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Employment Region Industry profile

Sydney North & West Employment Region

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Overview

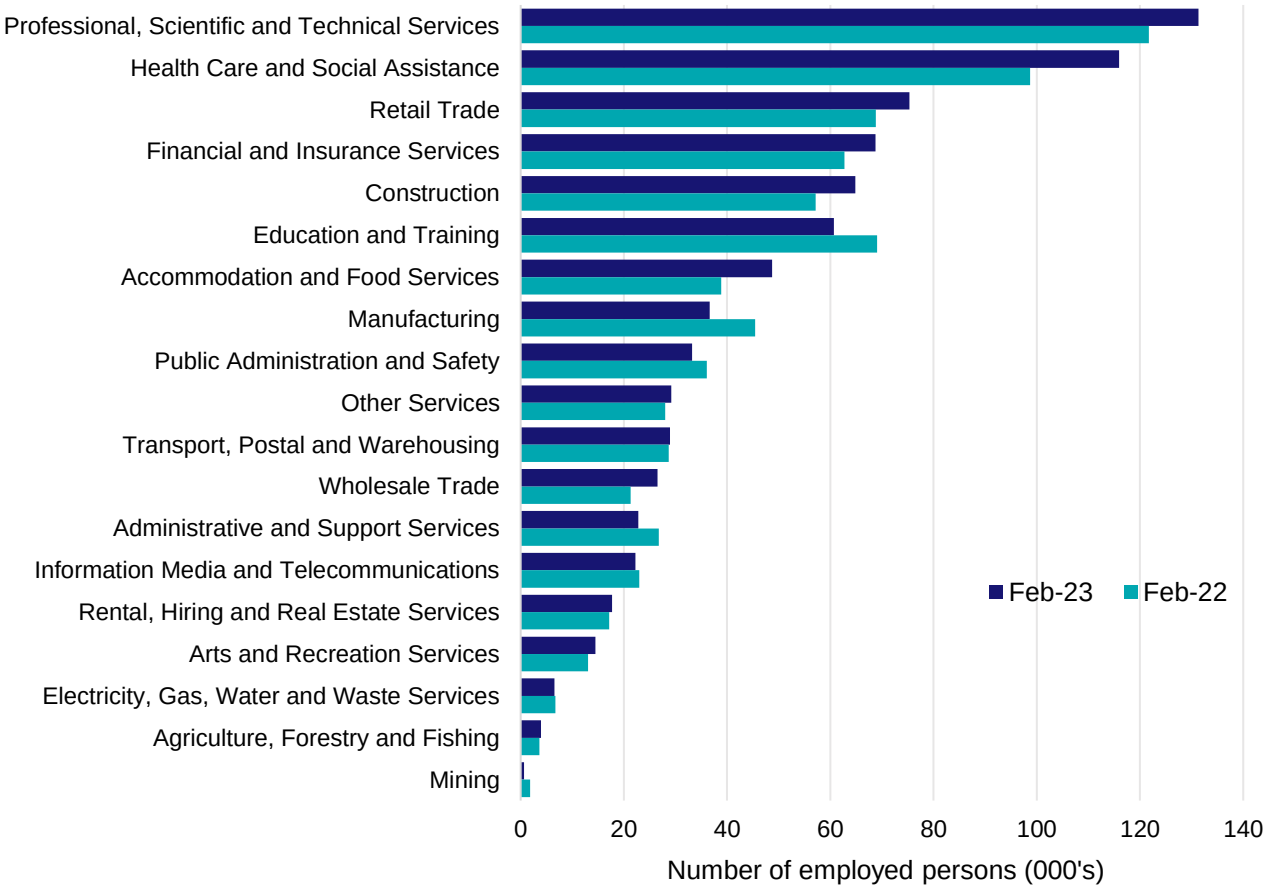
In February 2023, there were around 808,400 people employed in the Sydney North & West Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Financial and Insurance Services, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 56% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2023, employment in:

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 7.9% to stand at 131,300
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 17.5% to stand at 115,900
- Retail Trade rose by 9.5% to stand at 75,300.

In Professional, Scientific and Technical Services in the Sydney North & West Employment Region, 83% of workers were employed full-time; 59% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 42.

