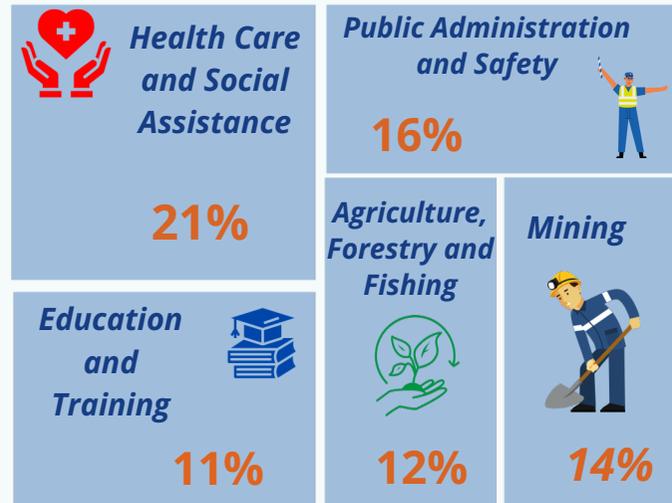
(2024)

7%

Unemployment Rate

(June 2025)

### Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count (2023/24)



## Resident Population (2021)

by age, gender and Indigenous status

6,006

Total Resident Population

Age (years)

Age (years)	Male	Female
0-24	52%	48%
25-44	49%	51%
45-64	49%	51%
65+	55%	45%

69%

Indigenous Population

Barkly's population is expected to be 6,334 in 2031.

## Examples of Occupations in Demand for Top 5 Industries (2025)



Barista



Environmental Consultant



General Clerk



Motor Mechanic (General)



Primary School Teacher



Registered Nurse (Community Health)



Security Officer



Storeperson



Workplace Relations Adviser



# Workforce Challenges




**High employee turnover**



**Receiving fewer job applicants than expected**



**Inadequate skilled workforce**



**High relocation costs**



# Workforce Solutions




**Providing in-house training and upskilling workforce**



**Fostering a positive workplace culture that recognizes and promotes workers.**



**Offering flexible work arrangements**



**Work visa sponsorship for overseas skilled workers**



**Rewarding high-performing employees in the workplace with incentives**

## WHAT DOES ISACNT DO

- Workforce development
- Support training package development
- Promote vocational education and training
- Provide advice and intelligence

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