

Employment Region Industry profile

Cairns Employment Region

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Overview

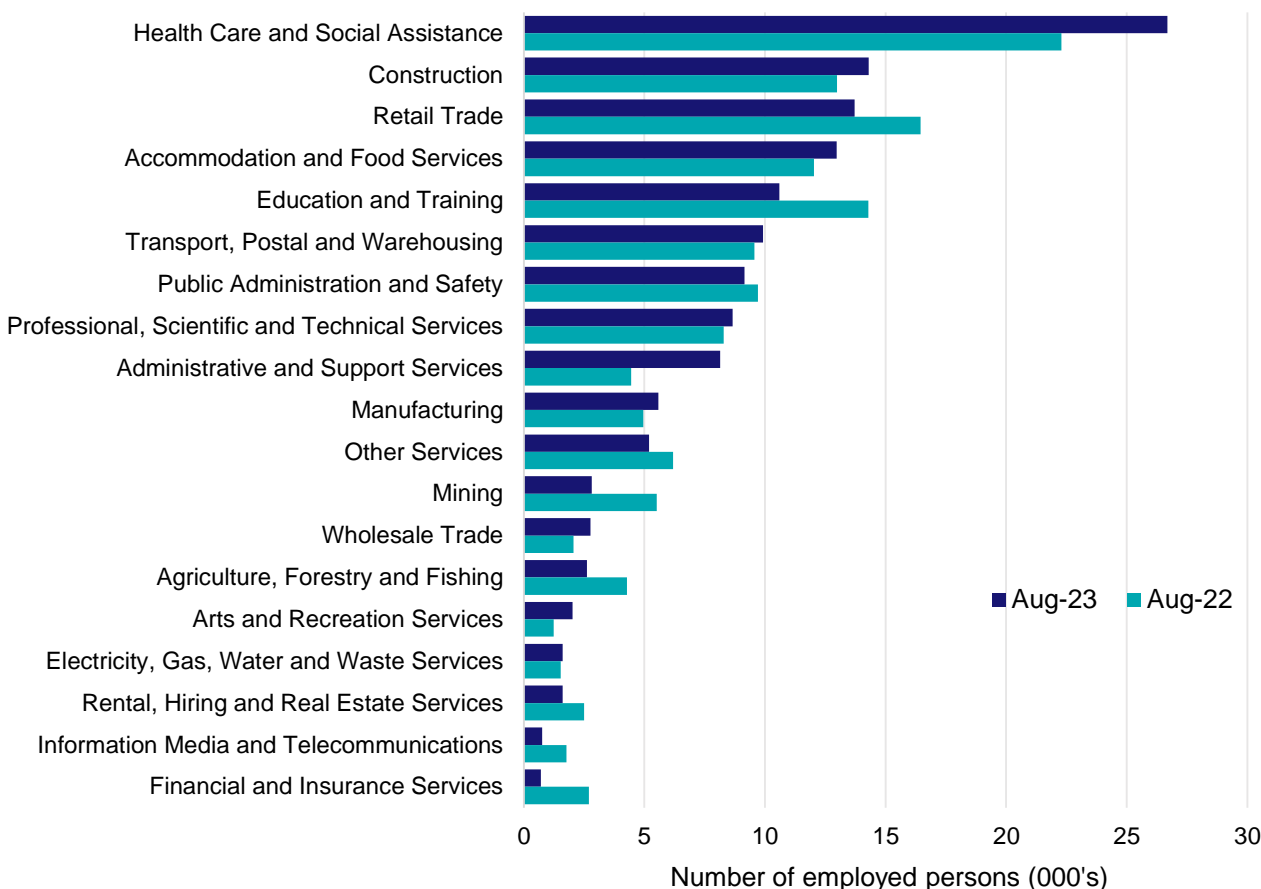
In August 2023, there were around 139,800 people employed in the Cairns Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Accommodation and Food Services, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 56% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 19.7% to stand at 26,700
- Construction rose by 10.1% to stand at 14,300
- Retail Trade fell by 16.7% to stand at 13,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Cairns Employment Region, 63% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 44.

Employment by industry, August 2023 and August 2022



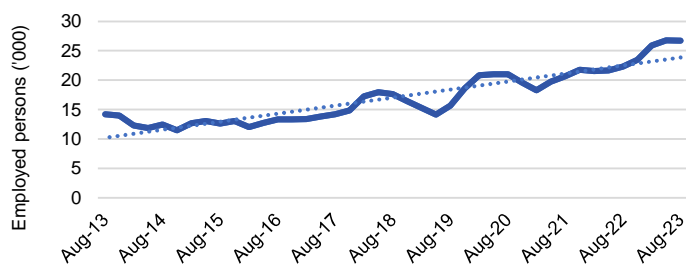
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the Cairns SA4.