Employment by industry, February 2023 and February 2022



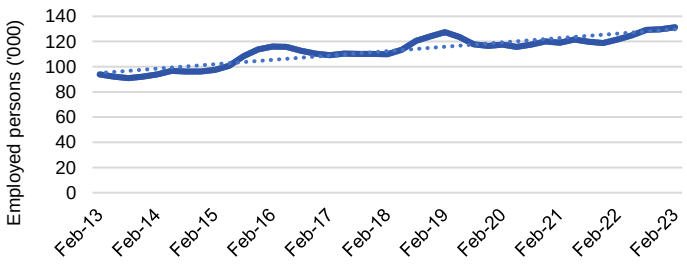
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the combined SA4s of Central Coast; Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury; Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby; Sydney - Northern Beaches; and Sydney - Ryde.

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

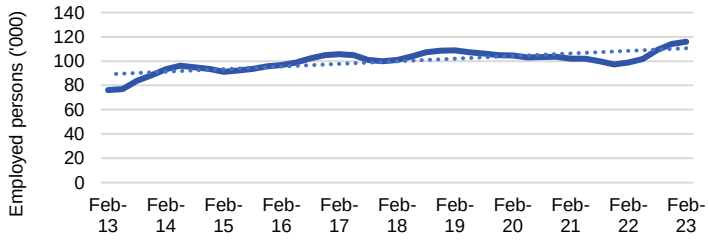
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



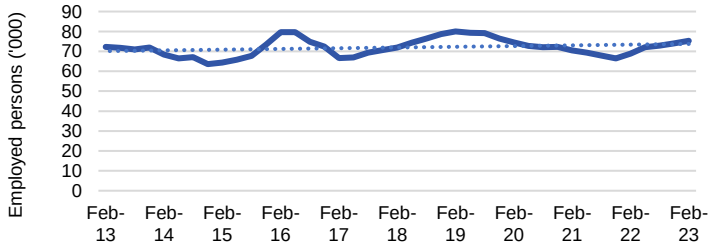
Number employed (Feb-23):	131,300
1 year employment change:	7.9%
5 year employment change:	19.4%
10 year employment change:	39.8%
Youth share of employment:	7.7%
Mature age share of employment:	13.2%

Health Care and Social Assistance



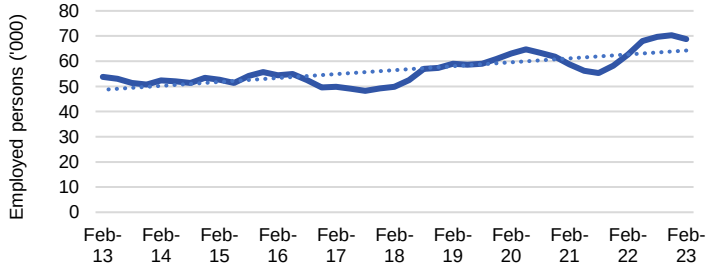
Number employed (Feb-23):	115,900
1 year employment change:	17.5%
5 year employment change:	14.9%
10 year employment change:	52.3%
Youth share of employment:	11.1%
Mature age share of employment:	17.8%

Retail Trade



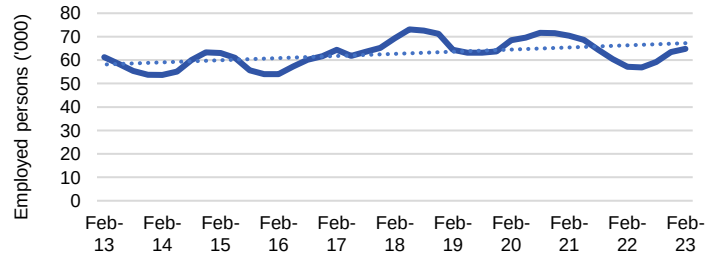
Number employed (Feb-23):	75,300
1 year employment change:	9.5%
5 year employment change:	4.8%
10 year employment change:	4.2%
Youth share of employment:	19.8%
Mature age share of employment:	7.2%

Financial and Insurance Services



Number employed (Feb-23):	68,800
1 year employment change:	9.6%
5 year employment change:	38.0%
10 year employment change:	27.8%
Youth share of employment:	3.1%
Mature age share of employment:	6.3%

