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Note regarding labour force data for the Broome, Esperance, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie Employment Regions

These Employment Regions fall within the Western Australia – Outback (North and South) SA4. This SA4 is very large and covers much of regional and remote WA, including Broome, Esperance, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie. The WA Outback SA4 is a poor fit for these Employment Regions but is the only data readily available for the labour force. As a result, the labour force data for the Western Australia – Outback (North and South) SA4 is presented for each of these Employment Regions. Other data sources are being investigated for appropriateness.

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Employment Region Industry profile

Broome Employment Region*

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Overview

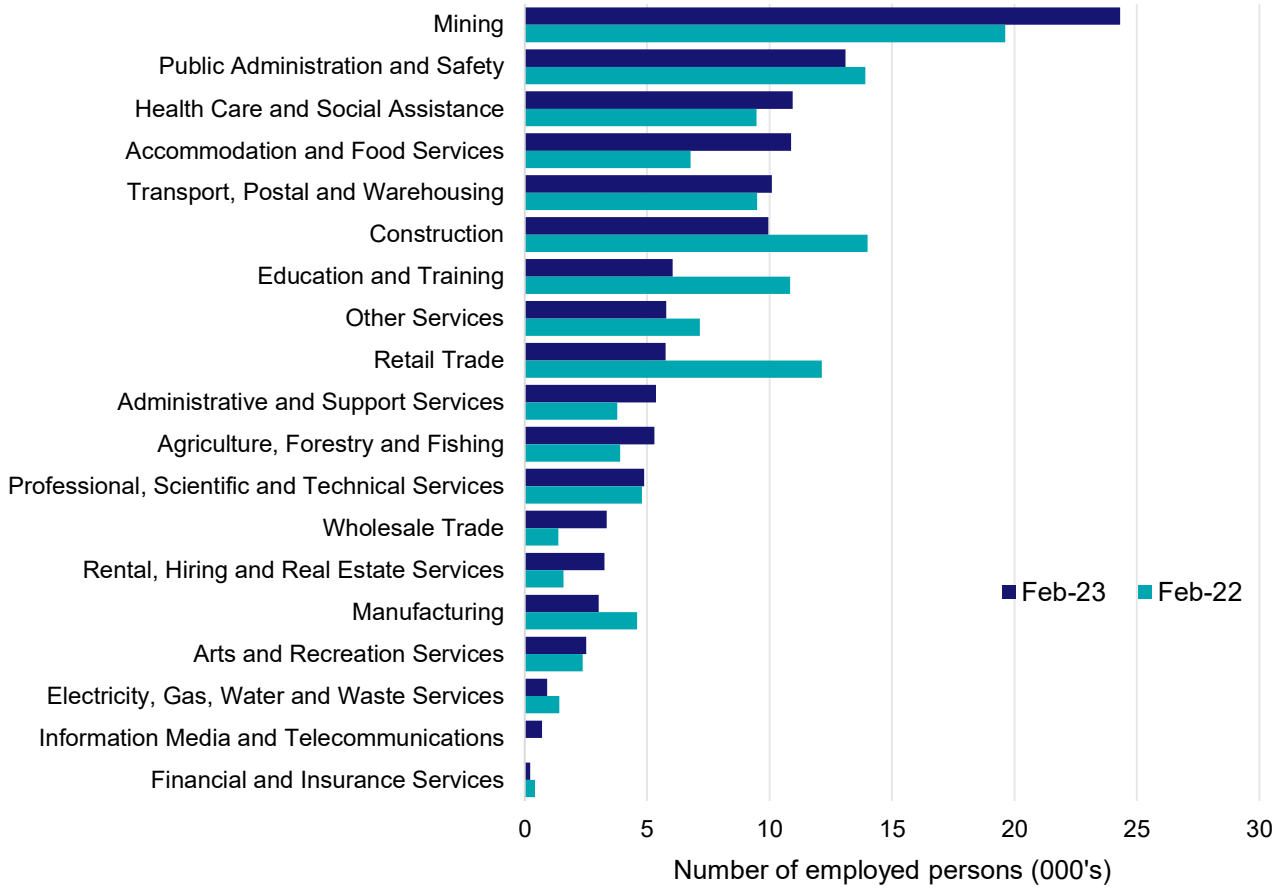
In February 2023, there were around 126,400 people employed in the Broome Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Mining, Public Administration and Safety, Health Care and Social Assistance, Accommodation and Food Services, and Transport, Postal and Warehousing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 55% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2023, employment in:

- Mining rose by 23.9% to stand at 24,300
- Public Administration and Safety fell by 5.8% to stand at 13,100
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 15.7% to stand at 10,900.

