

# Employment Region Industry profile

## Mackay Employment Region

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### Overview

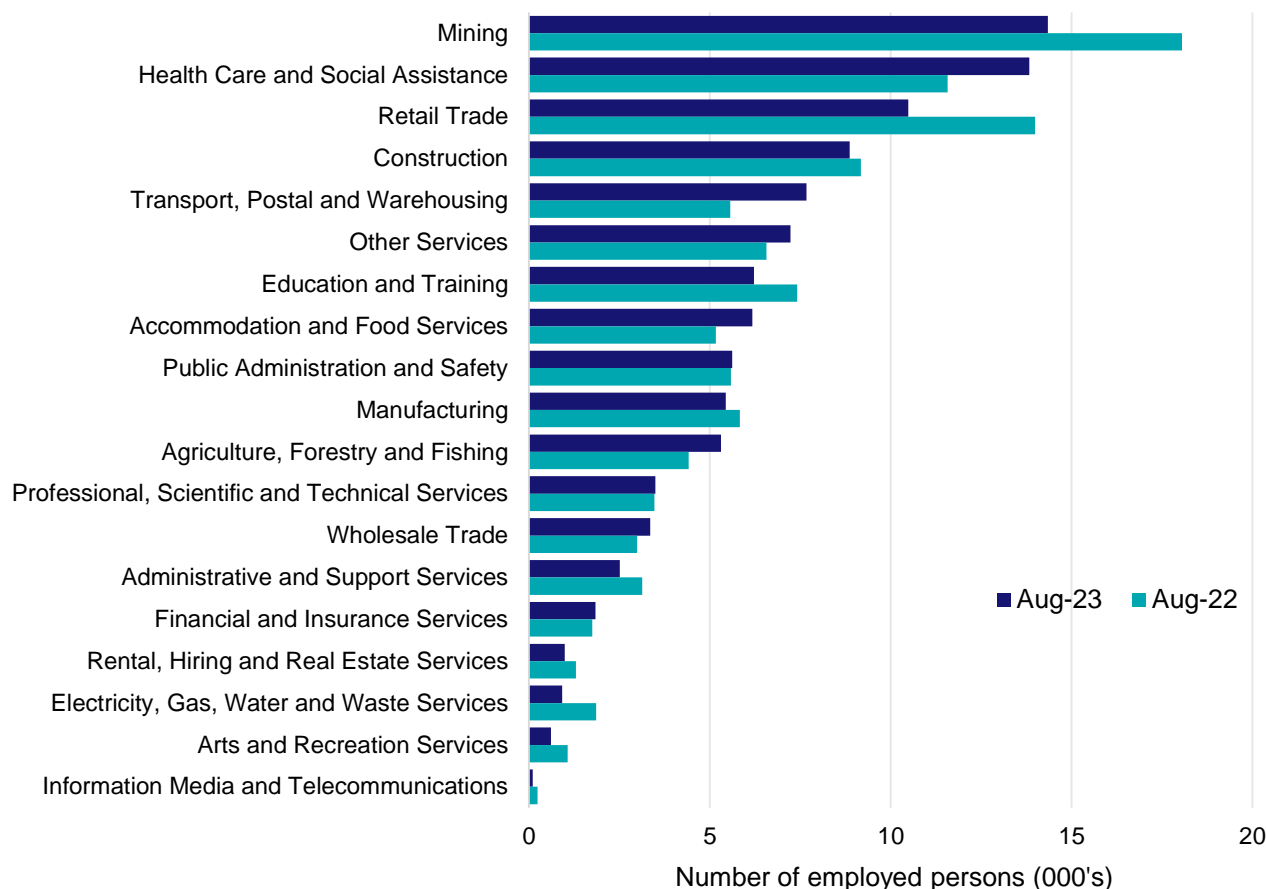
In August 2023, there were around 105,100 people employed in the Mackay Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Mining, Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, and Transport, Postal and Warehousing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2023, employment in:

- Mining fell by 20.6% to stand at 14,300
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 19.5% to stand at 13,800
- Retail Trade fell by 25.0% to stand at 10,500.

In Mining in the Mackay Employment Region, 99% of workers were employed full-time; 83% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

### Employment by industry, August 2023 and August 2022



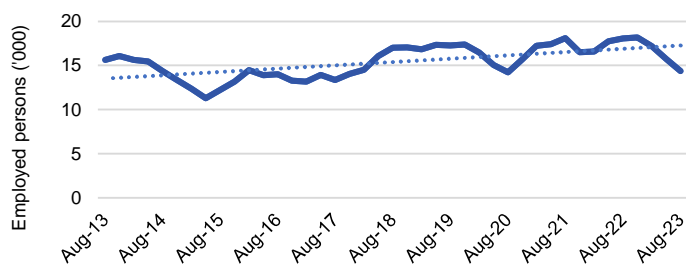
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey\*, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2023. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

\*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday 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](mailto:RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au)

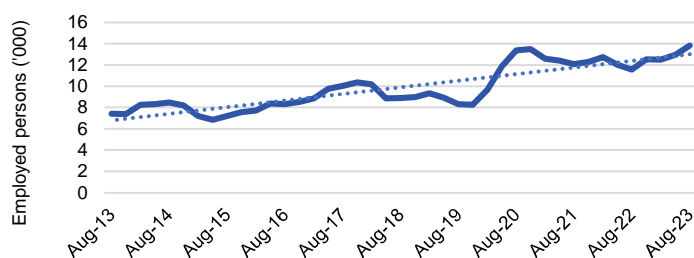
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Mining



