



Pristine Cabonne Shire, 'Australia's Food Basket', is situated in Central NSW. The area is home to Australia's first gold rush and is well known for ballooning, food and wine, agriculture and mining.

Cabonne Shire includes the quaint historical towns of Borenore, Canowindra, Cargo, Cudal, Cumnock, Eugowra, Manildra, Molong, Mullion Creek, Nashdale and Yeoval. Cabonne is strategically located just 3 1/2 hours drive from both Sydney and Canberra and has good regional connections with easy access to the Mitchell Highway, Escort Way and the Mid-Western Highway.

CABONNE REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2011-12

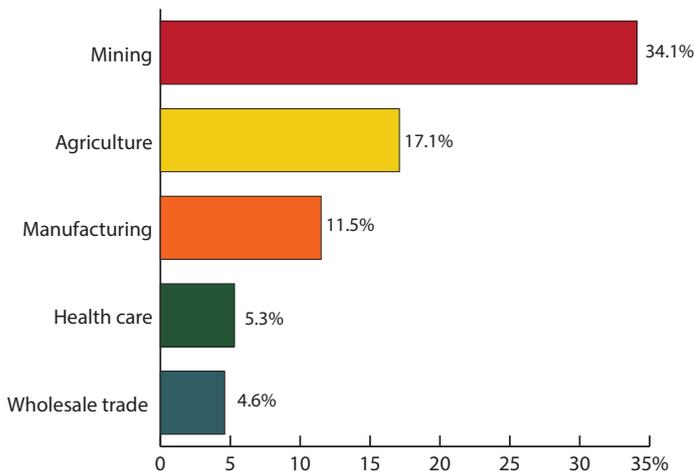
STATISTIC	INDICATOR
Population/Demographics	
Population	13,188
Employment	5,109
Unemployment	3.8%
Average Wage (weekly)	\$996
Economy	
Gross Regional Product	\$664 million
Key Sectors	
Mining	\$202.4 million
Agriculture	\$101.3 million
Manufacturing	\$68.5 million
Health care	\$31.7 million
Wholesale trade	\$27.4 million
Investment	
Non-residential Investment	\$2.5 million
Residential Investment	\$14.6 million
Median House Price	\$243,000

Sources: ABS (2012a,b), DEEWR (2012), AECgroup (2012), Housing NSW (2012)

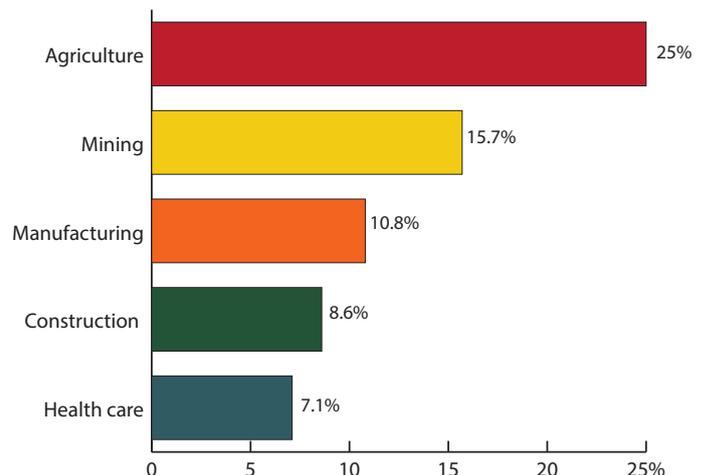


Cabonne's economy was founded on agriculture (mostly grains), which still accounts for a large proportion of economic activity. Recently, agricultural activities have become more diverse and mining has played an increasing role, helping to drive economic growth. Manufacturing has also become another important economic sector specifically for food and wine products.

CABONNES'S TOP 5 GRP SECTORS 2011



CABONNE'S TOP 5 EMPLOYERS 2011



Sources: AECgroup (2012), A.P.SHEERE CONSULTING (2013)



Cabonne Shire is home to a number of large manufacturers, including businesses that leverage local agricultural production, such as the Manildra Flour Milling and MSM Milling Manildra. The Gelato Ingredients Manufacturers of Australia (GIMA), a manufacturer of gelato ingredients, is located in Molong.

Opportunities for economic development include:

- ▶ **Food Manufacturing** – the combination of inexpensive input costs and a progressive Council provide competitive conditions for increased manufacturing activity.
- ▶ **Mining** – growth in regional mines will support further opportunities to grow the mining sector in Cabonne Shire.
- ▶ **Manufacturing** – with a strong focus on mining, farming and food, Cabonne Shire is a favourable location for manufacturing.
- ▶ **Tourism** – the region’s attractive rural landscape, quaint towns and existing food, wine and arts sectors all support future growth in tourism

Competitive advantages

A summary of Cabonne Shire’s competitive strengths is detailed below:

- ▶ Strategic location 3 1/2 hours drive to Sydney and Canberra.
- ▶ Cabonne country is known as ‘Australia’s Food Basket’ - a rural shire with rich, fertile soil.
- ▶ Supportive Local Council including initiatives such as the Cabonne Council Business Development Assistance Program.
- ▶ Available and competitively priced industrial land.



Lifestyle attributes

Cabonne Shire has a range of quality facilities and services available to residents, visitors and businesses a summary of which is detailed below:

- ▶ A wealth of quaint villages for residents and access to modern facilities and services.
- ▶ Pristine natural environment which enjoys four distinct seasons in the year.
- ▶ Safe and secure place to live and raise a family as part of a friendly community.

Cabonne Shire Council’s Economic Development Program

Council’s Economic Development Program offers a number of support programs for existing small and medium sized businesses. Objectives and initiatives include:

- ▶ Supporting market development, information technology use, network and skills development.
- ▶ Enhancing existing strengths, while attracting new investment to the region and encouraging emerging industries.
- ▶ Business Development Assistance Program where funding is available to establish a new business, relocation or expand an existing business generating employment.
- ▶ Residential Land Development Incentive program offering a loan of up to \$10,000 (subject to meeting certain criteria) to support the private development of land for residential purposes.

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