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

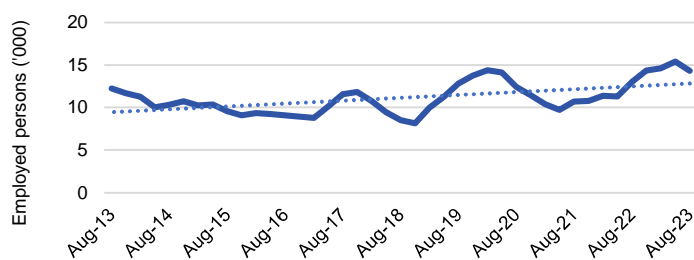
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance



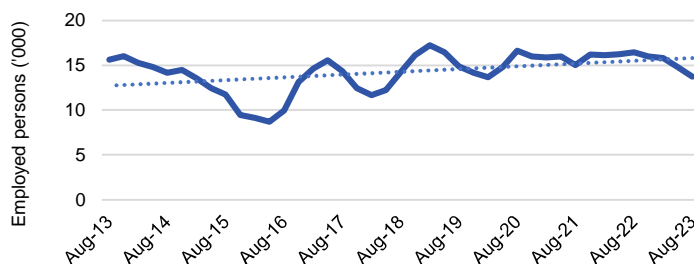
Number employed (Aug-23):	26,700
1 year employment change:	19.7%
5 year employment change:	51.6%
10 year employment change:	88.2%
Youth share of employment:	9.3%
Mature age share of employment:	17.4%

Construction



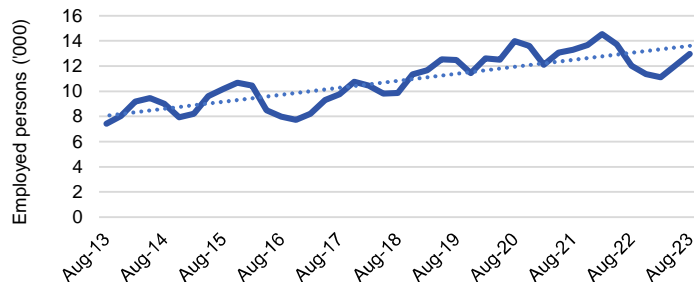
Number employed (Aug-23):	14,300
1 year employment change:	10.1%
5 year employment change:	68.1%
10 year employment change:	16.8%
Youth share of employment:	8.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.2%

Retail Trade



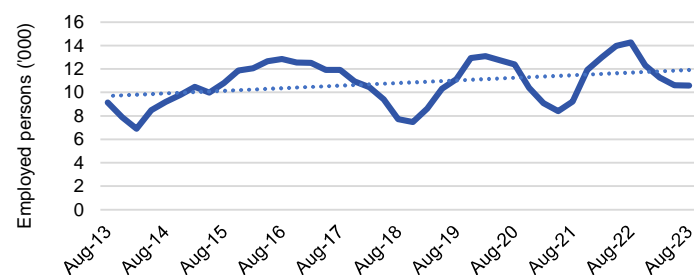
Number employed (Aug-23):	13,700
1 year employment change:	-16.7%
5 year employment change:	-3.6%
10 year employment change:	-12.2%
Youth share of employment:	21.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.5%

Accommodation and Food Services



Number employed (Aug-23):	13,000
1 year employment change:	7.8%
5 year employment change:	31.5%
10 year employment change:	74.8%
Youth share of employment:	25.1%
Mature age share of employment:	6.1%