In Mining in the Broome Employment Region, 95% of workers were employed full-time; 81% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 38.

Employment by industry, February 2023 and February 2022



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

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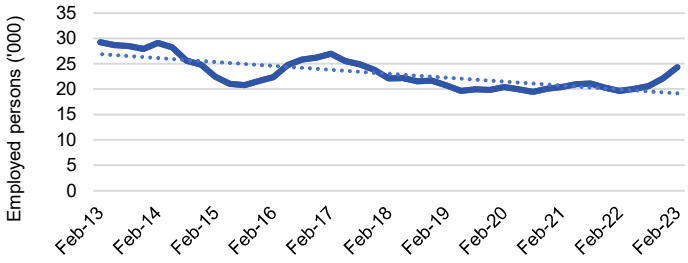
Notes: Data are the latest available. Estimates should be treated with caution, as data can be volatile at a regional level. For any enquiries related to the data in this report, please contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au

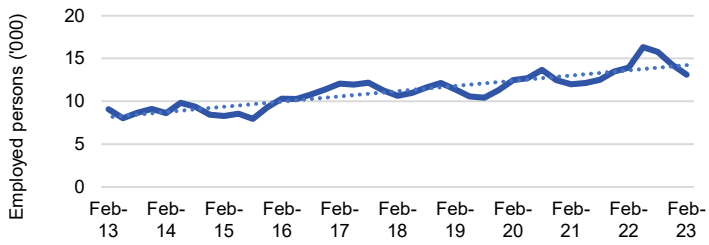
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Mining



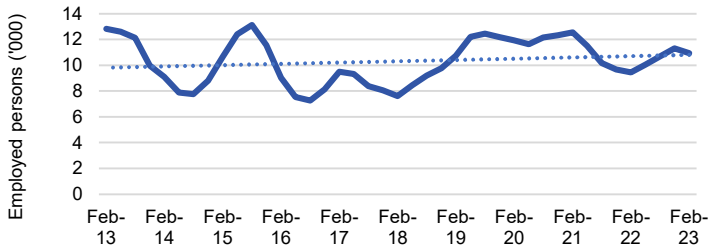
Number employed (Feb-23):	24,300
1 year employment change:	23.9%
5 year employment change:	10.0%
10 year employment change:	-16.9%
Youth share of employment:	2.0%
Mature age share of employment:	2.4%

Public Administration and Safety



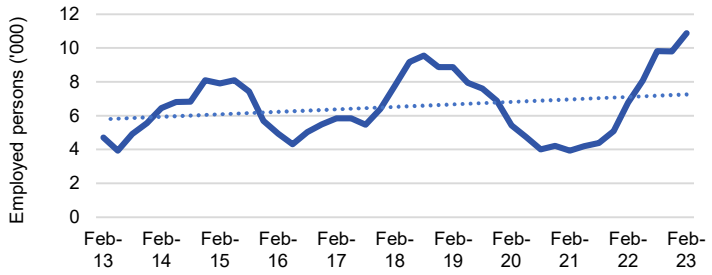
Number employed (Feb-23):	13,100
1 year employment change:	-5.8%
5 year employment change:	23.2%
10 year employment change:	44.3%
Youth share of employment:	3.1%
Mature age share of employment:	9.5%

