



Top 19 employing industries in WA



1. Health Care and Social Assistance

Accounts for
13.4%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **16%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **15%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **51%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Registered nurses
- 2 Aged and disabled carers
- 3 Nursing support and personal care workers

18% employed without qualifications



2. Mining

Accounts for
9.9%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **35%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **9%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **29%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Drillers, miners and shot firers
- 2 Metal fitters and machinists
- 3 Other building and engineering technicians

27% employed without qualifications



3. Construction

Accounts for
9.2%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **43%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **9%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **13%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Electricians
- 2 Carpenters and joiners
- 3 Construction managers

35% employed without qualifications



4. Retail Trade

Accounts for
8.3%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **17%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **9%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **17%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Sales assistants (general)
- 2 Retail managers
- 3 Checkout operators and office cashiers

57% employed without qualifications



5. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

Accounts for
8.1%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **11%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **12%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **63%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Accountants
- 2 Solicitors
- 3 Software and applications programmers

14% employed without qualifications



6. Education and Training

Accounts for
8.0%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **14%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **10%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **61%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Primary school teachers
- 2 Education aides
- 3 Secondary school teachers

15% employed without qualifications



7. Accommodation and Food Services

Accounts for
6.8%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **16%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **10%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **16%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Kitchenhands
- 2 Bar attendants and baristas
- 3 Sales assistants (general)

58% employed without qualifications



8. Public Administration and Safety

Accounts for
5.8%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **19%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **16%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **40%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Police
- 2 Security officers and guards
- 3 Inspectors and regulatory officers

25% employed without qualifications



9. Manufacturing

Accounts for
5.7%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **33%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **10%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **20%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Structural steel and welding trades workers
- 2 Metal fitters and machinists
- 3 Production managers

37% employed without qualifications



10. Transport, Postal and Warehousing

Accounts for
5.1%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **23%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **13%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **19%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Truck drivers
- 2 Automobile drivers
- 3 Couriers and postal deliverers

45% employed without qualifications



11. Other Services

Accounts for
4.2%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **42%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **12%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **17%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Hairdressers
- 2 Motor mechanics
- 3 Beauty therapists

29% employed without qualifications



12. Administrative and Support Services

Accounts for
3.1%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **22%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **12%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **23%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Commercial cleaners
- 2 Domestic cleaners
- 3 Gardeners

43% employed without qualifications



13. Wholesale Trade

Accounts for
2.8%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **27%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **10%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **21%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Storepersons
- 2 Metal fitters and machinists
- 3 Technical sales representatives

42% employed without qualifications



14. Financial and Insurance Services

Accounts for
2.2%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **12%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **18%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **44%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Bank workers
- 2 Financial brokers
- 3 Credit and loans officers

26% employed without qualifications



15. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Accounts for
2.0%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **20%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **9%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **16%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Crop farmers
- 2 Livestock farmers
- 3 Mixed crop and livestock farmers

55% employed without qualifications



16. Arts and Recreation Services

Accounts for
1.8%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **17%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **12%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **30%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Sports coaches, instructors and officials
- 2 Amusement, fitness and sports centre managers
- 3 Fitness instructors

41% employed without qualifications



17. Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services

Accounts for
1.7%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **21%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **19%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **28%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Real estate sales agents
- 2 General clerks
- 3 Other hospitality, retail and service managers

32% employed without qualifications



18. Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services

Accounts for
1.2%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **31%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **11%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **30%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Truck drivers
- 2 Electricians
- 3 Electrical distribution trades workers

28% employed without qualifications



19. Information Media and Telecommunications

Accounts for
0.9%
of the total
WA workforce

Training level

- **16%** employed with a Certificate I - IV
- **14%** employed with a Diploma to Advanced Diploma
- **41%** employed with a university qualification

Top three employing occupations

- 1 Telecommunications trades workers
- 2 Journalists and other writers
- 3 Film, television, radio and stage directors

29% employed without qualifications

Sources: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, 4 Quarter average of Original data As at May 2023