

NORTHERN TERRITORY REGIONAL SNAPSHOT 2025

Top End

This region comprises of the Local Government Areas of West Daly, Coomalie, Tiwi Island and West Arnhem respectively.

Total Workforce

4,109

(August 2025)



1,185

VET Enrolments

↓ 7% decrease since 2023

270

VET Completions

↑ 32% decrease since 2023

Top 3 Qualifications by Enrolments

Certificate II in
Conservation
and Ecosystem
Management

Certificate III in
Civil
Construction
Plant
Operations

Certificate II
in
Community
Services

Top 3 Occupation Pathways by Enrolments

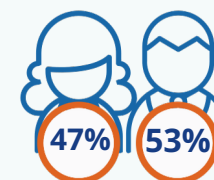
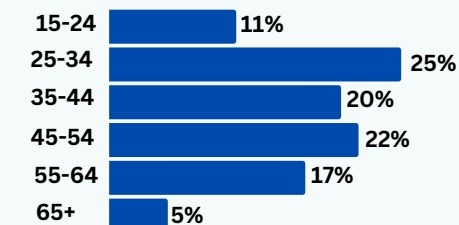
General
Clerks

Earthmoving
Plant
Operators

Welfare
Support
Workers

Workforce

Age
(years)



Employment by Gender
(June 2021)

195

Total Registered
Businesses

(2024)

7%

Unemployment
Rate

(June 2025)

Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count (2023/24)



**Education
and
Training**

20%



**Health Care and
Social Assistance**

17%

**Accommodation
and Food
Services**



8%

**Arts and
Recreation
Services**



7%

**Public
Administration
and Safety**



13%

Resident Population (2021)

by age, gender and Indigenous status

18,000

Total
Resident
Population

Age
(years)

0-24	52%	48%
25-44	48%	52%
45-64	51%	49%
65+	54%	46%



73%

Indigenous
Population

Top End's Population is expected to be 18,398 in 2031.

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



Bookkeeper



Cafe or Restaurant
Manager



Chef



Electrician
(Special Class)



Maintenance
Planner



Occupational
Health and Safety
Adviser



Safety
Inspector



Specialist Managers
not elsewhere
covered



Vocational
Education
Teacher



Workforce Challenges



High
employee
turnover



Inadequate
skilled
Workforce



High
relocation
costs



Training time
for certain
occupations is
lengthy



Workforce Solutions



Providing in-house
training and
upskilling workforce



Recruiting temporary
visa holders to fill skill
shortages.



Providing flexible
working
arrangements



Using employee
attraction and
retention strategies



Incentivising high
performance workers
at the workplace

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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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