

# Western Australia's Regionalisation Ambition 2032



	2032 Western Australia Targets	WA Today
Jobs & Skills	1. Reduce the recruitment difficulty rate in regional WA to below 40%	On average, regional recruitment difficulty in WA was 71% in 2022
	2. Increase the share of skilled workers employed in regional WA to 80% of the regional workforce	69% of the regional WA workforce in skilled occupations
	3. Increase the school attainment rate of young people in regional WA to 75% or above	The average for regional WA students is 71%
	4. Boost postschool qualification completion in regional WA to 65% or above	59% of regional WA population (aged 15-74 years) has a postschool qualification
Liveability	1. Continue to increase the life satisfaction and wellbeing score of Western Australians living in regional communities to a score of 75, according to the Regional Wellbeing Survey	Regions score 71 out of 100
	2. Increase regional WA's Digital Inclusion Index (ADII) score to 73 or above, equal to metropolitan WA	Regional ADII score is 66, with 92% of regional WA LGAs falling below the state average of 72
	3. Improve access to transport services in and between regional communities	Regional Western Australians score 'access to public transport' an average 3.3 out of 7
	4. Increase rental vacancy rates in regional areas to above 3%, and ensure annual building approvals keep pace with population growth	The median rental vacancy rate in regional WA fell from 7.6% in June 2020 to 2.4% in June 2021. The number of homes approved for construction in regional WA declined in seven out of the ten years to 2020
	5. Lift the access to medical practitioners in regional WA by over 100 FTE per 100,000 population	277 medical practitioners FTE per 100,000 work in regional WA, compared to 328 in regions nationally
	6. Halve the population classified as living in a regional childcare desert	89% of Western Australians live in a regional childcare desert, across all of WA's regional areas
	7. Increase the percentage of students in regional WA who achieve at or above the national minimum standard (NMS) in NAPLAN testing, equal to metropolitan students, across each year level	The proportion of students achieving at or above the NMS decreases over year levels – in regional WA, this difference is almost triple that of metropolitan students
	8. Strengthen access and opportunities for engagement in arts, cultural, community, and recreational experiences in regional WA	Regional Western Australians score 'getting involved in the community' an average 2.9 out of 7
Population	1. Increase the number of people living prosperously in WA's regions by an additional 31,000 by 2032	Just over 700,000 people live in WA's regions
	2. Increase regional WA's younger population share (aged 15-39 years) to 35%	30% of regional WA's population are aged 15-39 years
	3. Double the proportion of new migrants settling in regional WA by 2032	12% of overseas arrivals settle in WA's regions
Productivity & Innovation	1. Increase regional Australia's contribution to national output, boosting Australia's GDP by an additional \$13.8 billion	State-based disaggregation unavailable
	2. Maintain workforce participation rate in regional WA at 70% or higher	Participation rate in regional WA was 68% in May 2021, compared to a recent height of 71% in May 2022
	3. Increase new business and innovation in regional WA	10% of trademarks registered and 18% of new business entries in WA were from regional WA
Sustainability & Resilience	1. Regional WA is trending towards net zero emissions by 2050, unlocking new jobs and industry opportunities	Disaggregation unavailable for Western Australia
	2. 90% or more of regional WA has a moderate to high capacity for disaster resilience	21% of WA regions have a moderate to high capacity for disaster resilience



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1.1 - Jobs and Skills Australia, Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey, December 2022. Please refer to the respective pillar detail, in the Regionalisation Ambition 2032, for additional information and data sources.