Health Care and Social Assistance



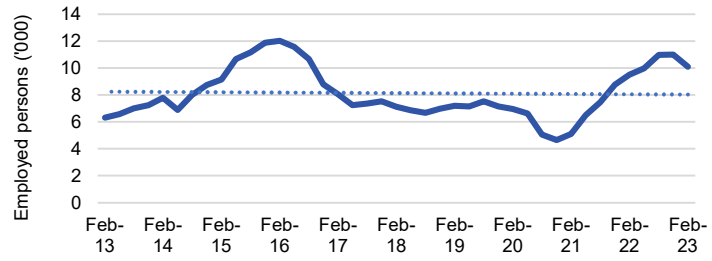
Number employed (Feb-23):	10,900
1 year employment change:	15.7%
5 year employment change:	43.8%
10 year employment change:	-14.6%
Youth share of employment:	14.3%
Mature age share of employment:	21.1%

Accommodation and Food Services



Number employed (Feb-23):	10,900
1 year employment change:	60.6%
5 year employment change:	40.3%
10 year employment change:	131.9%
Youth share of employment:	18.5%
Mature age share of employment:	6.3%

Transport, Postal and Warehousing



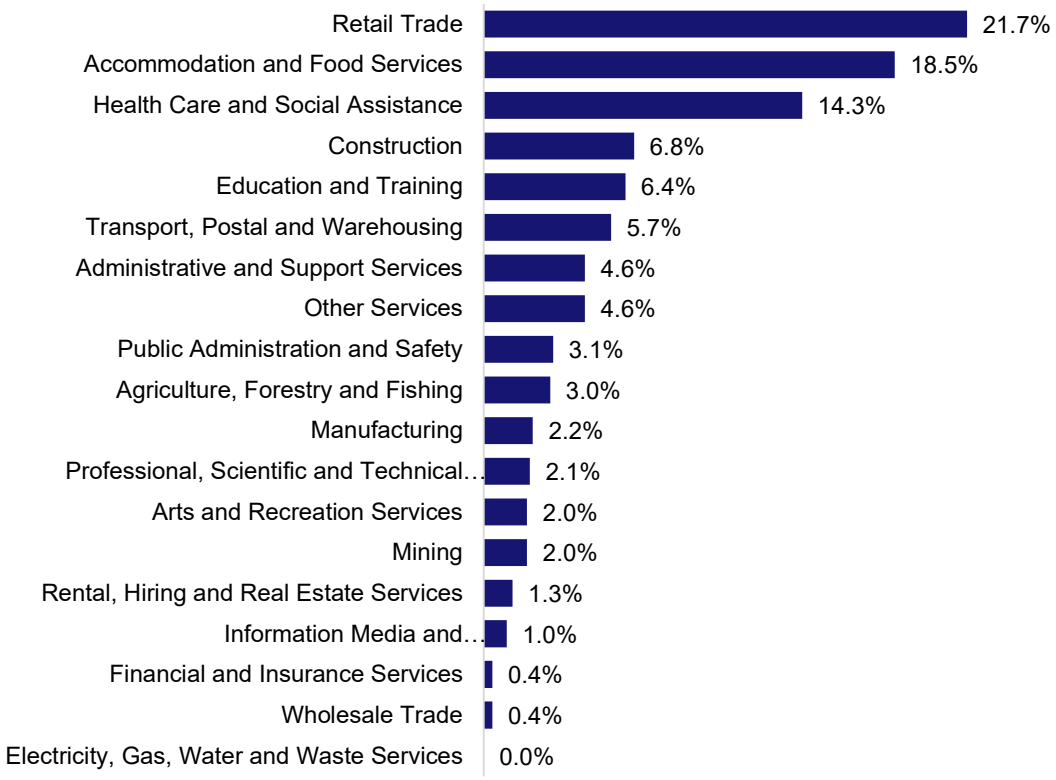
Number employed (Feb-23):	10,100
1 year employment change:	6.4%
5 year employment change:	41.7%
10 year employment change:	60.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.7%
Mature age share of employment:	7.5%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2023, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Note: In each chart, the solid line is the level of employment and the dotted line is a simple linear trend line for the 10 year period.