Construction



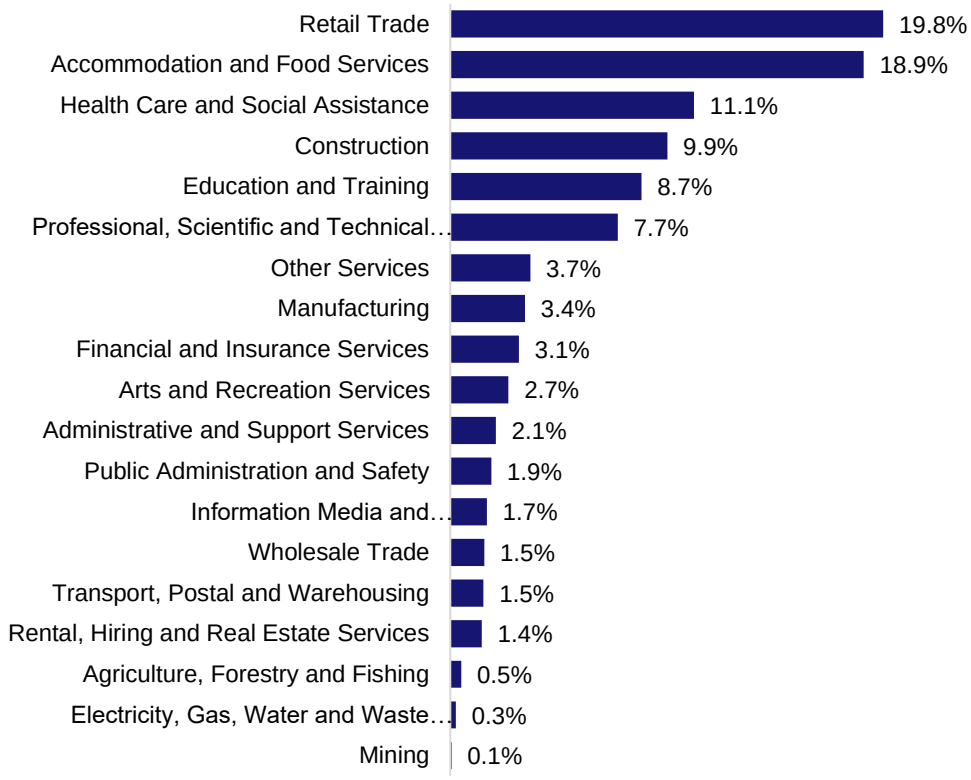
Number employed (Feb-23):	64,800
1 year employment change:	13.4%
5 year employment change:	-6.5%
10 year employment change:	5.9%
Youth share of employment:	9.9%
Mature age share of employment:	7.2%

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.

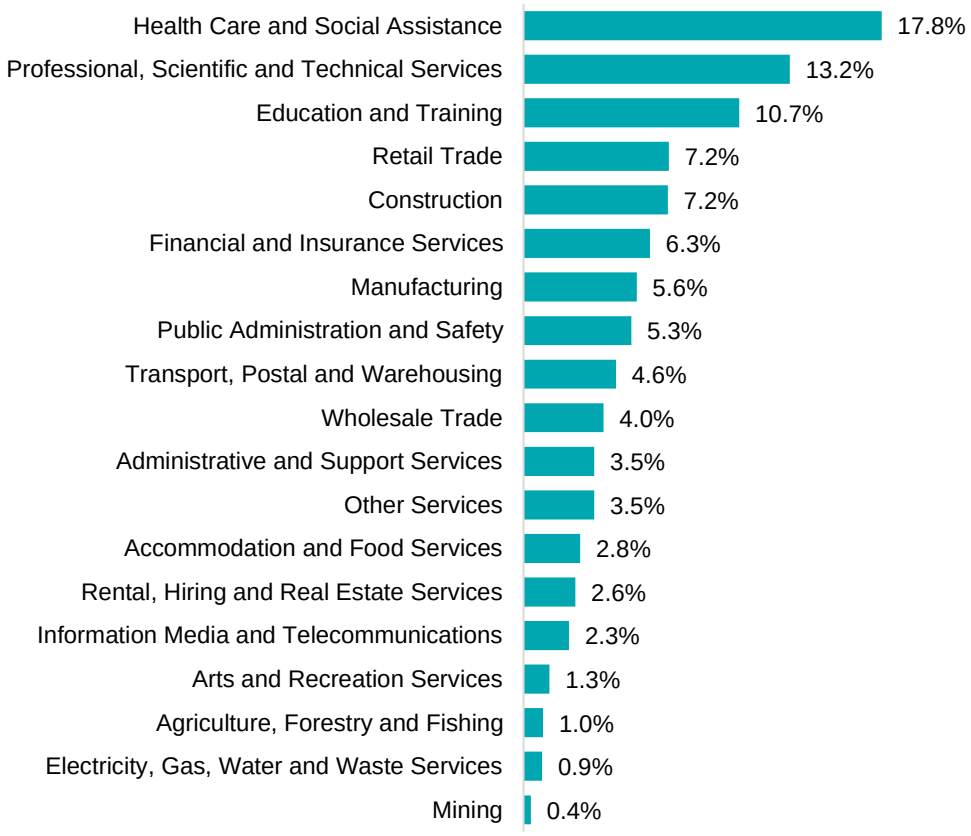
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