Education and Training



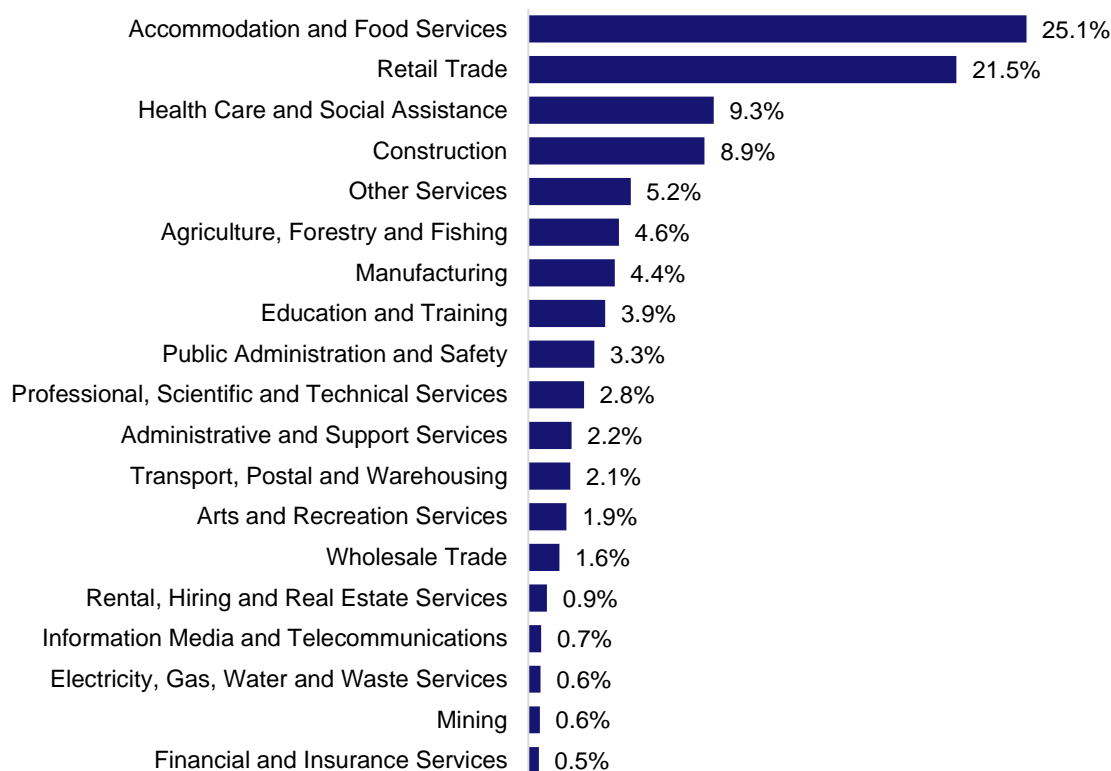
Number employed (Aug-23):	10,600
1 year employment change:	-25.9%
5 year employment change:	37.1%
10 year employment change:	16.0%
Youth share of employment:	3.9%
Mature age share of employment:	9.9%

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

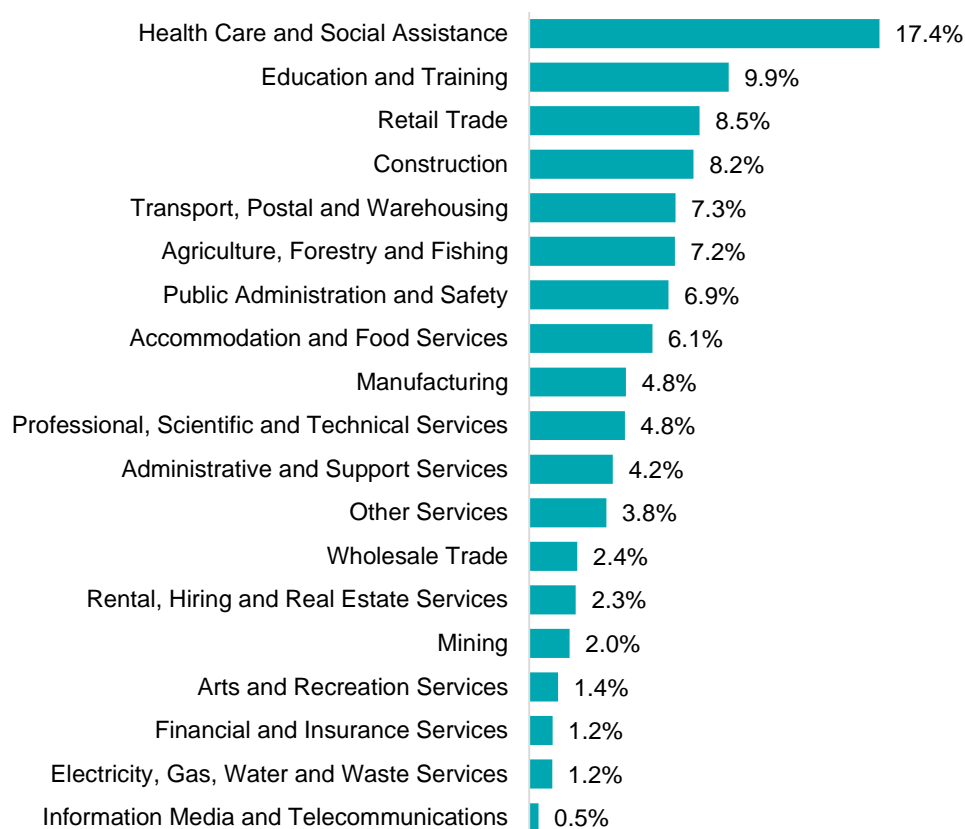
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



