

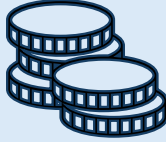





HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Health Care and Social Assistance is an economic pillar of the MidCoast. It is the largest industry with a Value Add of \$564.7m (16.3% of total) and 7,224 employed persons in 2023. These figures represent significant growth between 2018 and 2023 by 20.3% and 14.4% respectively.

The MidCoast offers the critical health infrastructure required to support the growing region. The industry has experienced strong historic growth and the demand for health services will continue to grow in the future with an ageing population and increased propensity for access to a higher level of health care.

 <p>EMPLOYMENT 7,224 (2023)</p>	 <p>NO. OF BUSINESSES 596 (2024)</p>	 <p>OUTPUT \$802M (2023)</p>	 <p>VALUE ADD \$564M (2023)</p>
20% OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	7% OF TOTAL BUSINESSES	10% OF TOTAL OUTPUT	16% OF TOTAL VALUE ADD
▲ 14% growth since 2018	▲ 72% growth since 2018	▲ 22% growth since 2018	▲ 20% growth since 2018

Opportunities

- **Aged care is a regional specialisation.** There is an opportunity to explore development opportunities for further aged care and seniors housing facilities, aligned to the ageing population in the region.
- The \$100million **Manning Base Hospital Stage 2 redevelopment** will support jobs (both during construction and for the ongoing health industry) and alleviate capacity issues.