SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Cement, Concrete and Aggregates Industry Economic Contribution

CEMENT CONCRETE & AGGREGATES AUSTRALIA

About CCAA

Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCAA) is the voice of Australia's heavy construction materials industry.

CCAA members produce the majority of the nation's cement, concrete and aggregates—materials that are essential to Australia's building and construction sectors. These materials underpin the development of transport networks, energy systems, water infrastructure, housing, defence facilities and social infrastructure across the country.

Oxford Economics Australia's report, The Economic Contribution of the Cement Concrete and Aggregates Industry in Australia (March 2026), shows the industry contributes $20.7 billion to Australia's GDP and supports more than 112,000 jobs nationally, highlighting its critical role in enabling the nation's infrastructure pipeline, housing delivery and energy transition.

INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

The cement, concrete and aggregates industry contributes $0.95 billion to South Australia's Gross State Product and supports 4,479 jobs in FY2024–25.

The industry's economic footprint reflects both its direct production activities and the extensive supply chains and household spending supported by the sector.

As South Australia advances major housing, infrastructure and energy transition commitments, secure access to heavy construction materials will remain critical to delivery certainty, cost control and productivity across the construction sector.

KEY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

$0.95B
GSP Contribution

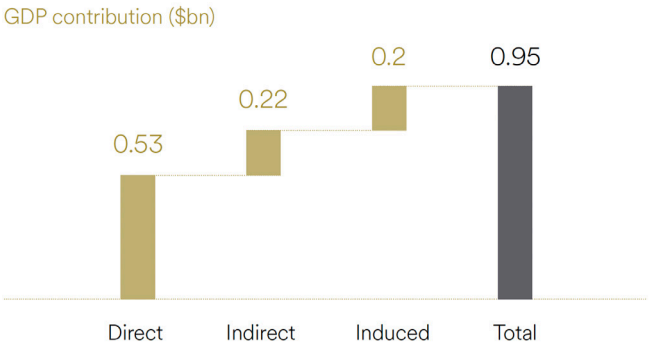
4,479
Jobs Supported

$0.53B
Direct Value Added

1,653
Direct Jobs

TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE ECONOMY

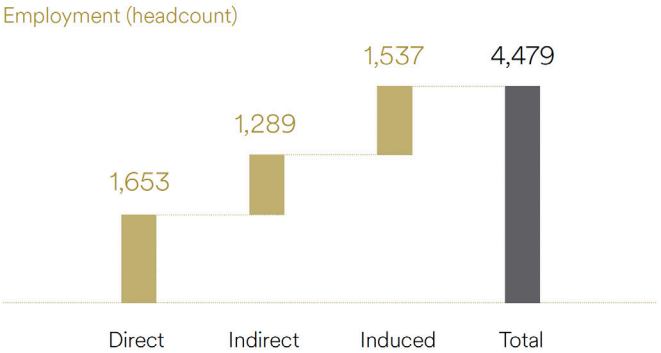
Fig. 25. CCA industry contribution to SA GSP in FY 24/25



Source: Oxford Economics

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTED BY THE INDUSTRY

Fig. 26. CCA industry contribution to SA employment in FY 24/25



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Demand Drivers and Industry Outlook

Construction activity and supply chain impact.