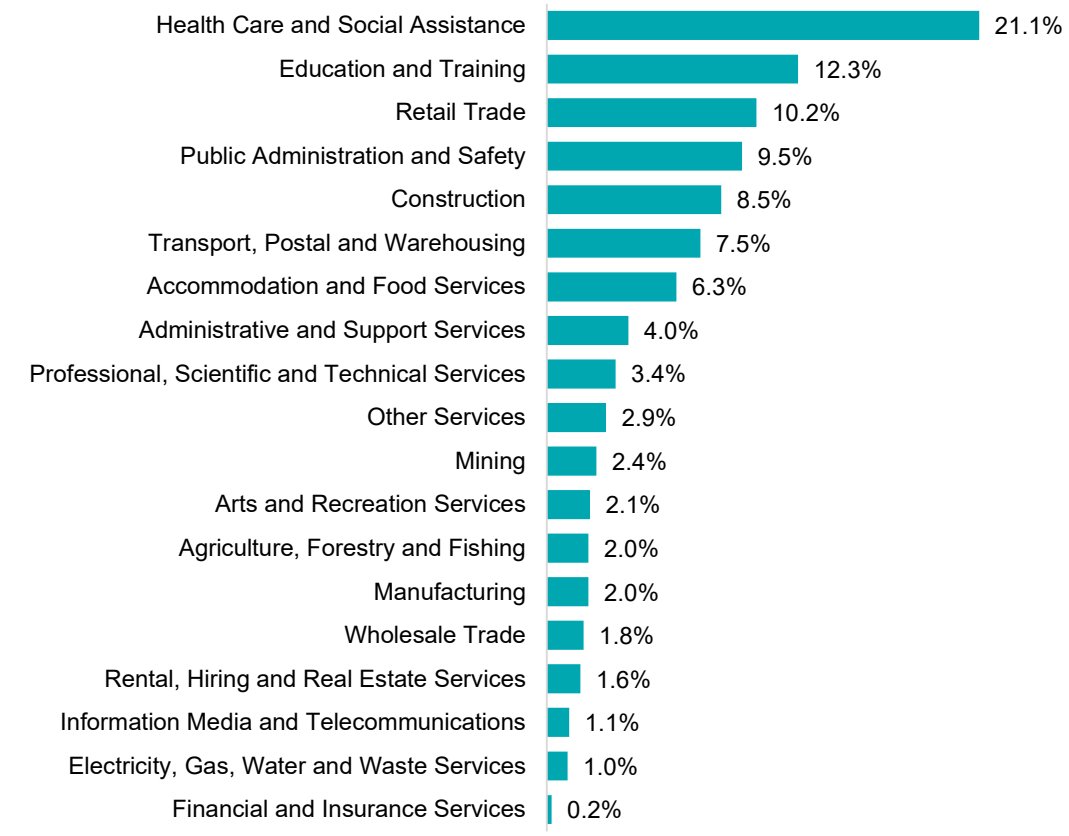
Employment characteristics by Industry

Which industries are youth (aged 15-24) employed in?