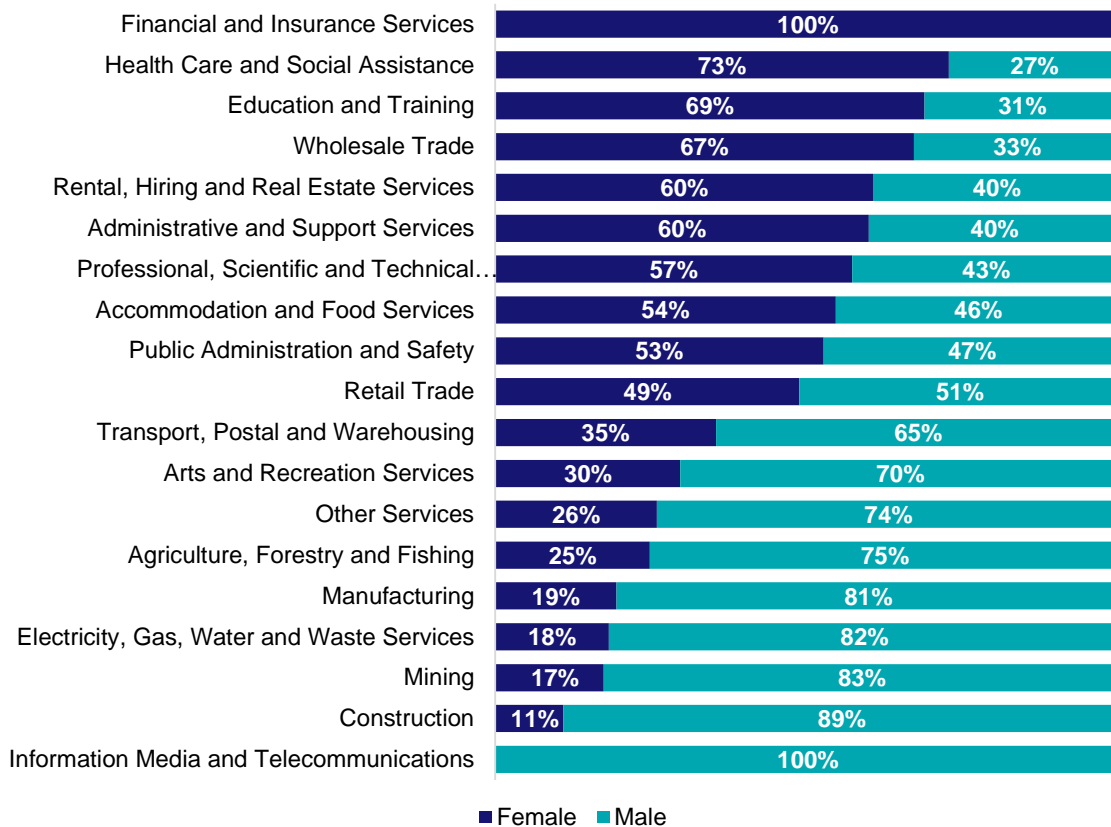
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



