

# Primary and secondary industry

## Adding value to primary resources

The primary industries of agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining provided a total value of production of \$8.6 billion in 2003-04, representing 5% of the total value of the Victorian economy<sup>1</sup>. While many primary commodities are exported directly, the process of value-adding through processing and manufacturing also contributes to valuable export production.

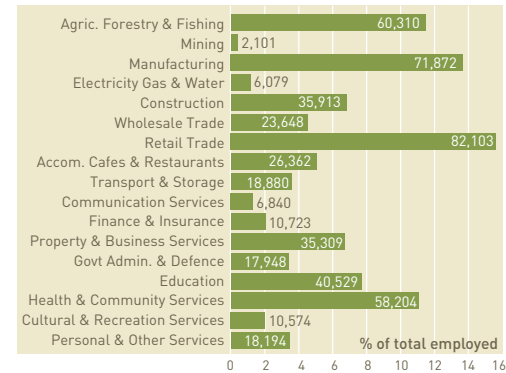
## Value of primary resource development and related manufacturing<sup>1</sup>

Victorian economy 2003-04

PRIMARY RESOURCE	Value of production \$ million	Value of direct exports \$ million	Value of manufactured exports \$ million
Agriculture	8711	1742	5104 <i>food beverages &amp; tobacco</i>
Forestry	658	24	534 <i>wood &amp; paper products</i>
Fishing <i>including aquaculture</i>	129	45	
Coal	530	< 0.6	1900 <i>petrochemical &amp; coal products</i>
Oil and Gas	2900	619 <i>crude oil</i>	
Metal Ore <i>eg. gold, silver, zinc, copper, mineral sands</i>	78 <i>of which gold - 58</i>	< 1	1600
Other Mining <i>eg. extractive industries</i>	492	> 14	79

## Employment by Industry<sup>2</sup>

Number and percentage, regional Victoria, 2001

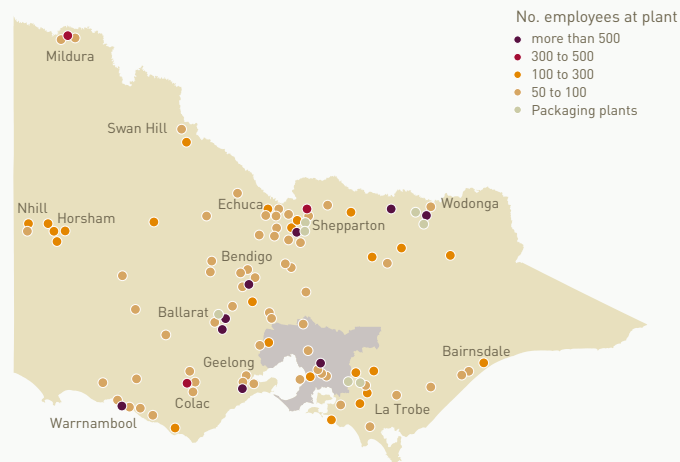


## Key employment sectors

Service sectors account for a large proportion of regional employment, mainly through retail trade. Manufacturing and agriculture each employ over 60,000 people while health, community services and construction are also significant sectors of employment.

## Location of major food processing plants<sup>3</sup>

Regional Victoria 2005



## The food industry

Linkages between primary, secondary and service sectors is particularly evident in food processing where many agricultural commodities form the basis, not only of local processing plants, but also local tourism opportunities such as gourmet trails and regional food, wine and craft festivals.

Food manufacturing plays an important role in many regional economies across Victoria through employment, investment and export activities. While food processing operations are scattered across the state there are some strong concentrations of food processors such as those in the state's north, central, West Gippsland and south-west regions.

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Sources <sup>1</sup>DPI 2005 *Victorian Agriculture Forestry and Fishing Industries at a Glance*; DPI 2005 *Victorian Minerals and Petroleum (Mining) Industries at a Glance* <sup>2</sup>ABS Census 2001 <sup>3</sup>Food Victoria 2004 *Next Generation Food Strategy*