

Mining

What you need to know



This industry involves the extraction of naturally occurring minerals such as coal and gold, gas and liquids such as crude oil.

Occupations include: Drillers, Miners, Shot Firers, Mining Engineers, Geologists, Geophysicists, Metal Fitters, Machinists, Truck Drivers, Earthmoving Plant Operators

OUTLOOK

Over the next five years, about 5500 employees¹ are forecast to be needed in the Mining industry, including:

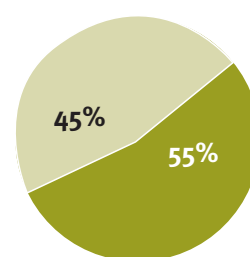
- 950 Drillers/Miners/Shotfirers
- 550 Mining Engineers
- 300 Metal Fitters and Machinists

Current Skills shortages:

- None

FAST FACTS

- Contributed \$6.4 billion (two per cent) to the Victorian economy in 2012-13
- 900 businesses in Victoria
- Employs 14,400 people in Victoria
- Employment has grown by 4300 people (45 per cent) over the past five years
- About 35 per cent of people are employed in Exploration and Other Mining Support and 30 per cent in Metal Ore Mining
- 55 per cent of people are employed in metropolitan Melbourne
- 45 per cent of people are employed in regional Victoria



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FINDING A JOB

Deciding what career is best for you can be a complex process. A professional careers practitioner can assist. There are a range of training opportunities available across Victoria to help you develop the skills needed to find a job in the Mining industry. Government financial support may be available to eligible students under the Victorian Training Guarantee.

Notes: Economic and employment data are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University. Occupations experiencing skills shortages are sourced from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's 2014 Victorian Skills Shortage List.

[1] This includes growth in overall employment as well as replacement of workers who exit the industry.