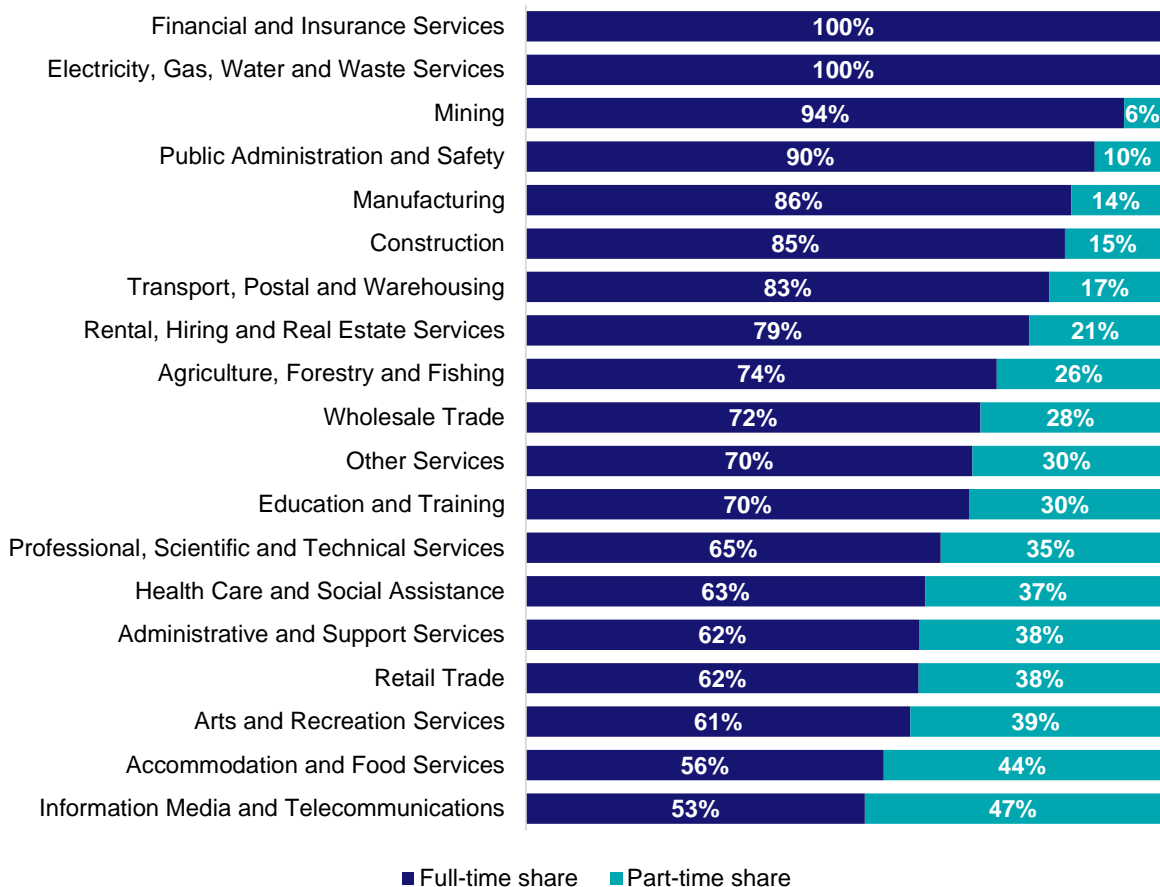
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

Gender share by industry



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

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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

Appendix

Employment by industry, Cairns, August 2023

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-23 (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Aug-23	Aug-22	Aug-18	('000)	%	('000)	%			
Health Care and Social Assistance	19.1	26.7	22.3	17.6	4.4	19.7	9.1	51.6	63.0	37.0	44
Construction	10.2	14.3	13.0	8.5	1.3	10.1	5.8	68.1	85.0	15.0	41
Retail Trade	9.8	13.7	16.5	14.2	-2.7	-16.7	-0.5	-3.6	61.9	38.1	37
Accommodation and Food Services	9.3	13.0	12.0	9.9	0.9	7.8	3.1	31.5	56.5	43.5	32
Education and Training	7.6	10.6	14.3	7.7	-3.7	-25.9	2.9	37.1	70.0	30.0	46
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	7.1	9.9	9.6	7.3	0.4	3.8	2.6	35.2	82.5	17.5	48
Public Administration and Safety	6.5	9.1	9.7	9.1	-0.6	-5.8	0.1	1.0	89.7	10.3	45
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.2	8.7	8.3	4.7	0.4	4.5	3.9	83.1	65.4	34.6	44
Administrative and Support Services	5.8	8.1	4.4	5.4	3.7	82.9	2.8	51.7	62.0	38.0	46
Manufacturing	4.0	5.6	5.0	7.7	0.6	12.3	-2.1	-27.6	86.0	14.0	44
Other Services	3.7	5.2	6.2	4.6	-1.0	-16.3	0.6	13.4	70.4	29.6	41
Mining	2.0	2.8	5.5	2.1	-2.7	-48.9	0.8	36.6	94.3	5.7	45
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.8	2.1	1.8	0.7	34.6	1.0	53.1	71.7	28.3	48
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.9	2.6	4.3	6.1	-1.7	-38.6	-3.4	-56.7	74.3	25.7	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.4	2.0	1.2	2.6	0.8	63.8	-0.5	-20.9	60.7	39.3	38
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.2	1.6	1.5	2.1	0.1	5.5	-0.5	-24.7	100.0	0.0	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.1	1.6	2.5	2.0	-0.9	-35.7	-0.4	-21.1	79.4	20.6	49
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.5	0.8	1.8	0.4	-1.0	-57.3	0.3	74.7	53.5	46.5	39
Financial and Insurance Services	0.5	0.7	2.7	1.5	-2.0	-73.8	-0.8	-52.3	100.0	0.0	44
All industries	100.0	139.8	142.8	115.3	-3.0	-2.1	24.5	21.3	71.2	28.8	43

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