

Regional Blueprint 2024-2025

Summary Document



The RDA network in SA

The Regional Development South Australia (RDSA) network of Regional Development Australia (RDA) organisations in SA are independent, non-partisan and receive funding from all three levels of government. We are well-placed in providing specific local intelligence to advance regional challenges and evidence-based decision making.

We aim to capitalise on regional SA's unprecedented opportunity for population and industry growth while focusing on bringing together data, policy, and solutions to key challenges to meet industry demands.

Regional SA – economic performance

The 2024 RDSA Regional Blueprint reflects a record year with headline GRP growing from \$31.78B to \$35.89B - highlighting the significant economic contribution regions make to the South Australian (SA) economy. Regional SA performs above the state average for labour productivity – higher than metropolitan Adelaide.

Record forecast pipeline of growth

An analysis of 928 public and private sector projects in the RDSA Regional Investment Pipeline highlights \$65.43B in Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) under contemplation in regional South Australia, up from \$62.562 last year. To be included in the pipeline, these investments must be under active contemplation, funding consideration and/or construction for commencement in the next five years.

Public & Private Projects – Number



340
Number
of Public
Projects

588
Number
of Private
Projects

Public & Private Projects – \$B



49.551
Value of
Private
Projects

15.879
Value of
Public
Projects

Regional South Australia's Economic Performance

531,583 ↑ **6,489**

REGIONAL POPULATION

\$35.89B ↑ **4.11**

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT

47,038 ↑ **572**

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES

\$65.43B ↑ **2.866**

REGIONAL INVESTMENT
PIPELINE

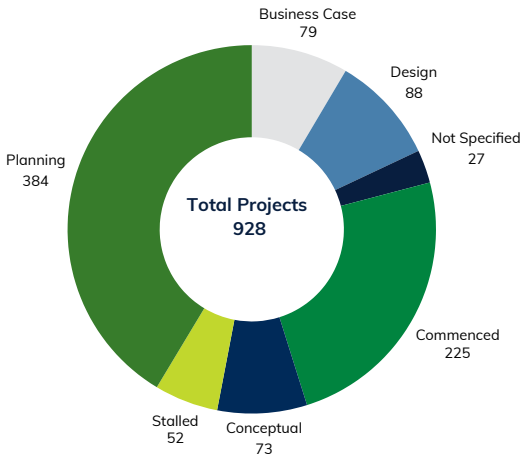
220,490 ↑ **3,281**

NUMBER OF JOBS

Gross Regional Product and Labour compiled by .id (Informed Decisions) and Regional Investment Pipeline compiled by Regional Development Australia. Accessed June 2024.

Regional Investment Pipeline

Project Stages



AHFKI - Adelaide Hills Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island

BGLAP - Barossa Gawler Light & Adelaide Plains

EP - Eyre Peninsula

MR - Murraylands & Riverland

FN - Far North

YMN - Yorke & Mid North

LC - Limestone Coast

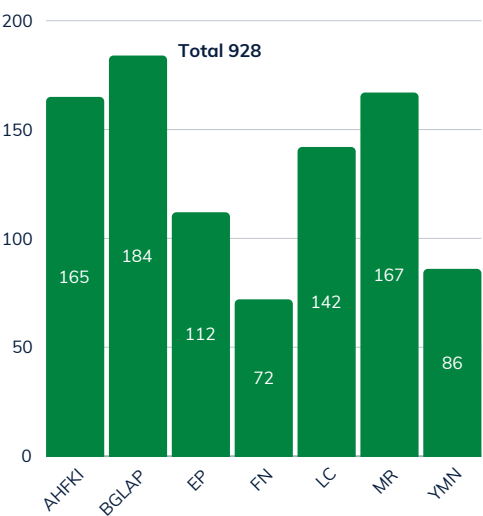
Regional Projects by Industry ANZSIC Code	Number	Value
A – Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	32	\$462,455,722
B – Mining	13	\$4,409,000,000
C – Manufacturing	105	\$18,665,730,663
D – Electricity, Gas and Water and Waste Services	95	\$31,812,050,071
E – Construction	213	\$3,723,230,930
F – Wholesale Trade	6	\$40,278,500
G – Retail Trade	23	\$223,740,000
H – Accommodation and Food Services	141	\$1,601,830,000
I – Transport, Postal and Warehousing and Storage	45	\$1,180,128,438
J – Information Media and Telecommunications	14	\$34,676,531
K – Finance and Insurance Services	0	\$0
L – Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	3	\$17,700,000
M – Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	13	\$138,790,000
N – Administrative and Support Services	2	\$270,000
O – Public Administration and Safety	32	\$1,383,734,567
P – Education and Training	19	\$132,895,000
Q – Health Care and Social Assistance	55	\$705,958,647
R – Arts and Recreational Services	99	\$824,282,504
S – Other Services	9	\$9,645,000
Z – Not specified	9	\$65,048,007
TOTAL	928	\$65,431,444,581

