

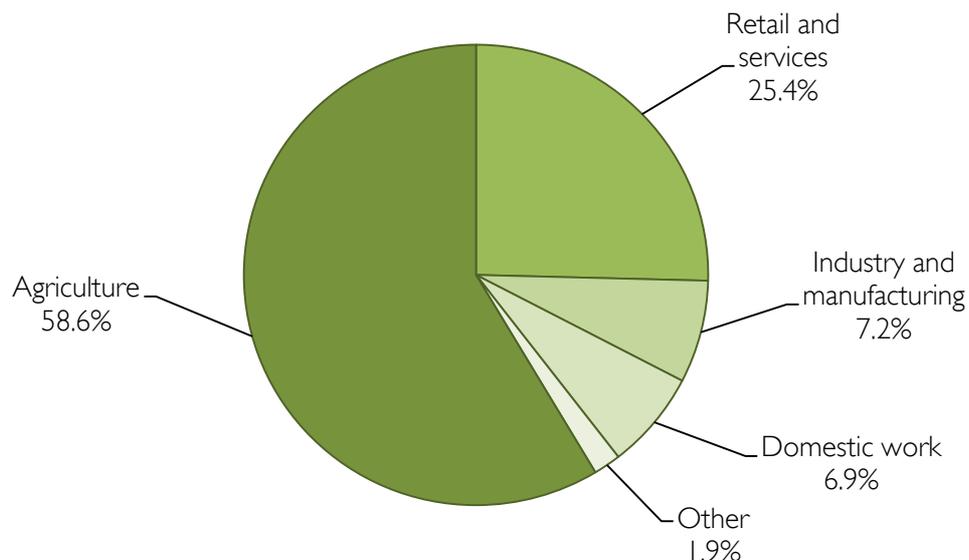
## What types of work do child labourers do?

The use of child labour can be found in the production of a diverse range of products and services, covering all major economic sectors. Child labourers can undertake a wide variety of roles, some more hazardous than others.

### What are the numbers?

The estimated percentage of child labourers employed by each economic sector is outlined in the diagram below<sup>1</sup>.

Percentage of child labourers in different types of work



The **agriculture** sector includes work in farming, fishing and forestry.

The **retail and services** sector includes work in restaurants and hotels, retail trade, transport and storage.

The **industry and manufacturing** sector includes work in mining and quarrying, manufacturing / making items to sell, and construction.<sup>2</sup>

**Domestic work** includes house-keeping, cooking and childcare in a home environment. Domestic work can be hidden from public view, making child labourers in this sector particularly vulnerable to exploitation<sup>3</sup>.

### Supply chains

A supply chain outlines the steps involved in the process of producing and distributing a good, from the various component parts all the way through to the good being sold to the consumer. Supply chains can differ from company to company. In some cases companies have oversight over the whole process, others outsource different stages of production to different external partners, or purchase component parts from other companies.

Most items we purchase today include inputs that come from around the world. Child labour might be used in the production of the finished product, or at any point along the supply chain in the production of one of the component parts, or in services like transport and storage. So some of the products for sale in Australia, or purchased by Australian tourists overseas, include the use of child labour. Australians are connected to child labour through trade, through our consumption, as individuals or businesses, of goods and services that children have helped to produce.

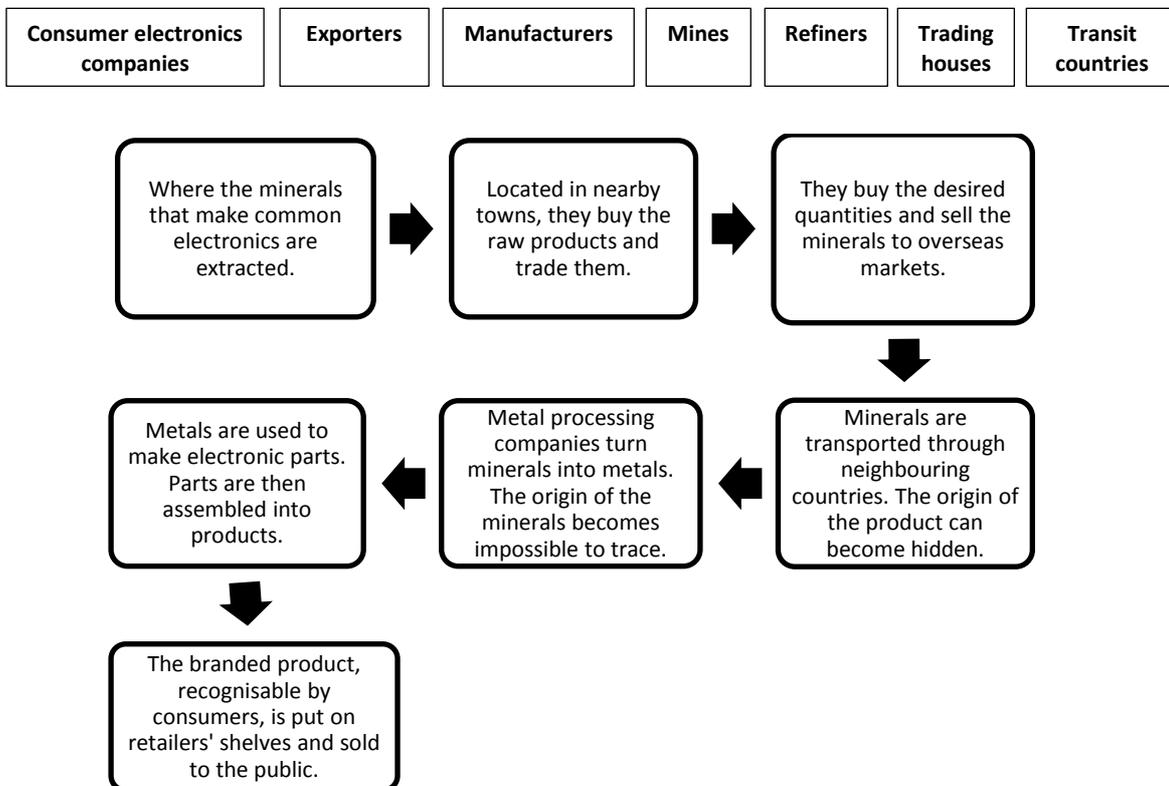
## For you to do

1. Look at the photos in the *What types of work do child labourers do?* photo kit. Complete the table below, identifying for each photo which economic sector the child labourer pictured is working in.

Retail and Services	Industry and Manufacturing	Domestic Work	Agriculture
	Photo # 5		

2. Look at photo number 7 in the *What types of work do child labourers do?* photo kit. With a partner, brainstorm some reasons that might explain why the majority of child labourers work in the agriculture sector.
3. Use of child labour can be a hidden part of products commonly sold in countries like Australia. In the technology and electronics industries, for example, use of child labourers has been reported in both:
  - the mining of minerals, such as copper, gold and tungsten, used to make electronic components
  - the manufacturing of electronic devices

Complete the sample supply chain below for minerals used to make electronics by matching the sub-heading to the activity description. Mark the two stages where use of child labour has been reported.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> ILO, *Marking progress against child labour – global estimates and trends 2000-2012*, 2013, p. 7-8

<sup>2</sup> ILO, *What is child labour*, [www.ilo.org/ipec/facts/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/ipec/facts/lang--en/index.htm)

<sup>3</sup> ILO, *Marking progress against child labour – global estimates and trends 2000-2012*, 2013, p.7

<sup>4</sup> WVA, *Tainted Technology: The use of forced and child labour in the electronics industry*, 2012