

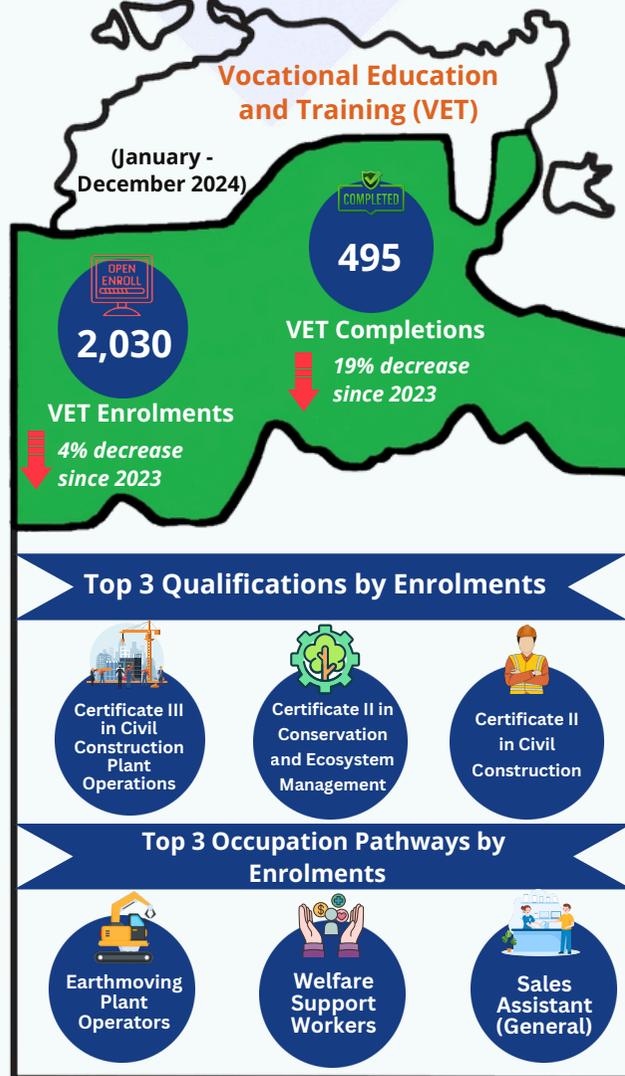
Big Rivers

This region comprises the Local Government Areas of Katherine, Victoria Daly and Roper Gulf.

Total Workforce

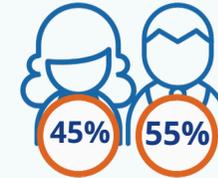
9,991

(August 2025)

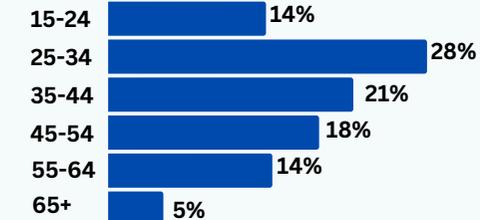


Workforce

Age (years)



Employment by Gender (June 2021)



Age Breakdown (June 2021)

1,036

Total Registered Businesses

(2024)

6%

Unemployment Rate

(June 2025)

Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count (2023/24)



Resident Population (2021)

by age, gender and Indigenous status

21,109

Total Resident Population

Age (years)

Age Group	Male (%)	Female (%)
0-24	52%	48%
25-44	49%	51%
45-64	49%	51%
65+	56%	44%

57%

Indigenous Population

Big Rivers's population is expected to be 22,555 in 2031.

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



Aged or Disabled Carer



Driller



Fitter (General)



Fruit Picker



General Practitioner



Police Officer



Research and Development Manager



Systems Administrator



University Lecturer



Workforce Challenges



Housing shortages makes it difficult to attract workers



Inadequate skilled workforce



Few applicants for high paying jobs



Training time for certain occupations is lengthy



Workforce Solutions



Providing in-house training and upskilling workforce



Promoting good workplace culture which identifies and promotes workers



Work visa sponsorship for overseas skilled workers



Focusing on word-of-mouth job advertising as it appears to be effective in this region



Incentivising high performance workers at the workplace

WHAT DOES ISACNT DO

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

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