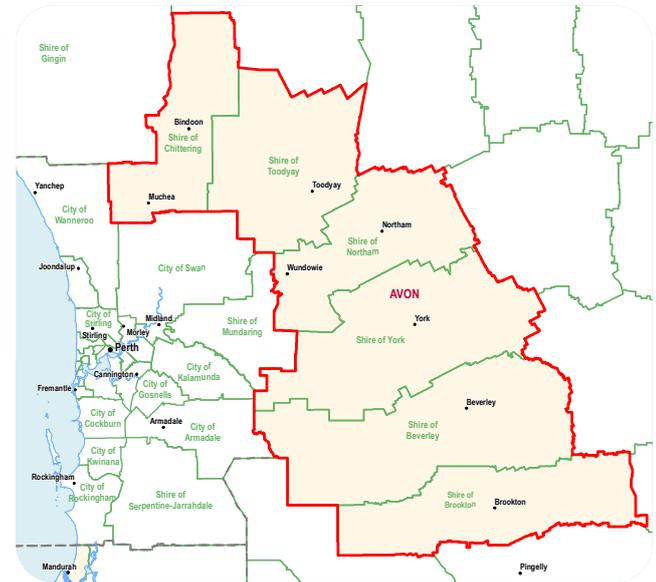


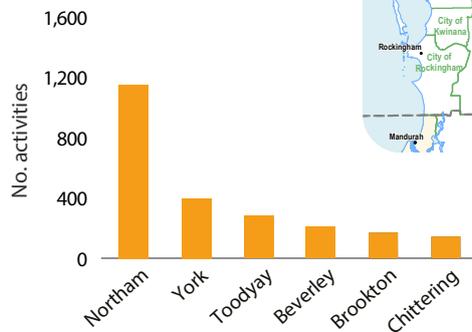
2021 Avon Arc Land Use and Employment Survey

This report summarises the 2021 Land Use and Employment Survey conducted by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (the Department) within the Avon Arc sub-region (the sub-region). The survey targets businesses and land uses located on land zoned commercial, industrial, public purpose and recreation. It focuses on the number and type of establishments, the floorspace occupied within a building and the number of persons employed. These three main variables are coded according to the Western Australian Standard Land Use Classification codes and Planning Land Use Codes. Information from the 2021 Land Use and Employment Survey serves to identify significant patterns, themes and emerging trends occurring in the sub-region.



1 Activities

The 2021 Land Use and Employment Survey captured a total of **2,410 activities** in the Avon Arc sub-region. Just under half (48 per cent) of activities were recorded in the Shire of Northam. This was followed by the Shire of York with 17 per cent, Toodyay (12 per cent), Beverley (9 per cent) and Brookton and Chittering (7 per cent).



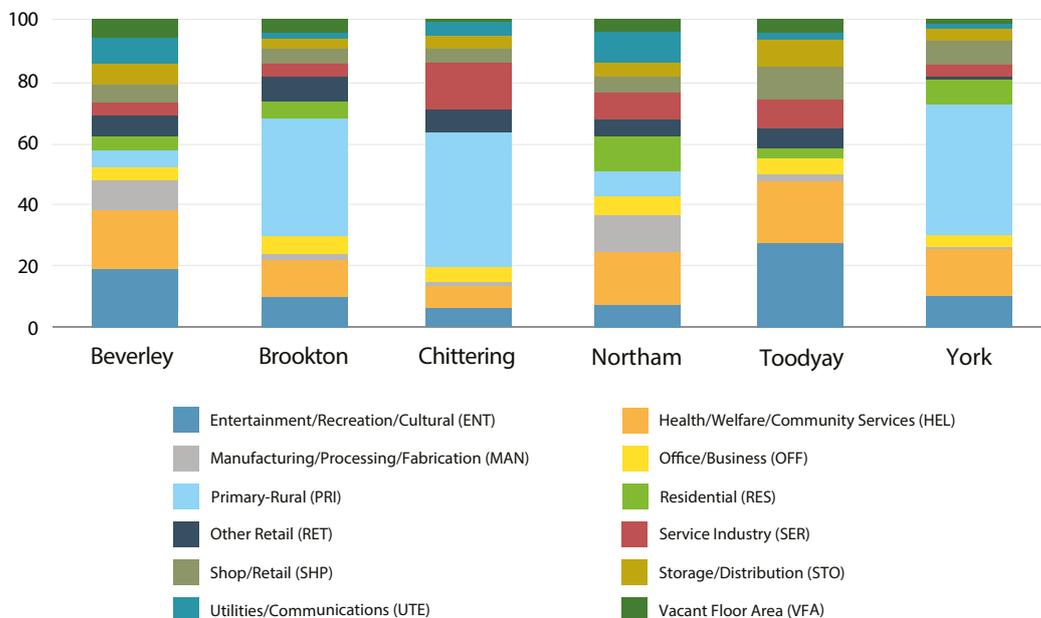
2 Avon Arc land uses

Floorspace captured in land uses categorised under the Primary – Rural Planning Land Use Code accounted for the highest share of total floorspace (125,140m²).

High volumes of floorspace captured under this Planning Land Use Code were mostly attributed to poultry farms, grain handling and grading facilities and fodder producing and exporting operations. These land uses were predominately located in the Shires of Brookton, Chittering and York.