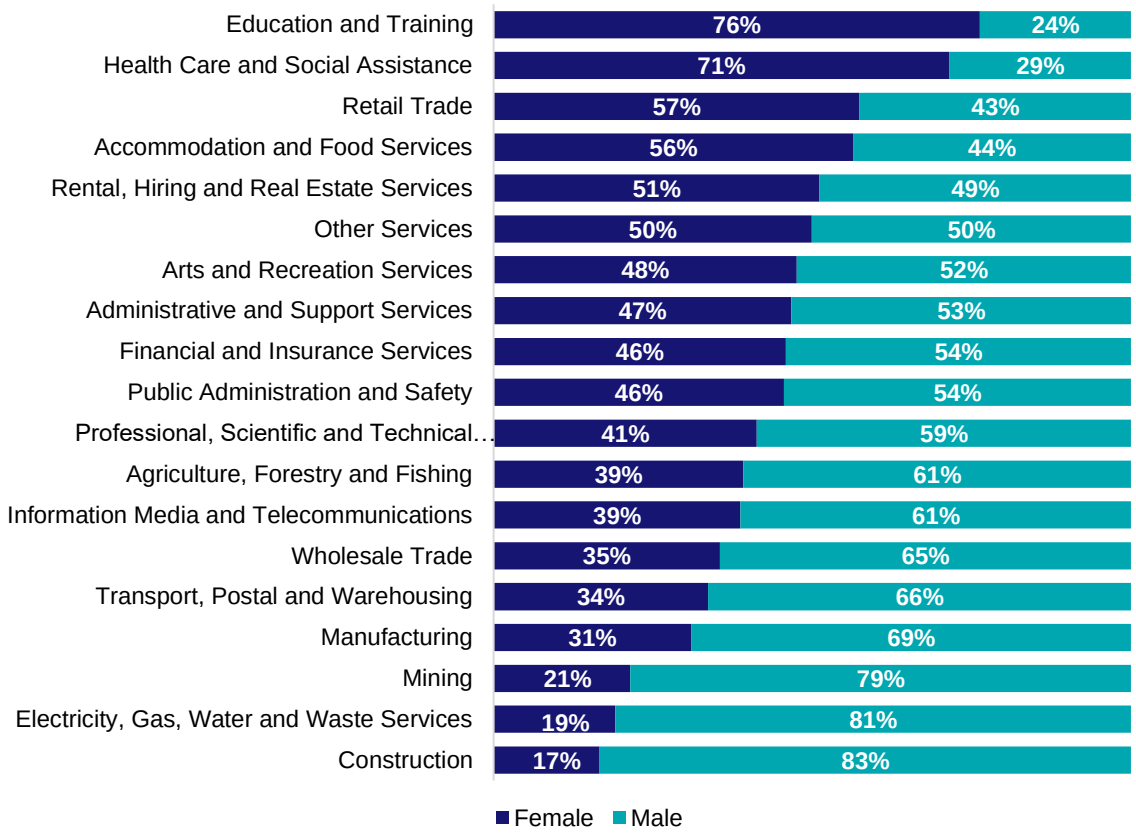
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

