



# **GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION**

#### **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT (JUNE 2022)**

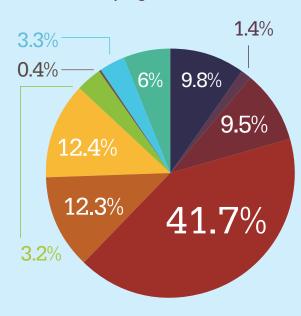
# Output

Total Output \$28.9b 1



13.7% increase year-on-year

Of the total output generated in the Goldfields-Esperance region:



Coolgardie	\$2.840b		
Dundas	\$403.841m		
Esperance	\$2.743b		
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	\$12.041b		
Laverton	\$3.558b		
Leonora	\$3.574b		
Menzies	\$929.785m		
Ngaanyatjarraku	\$104.968m		
Ravensthorpe	\$941.209m		
Wiluna	\$1.720b		

### **Top 6 Sectors** by Output:

Mining **\$18.3b** Manufacturing \$2.6b Construction \$1.3b

Rental, Hiring &

Real Estate Services \$1.2b

Transport, Postal & Warehousing **\$0.8b** 

#### Other Notable Sectors:

Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing **\$674m** 



#### \$190,805

Goldfields-Esperance **Gross Regional** Product Per Capita (WA \$146,554)



#### \$326,578

Goldfields-Esperance **Gross Regional** Product Per Worker (WA \$310,235)

## Building pproval (Value)

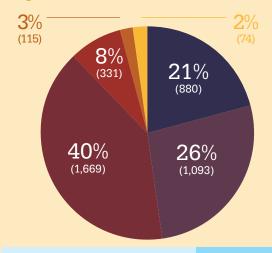
\$155.74m (2020-21)

## **Business Count**

Number of businesses in the region<sup>1</sup> 4,162 (June 2021)

Staff Size	
Non employing	2,214
1-19	1,826
20-199	113
200+	9
Total	4,162

# **Business Count** by Turnover



Turnover		
Zero to less than \$50k		880
\$50k to less than \$200k		1,093
\$200k to less than \$2m		1,669
\$2m to less than \$5m		331
\$5m to less than \$10m		115
\$10m or more		
	Total	4,162

# **Employment**

Top 5 Sectors by Employment







32,605 Total Regional Jobs

**2.28**%

**Unemployment Rate** (December 2021)

Low -



Retail



Education

# Sector Highlights

#### Resources

With around \$18.3 billion in mining sector output per annum, the region remains one of the most important mining jurisdictions in Australia. Major mineral commodities exported from the region include gold, nickel, rare earth elements and lithium. The local mining industry expands well beyond extraction to also include METS services, exploration, processing, equipment development, education and research.

Gold production remains a mainstay of the local mining sector. Regional production is set to increase. with new, expansion and reactivation projects coming online. These include Binduli North, Paddington Mill, King of the Hills, Wiluna Stage 1, Warrawoona, Tropicana Havana, and the Kalgoorlie Production Centre. Gold output in Australia is expected to increase until 2025-26, with Australian gold export volumes projected to rise from 285 tonnes in 2021-22 to 382 tonnes in 2025-26.2

#### **Agriculture and Food**

The Goldfields-Esperance region has a significant agricultural and pastoral sector and a commercial seafood industry. This activity is concentrated in the southern part of the region with pastoral leases throughout the northern region.

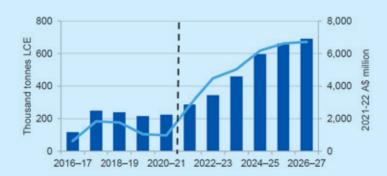
Broadacre crops, particularly wheat, barley and canola, are the region's most valuable agricultural commodities. ABARES forecasts that the value of Australian crop exports will reach a record high in 2022-23.3 These forecast high export values will be driven by high world prices and a significant exportable surplus. As a stable producer of highquality crops, Goldfields-Esperance region producers are expected to benefit from these trends.

Producers in the region are continuing to explore diversification and value-adding options to meet emerging markets such as consumer demand for alternative proteins.

### **Battery and Technology Minerals**

The Goldfields-Esperance region has globally significant reserves of battery and technology minerals of a quality suitable for lithium-ion battery manufacturing and other advanced applications. Global demand for lithium is forecast to grow strongly in the coming years. The region is the largest global producer of rare earth elements (REE) after China.

#### **AUSTRALIAN LITHIUM PRODUCTION**



Notes: Export values include revenue from spodumene concentrate and lithium hydroxide.

Lithium volumes include total exports of spodumene concentrate and lithium hydroxide converted to LCE.

Source: Company reports; WoodMackenzie (2022); Commonwealth Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (2022)

### **Tourism**



13.5% Total Overnight 13.6%

**Total Overnight Total Overnight** Visitors Visitor Nights

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- <sup>2</sup> Office of the Chief Economist, Resources and Energy Quarterly (March 2022).
- <sup>3</sup> Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), Agricultural overview: June quarter 2022
- <sup>4</sup> Tourism Western Australia, Visitation to Western Australia: Overview (Year ending December 2021) Unless otherwise stated, all data in this document has been sourced from REMPLAN and the ABS.

Year on Year Change, Ending Dec 20214