

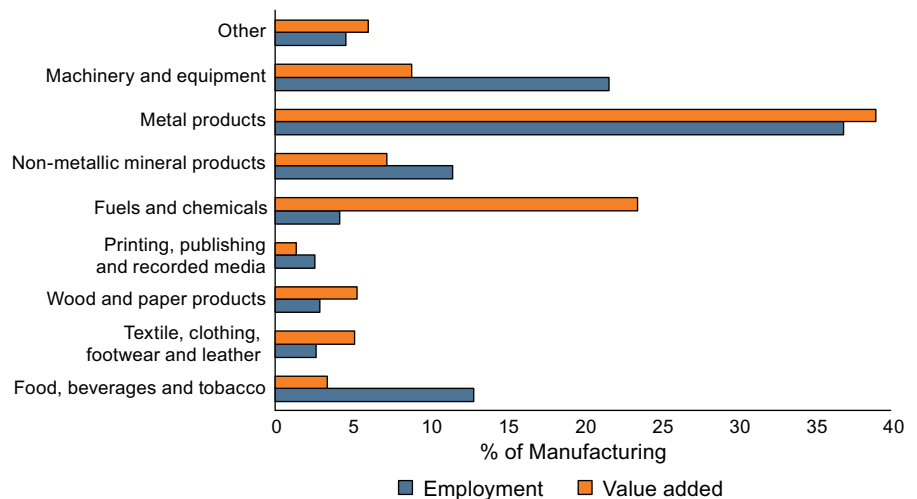
Manufacturing

Manufacturing activity in the Territory accounted for 6.5 per cent of GSP and 4 per cent of total employment in 2007-08. Manufacturing activity is dominated by the production of alumina and LNG, with production of these two products accounting for almost 64 per cent of total manufacturing value added.

Machinery and equipment manufacturing accounts for about 9 per cent of manufacturing value added in the Territory, and for about 22 per cent of Territory manufacturing-related employment. Machinery and equipment manufacturing includes the maintenance of Abrams tanks and naval vessels for the Australian Defence Force.

Manufacturing growth prospects include a helium plant at Wickham Point to be commissioned during 2009, expansion of capacity at the Wickham Point LNG plant to 10 million tonnes a year, and construction of further LNG facilities on Darwin Harbour, such as the 8 million tonnes a year LNG plant proposed for construction by Inpex at Blaydin Point. Longer term prospects include further exploitation of petroleum and natural gas resources in the Timor Sea, such as the Greater Sunrise and Evans Shoal fields.

Territory Manufacturing Sector
Selected Indicators, 2006-07



Source: Northern Territory Treasury, ABS Cat. No. 8221.0