Gender share by industry



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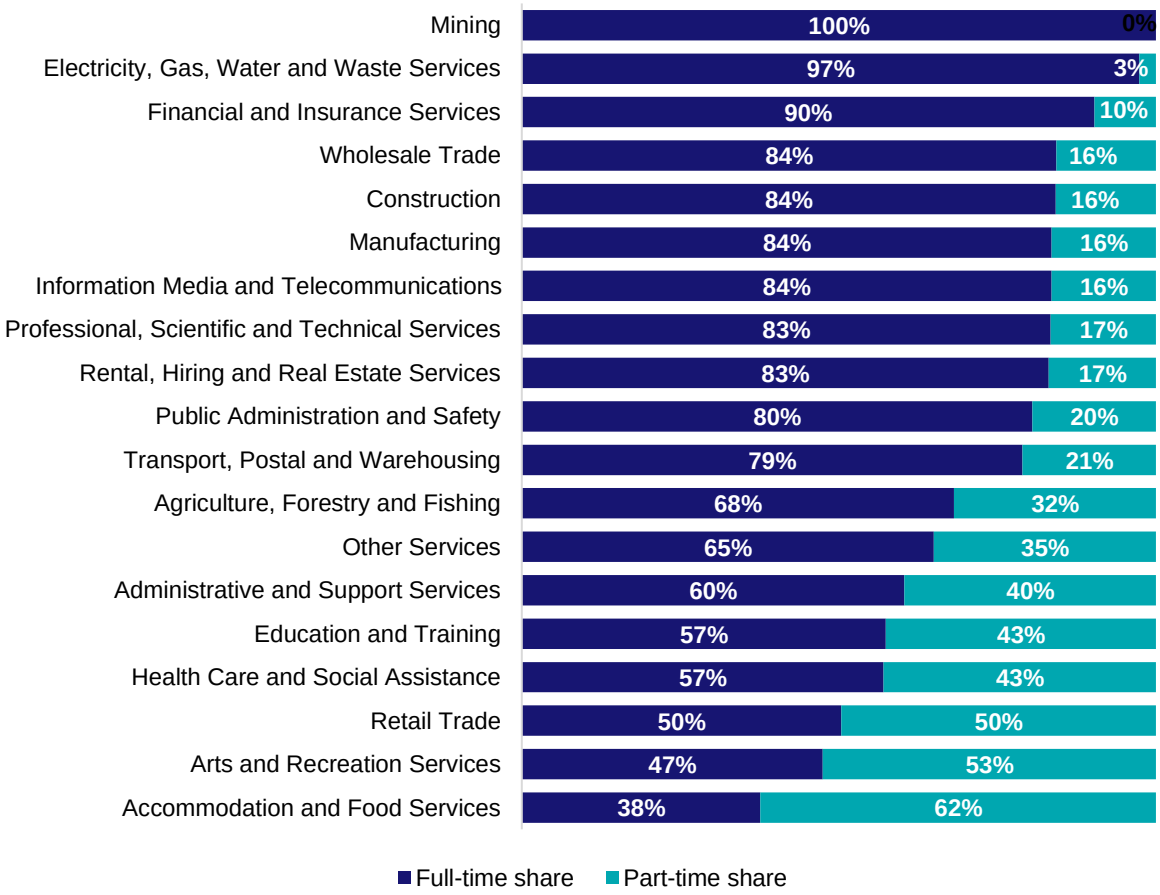
Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Sydney North & West, 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)	%			
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	16.2	131.3	121.7	110.0	9.6	7.9	21.3	19.4	83.4	16.6	42
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.3	115.9	98.7	100.9	17.2	17.5	15.0	14.9	57.0	43.0	44
Retail Trade	9.3	75.3	68.8	71.9	6.5	9.5	3.4	4.8	50.4	49.6	35
Financial and Insurance Services	8.5	68.8	62.7	49.8	6.0	9.6	19.0	38.0	90.3	9.7	42
Construction	8.0	64.8	57.2	69.4	7.7	13.4	-4.5	-6.5	84.2	15.8	40
Education and Training	7.5	60.7	69.0	66.0	-8.4	-12.1	-5.3	-8.0	57.4	42.6	44
Accommodation and Food Services	6.0	48.7	38.8	48.0	9.9	25.5	0.8	1.6	37.6	62.4	26
Manufacturing	4.5	36.6	45.4	41.3	-8.8	-19.4	-4.6	-11.2	83.6	16.4	44
Public Administration and Safety	4.1	33.2	36.1	34.7	-2.9	-7.9	-1.5	-4.4	80.5	19.5	45
Other Services	3.6	29.2	28.0	28.5	1.2	4.2	0.7	2.5	65.0	35.0	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.6	28.9	28.7	29.5	0.2	0.7	-0.6	-2.0	79.0	21.0	48
Wholesale Trade	3.3	26.5	21.3	31.0	5.2	24.2	-4.5	-14.5	84.3	15.7	45
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	22.8	26.8	30.9	-4.0	-14.8	-8.1	-26.1	60.3	39.7	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	2.7	22.2	23.0	27.8	-0.8	-3.3	-5.6	-20.2	83.5	16.5	42
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.2	17.7	17.2	15.3	0.5	3.1	2.4	15.7	83.1	16.9	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.8	14.5	13.1	15.5	1.4	10.8	-1.0	-6.7	47.5	52.5	36
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.8	6.5	6.7	6.7	-0.2	-2.7	-0.1	-2.2	97.4	2.6	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.5	3.9	3.6	5.5	0.3	8.4	-1.5	-27.8	68.1	31.9	50
Mining	0.1	0.6	1.8	2.4	-1.2	-65.5	-1.7	-73.6	100.0	0.0	48
All industries	**100.0**	**808.4**	**768.8**	**784.9**	**39.6**	**5.2**	**23.5**	**3.0**	**70.3**	**29.7**	**42**

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.