

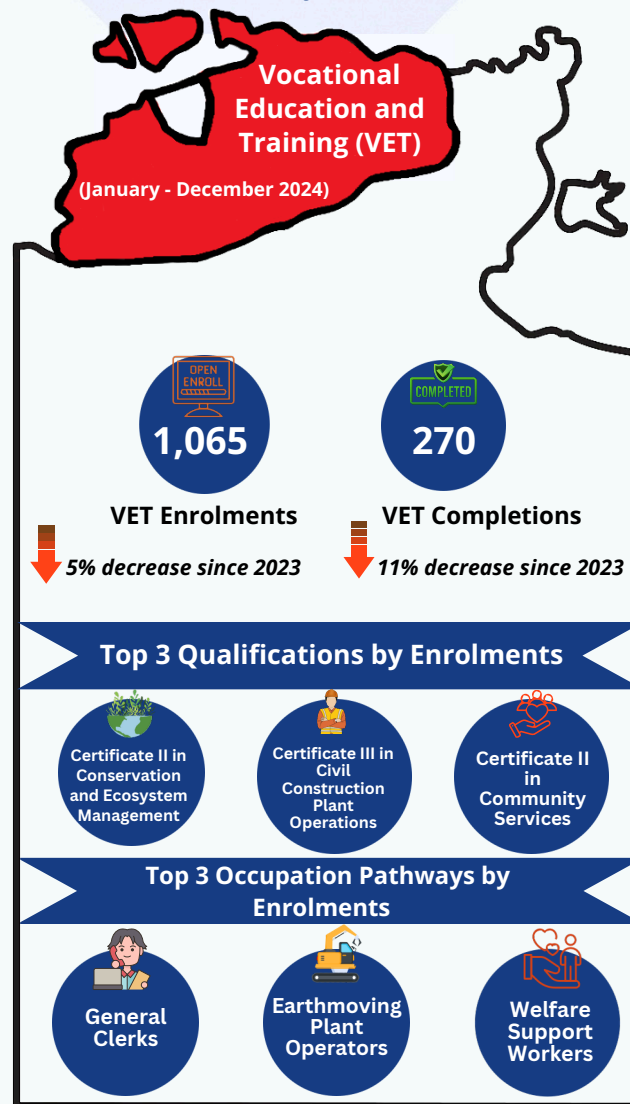
Top End

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

Total Workforce

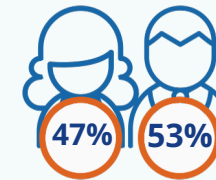
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(February 2026)

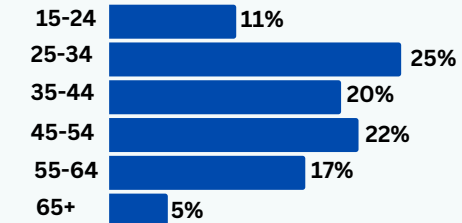


Workforce

Age (years)



Employment by Gender (June 2021)



Age Breakdown (June 2021)

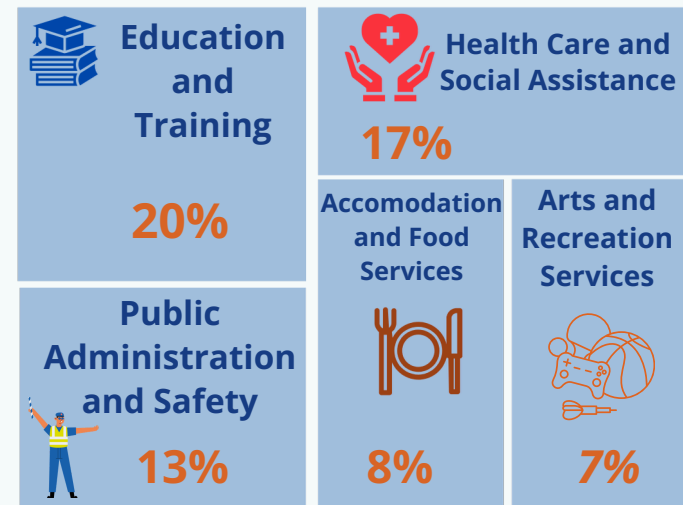


Total Registered Businesses (2025)



Unemployment Rate (December 2025)

Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count (2023/24)

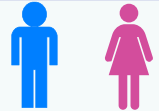


Resident Population (2021)

by age, gender and Indigenous status



Age (years)



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



Indigenous Population

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

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





Workforce Challenges



Higher salary expectations



Inadequate skilled Workforce



High relocation costs



Receiving fewer job applicants than expected



Workforce Solutions



Providing in-house training and upskilling workforce



Recruiting temporary visa holders to fill skill shortages



Providing work visa sponsorship for overseas skilled workers



Using employee attraction and retention strategies



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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