

Barkly

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

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

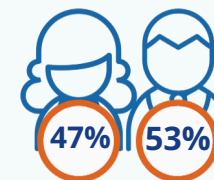
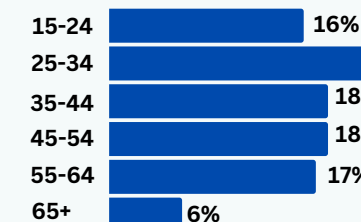
Welfare Support Workers

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)



Health Care and Social Assistance

21%

Education and Training

11%

Public Administration and Safety

16%

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

12%

Mining



14%

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



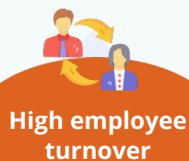
Storeperson



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

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WHAT DOES ISACNT DO

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



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