RDSA Strategic Priorities

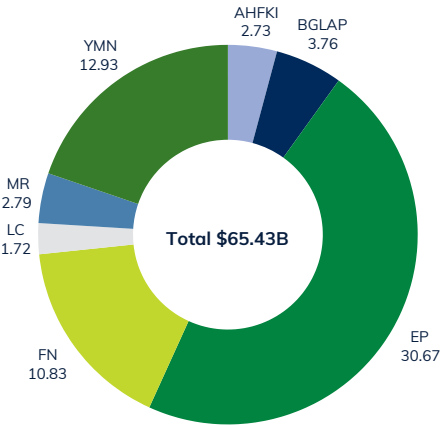
- Infrastructure and Land Use Planning**
To unlock investment opportunities, enabling infrastructure must be effectively coordinated across all levels of government. Fit-for-purpose infrastructure (water, power, transport, and telecommunications) is essential for growth and thriving communities.
- Water**
Regional SA faces critical challenges in water supply and stormwater/wastewater management due to dependency on water for growth and distribution constraints. RDAs support sustainable water use and infrastructure planning to address short, medium, and long-term needs.
- Housing**
Adequate housing in regional SA is vital for population retention, growth, and workforce supply. RDAs advocate for initiatives to unlock diverse, affordable housing options for critical workers, families, and ageing populations.
- Workforce, Education, and Skills**
Regional growth depends on attracting a skilled workforce, creating local education pathways, and addressing workforce shortages. RDAs advocate for solutions to bridge skills gaps, strengthen workforce retention, and foster vibrant communities.
- Environmental Sustainability**
RDAs champion sustainable development, rapid decarbonisation, and climate adaptation. They advocate for projects supporting drought resilience, water security, and net-zero transitions by 2050, ensuring long-term resource and ecological management.
- Liveability and Regional Equity**
Regional prosperity hinges on equitable access to services and infrastructure. RDAs advocate for transport, connectivity, healthcare, education, and social infrastructure to improve quality of life and reduce regional disadvantage.
- Economic Growth and Diversification**
RDAs drive regional growth by supporting investment, business expansion, and diversification. They strengthen key industries (resources, tourism, manufacturing, and primary production) while fostering opportunities in emerging sectors like renewable energy, technology, and space.

Regional Statistics

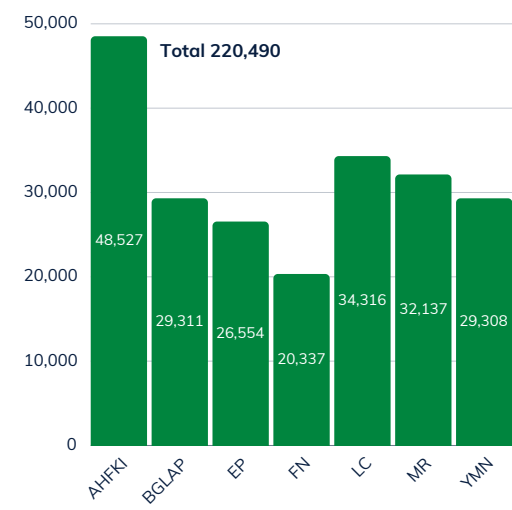
Tracked Investment Projects



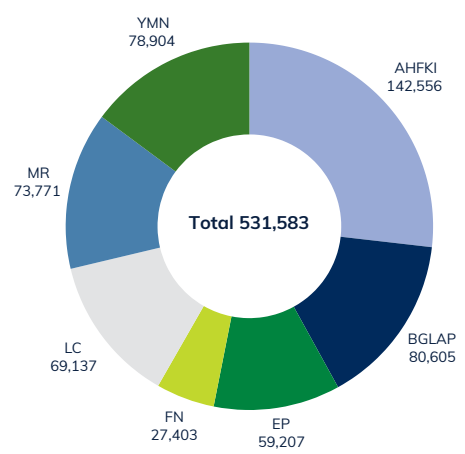
Pipeline Project Total Value (B)



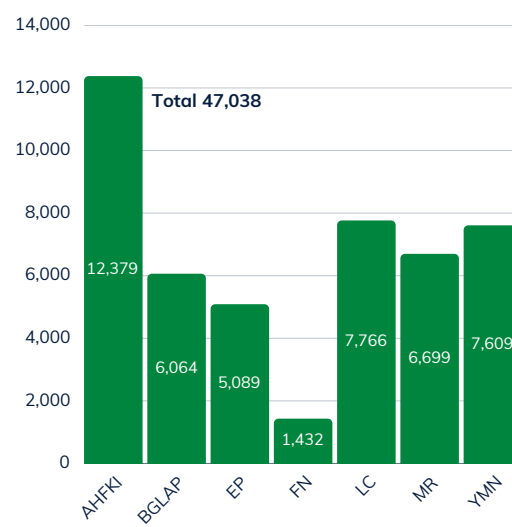
Total Number of Jobs



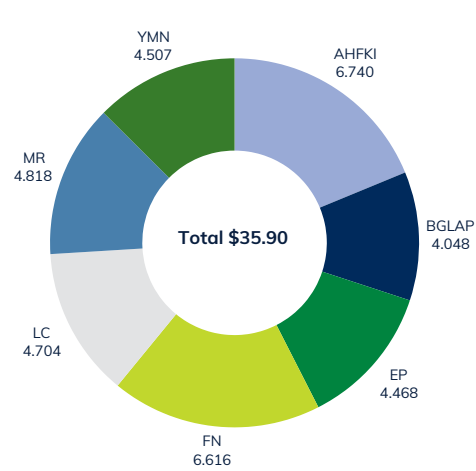
Regional Population



Total Number of Businesses



GRP (B)



References

A copy of the full Regional Blueprint can be found at www.regionaldevelopmentsa.com.au

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