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



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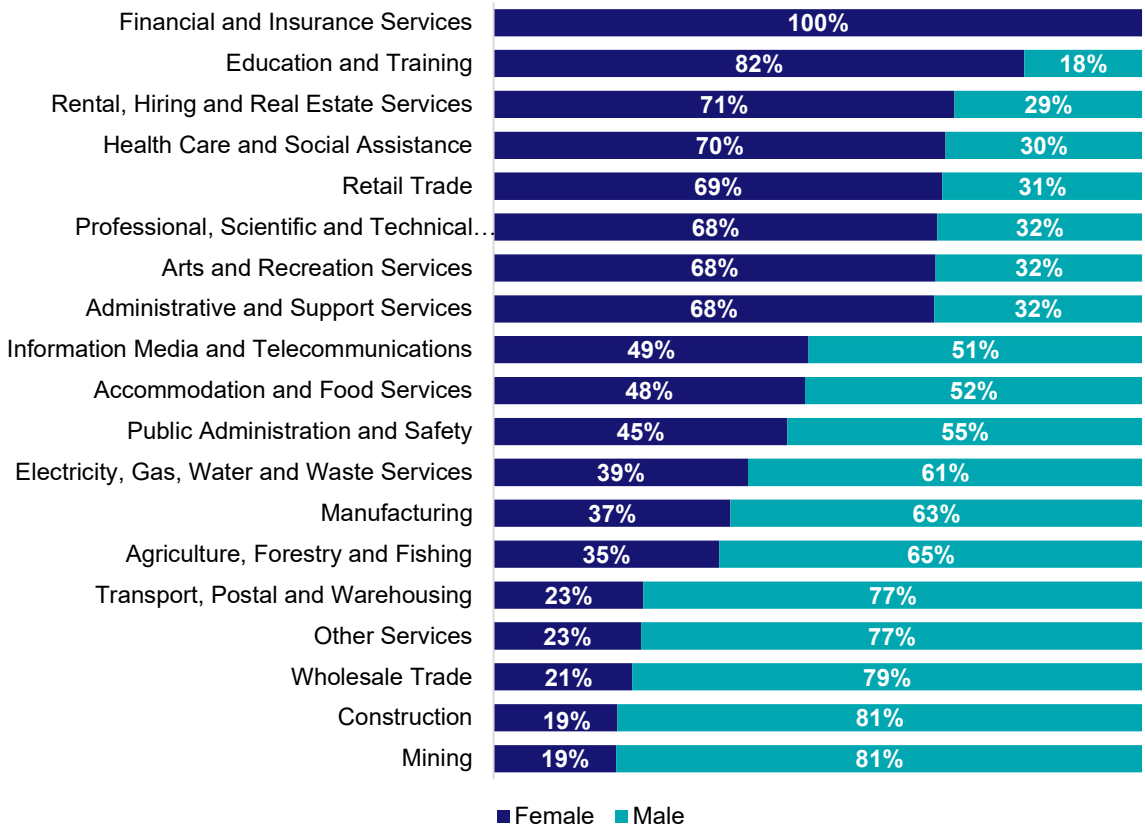
Gender share by industry



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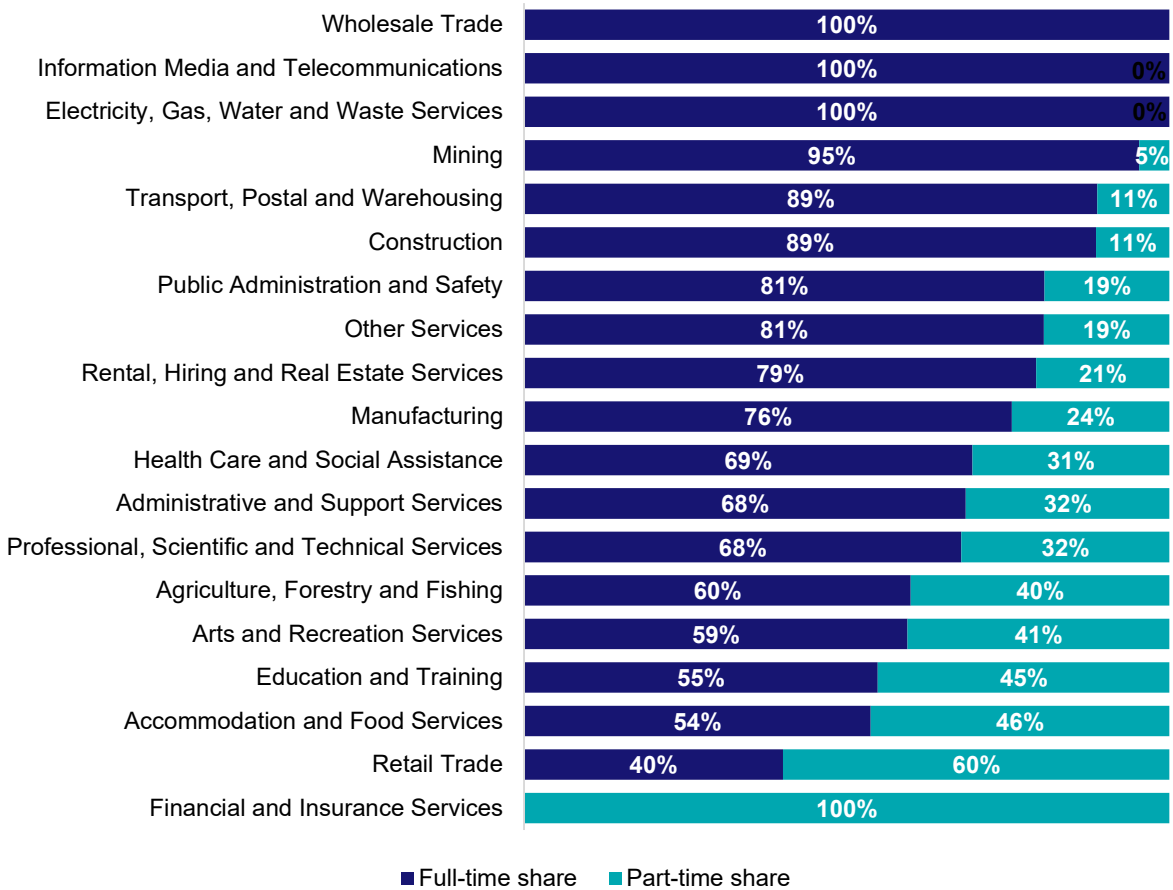
Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2023.