DEMAND DRIVERS

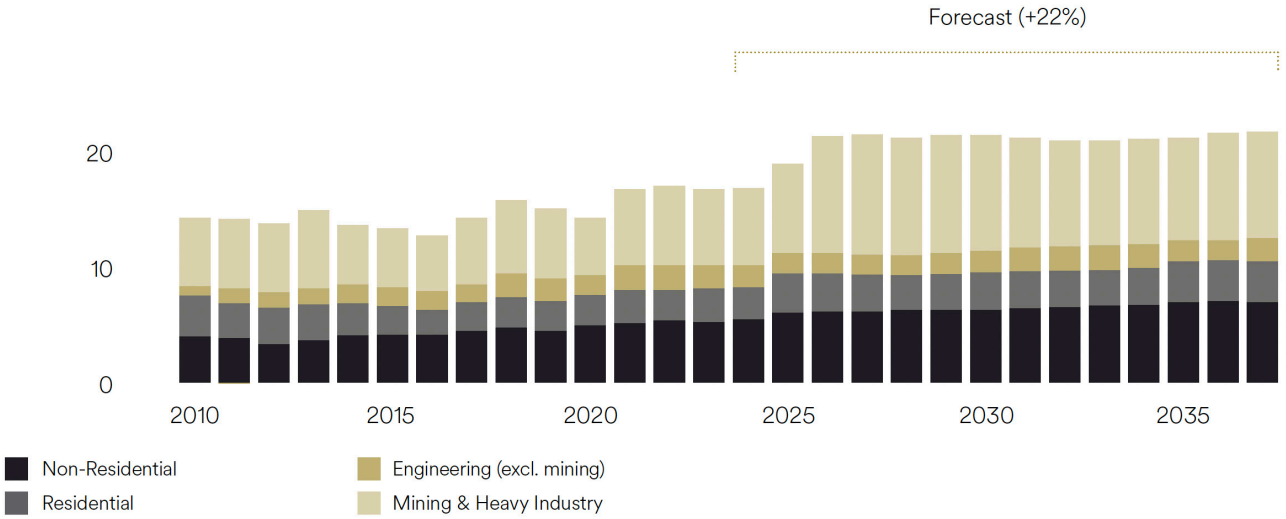
Demand for cement, concrete and aggregates in South Australia is being driven by structural growth trends and policy commitments, including:

- Continued urban revitalisation and precinct development in Adelaide, including innovation, biomedical and advanced manufacturing investment that is increasing demand for specialised and high-performance concrete.
- Major transport infrastructure investment, including the Torrens to Darlington tunnels and Main South Road duplication, requiring large volumes of precast and structural concrete.
- Significant defence and shipbuilding infrastructure development, including major upgrades at Osborne Naval Shipyard, the Skills and Training Academy and future AUKUS-related works.
- South Australia's position as a national leader in renewable energy, including wind developments in the Mid North and Yorke Peninsula, batteries and green hydrogen projects such as Cape Hardy.
- Regional and freight network investment, alongside the need to improve quarry access and heavy construction materials planning to support statewide infrastructure and energy transi-tion demand.

CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE OUTLOOK

Fig. 28. Total construction work done – South Australia

Real 2023 AUD ($bn)



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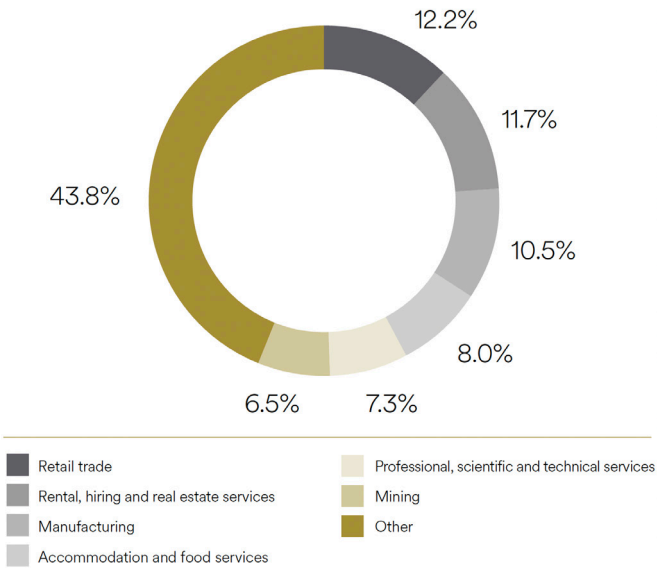
UPSTREAM JOB CREATION BY SECTOR

Fig. 27. SA upstream job creation, by sector, in FY 24/25

Upstream employment (% headcount)



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STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

The cement, concrete and aggregates industry underpins the delivery of South Australia's housing, infrastructure and energy systems, supporting the state's economic growth.

As the foundation of the construction supply chain, the sector provides the materials needed to build housing, transport networks, energy systems, water infrastructure and community facilities.

Reliable access to these materials is fundamental to ensuring major projects can be delivered efficiently, at scale and close to where construction demand occurs. As investment in housing, infrastructure and energy systems continues across South Australia, maintaining a resilient and well-functioning heavy construction materials sector will remain an important enabler of sustainable economic growth.

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