Land uses classified under the Health/Welfare/Community Service Planning Land Use Code accounted for the second highest share of total floorspace (112,900m²). The majority of this floorspace was captured in schools, hospitals and community organisations.

Percentage of land use by local government

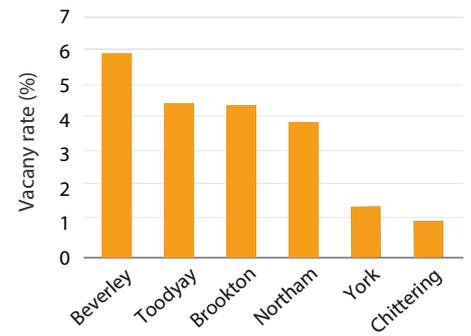


3 Vacancy rate

A total of 24,000m² (3 per cent of total recorded floorspace) of vacant floor area was captured.

Of the six local governments, the Shire of Beverley recorded the highest vacancy rate, with 6 per cent (2,350m²) of the total captured floor-space identified as vacant floor area. The lowest vacancy rate was recorded in the Shire of Chittering, with only one per cent (510m²). The Shire of Northam contained the largest area of vacant floorspace, with 15,710m², however, the vacancy rate was the third lowest of all local governments. Overall vacancy rates declined by 3 per cent in the sub-region from 1999 to 2021.

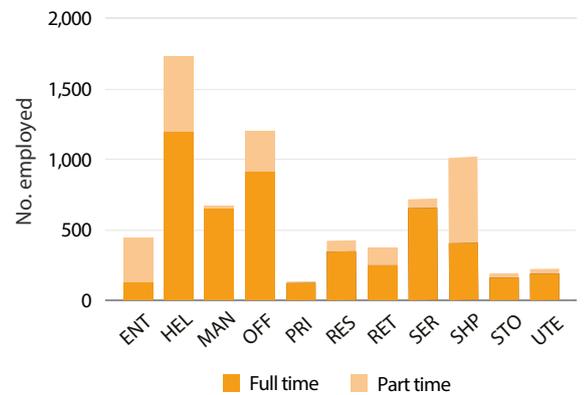
Vacancy rate within suburb



4 Employment

The 2021 Land Use and Employment Survey recorded a total number of 7,090 employees in the sub-region. Of these, 70 per cent were classed as full time and 30 per cent as part time. Industries categorised under the Health/Welfare/Community Services Planning Land Use Code employed the largest share of people in the sub-region (24 per cent). These industries included education, hospitals as well as fire brigades and police. This was followed by the Office/Business Planning Land Use Code, with 17 per cent of employment and subsequently, the Shop/Retail Planning Land Use Code (14 per cent). Persons within the Office/Business Planning Land Use Code were generally employed by State or local government departments or other health services, such as physiotherapists or chiropractors.

Full time and part time employment



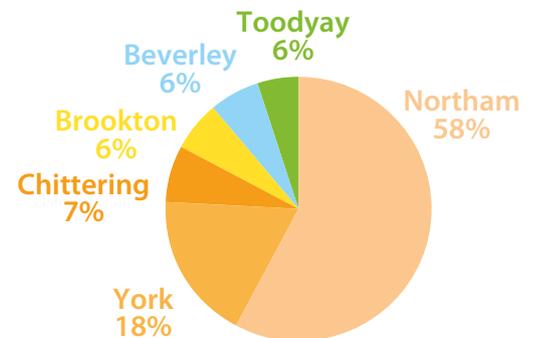
5 Floorspace

The Land Use and Employment Survey captured a total floorspace (net lettable area) of 693,550m², of which 97 per cent (669,550m²) was occupied.

The Shire of Northam accounted for the highest share of total floorspace within the sub-region (58 per cent), followed by the Shire of York (18 per cent) and the Shire of Chittering (7 per cent).

All Shires in the sub-region experienced a significant increase in total floorspace since the previous Land Use and Employment Survey was conducted in 1999.

Share of total floorspace



6 Total floorspace (m²)



| Sub-region | ENT | HEL | MAN | OFF | PRI | RES | RET | SER | SHP | STO | UTE |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Shire of Beverley | 7,360 | 7,745 | 3,780 | 1,750 | 2,060 | 1,810 | 2,690 | 1,600 | 2,430 | 2,710 | 3,390 |
| Shire of Brookton | 3,910 | 5,039 | 790 | 2,460 | 15,680 | 2,320 | 3,340 | 1,880 | 2,065 | 1,280 | 720 |
| Shire of Chittering | 2,600 | 3,690 | 510 | 2,260 | 20,620 | - | 3,420 | 7,060 | 2,420 | 1,880 | 1,950 |
| Shire of Northam | 28,310 | 69,419 | 47,910 | 24,700 | 32,100 | 46,890 | 20,180 | 36,170 | 21,701 | 17,890 | 40,157 |
| Shire of Toodyay | 9,960 | 7,580 | 780 | 1,880 | - | 1,200 | 2,230 | 3,560 | 4,020 | 3,175 | 840 |
| Shire of York | 12,517 | 19,430 | 855 | 4,700 | 54,680 | 10,620 | 910 | 5,010 | 9,710 | 5,360 | 1,891 |
| Grand Total | 64,657 | 112,903 | 54,625 | 37,750 | 125,140 | 62,840 | 32,770 | 55,280 | 42,346 | 32,295 | 48,948 |