Appendix

Employment by industry, Broome, February 2023

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-23 (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-23	Feb-22	Feb-18	('000)	%	('000)	%			
Mining	19.2	24.3	19.6	22.1	4.7	23.9	2.2	10.0	95.4	4.6	38
Public Administration and Safety	10.4	13.1	13.9	10.6	-0.8	-5.8	2.5	23.2	80.7	19.3	43
Health Care and Social Assistance	8.7	10.9	9.5	7.6	1.5	15.7	3.3	43.8	69.5	30.5	39
Accommodation and Food Services	8.6	10.9	6.8	7.8	4.1	60.6	3.1	40.3	53.7	46.3	31
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	8.0	10.1	9.5	7.1	0.6	6.4	3.0	41.7	88.9	11.1	39
Construction	7.9	10.0	14.0	12.4	-4.0	-28.9	-2.5	-19.8	88.6	11.4	42
Education and Training	4.8	6.0	10.8	9.5	-4.8	-44.2	-3.5	-36.6	54.9	45.1	42
Other Services	4.6	5.8	7.2	5.6	-1.4	-19.3	0.2	3.9	80.6	19.4	38
Retail Trade	4.6	5.8	12.1	13.0	-6.4	-52.6	-7.2	-55.6	40.2	59.8	38
Administrative and Support Services	4.2	5.4	3.8	4.8	1.6	42.0	0.6	11.7	68.5	31.5	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4.2	5.3	3.9	2.6	1.4	36.0	2.7	101.1	59.9	40.1	35
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3.9	4.9	4.8	5.7	0.1	2.0	-0.9	-15.1	67.8	32.2	43
Wholesale Trade	2.7	3.3	1.4	2.6	2.0	144.3	0.8	30.3	100.0	0.0	50
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.6	3.3	1.6	3.0	1.7	105.6	0.3	9.0	79.4	20.6	43
Manufacturing	2.4	3.0	4.6	3.5	-1.6	-34.2	-0.5	-14.5	75.6	24.4	35
Arts and Recreation Services	2.0	2.5	2.4	1.9	0.2	6.4	0.6	30.7	59.4	40.6	39
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.9	-0.5	-34.7	-0.9	-50.5	100.0	0.0	43
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.7	-	0.3	86.5	100.0	0.0	38
Financial and Insurance Services	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	-0.2	-46.0	-0.4	-63.4	0.0	100.0	44
All industries	**100.0**	**126.4**	**127.6**	**122.7**	**-1.2**	**-0.9**	**3.7**	**3.0**	**76.6**	**23.4**	**40**

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2023. *Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

Note: Small cells should be viewed with caution due to small sample sizes and regional volatility.