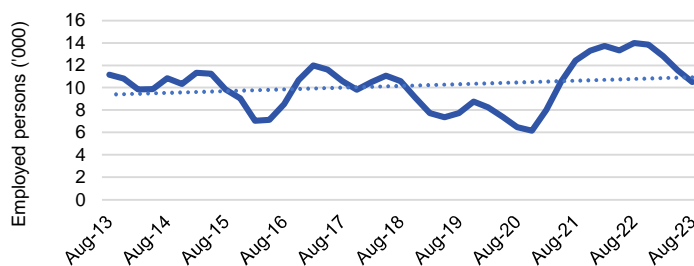
Number employed (Aug-23):	14,300
1 year employment change:	-20.6%
5 year employment change:	-15.7%
10 year employment change:	-8.2%
Youth share of employment:	8.0%
Mature age share of employment:	11.8%

## Health Care and Social Assistance



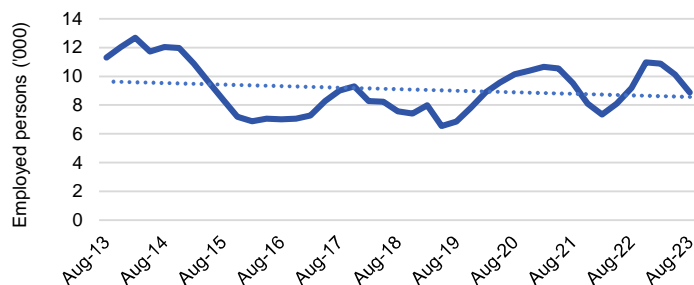
Number employed (Aug-23):	13,800
1 year employment change:	19.5%
5 year employment change:	55.8%
10 year employment change:	86.5%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	12.8%

## Retail Trade



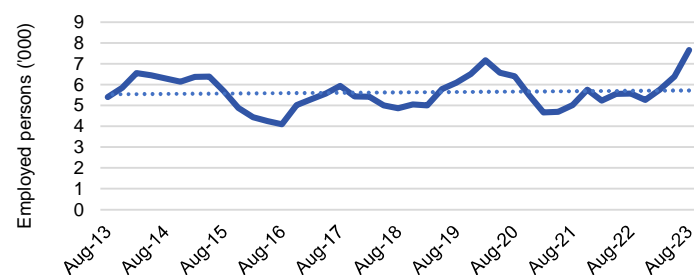
Number employed (Aug-23):	10,500
1 year employment change:	-25.0%
5 year employment change:	-1.0%
10 year employment change:	-6.0%
Youth share of employment:	17.9%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

## Construction



Number employed (Aug-23):	8,900
1 year employment change:	-3.4%
5 year employment change:	17.4%
10 year employment change:	-21.5%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

## Transport, Postal and Warehousing



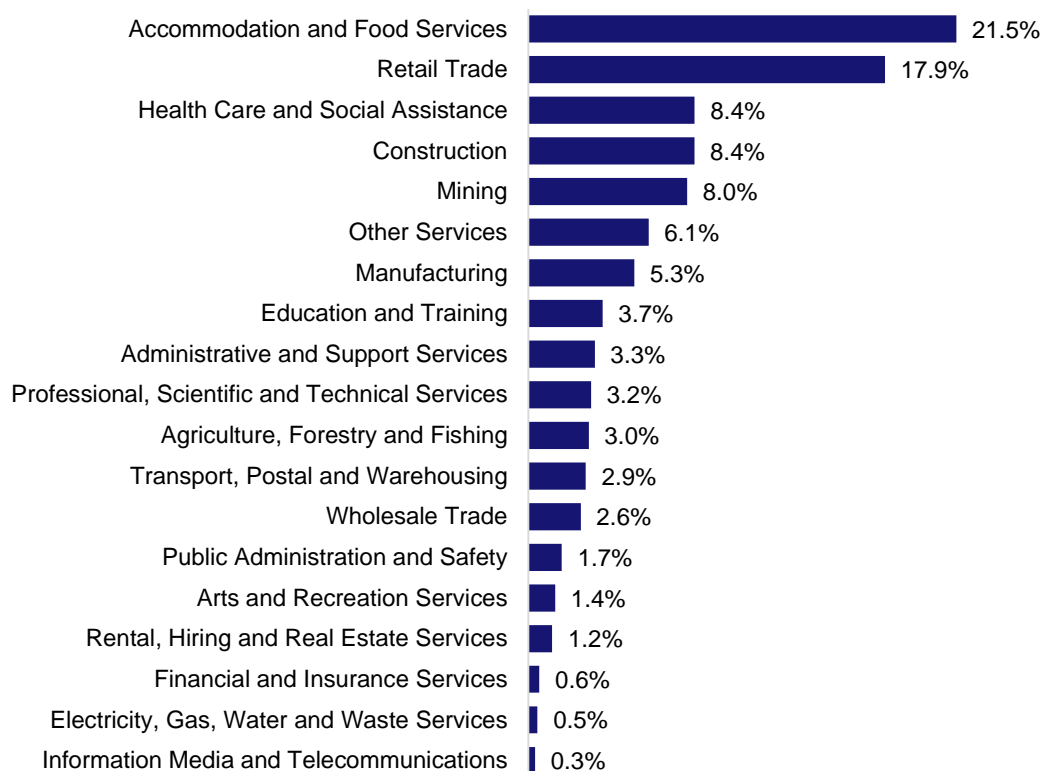
Number employed (Aug-23):	7,700
1 year employment change:	37.7%
5 year employment change:	57.9%
10 year employment change:	42.2%
Youth share of employment:	2.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.5%

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.

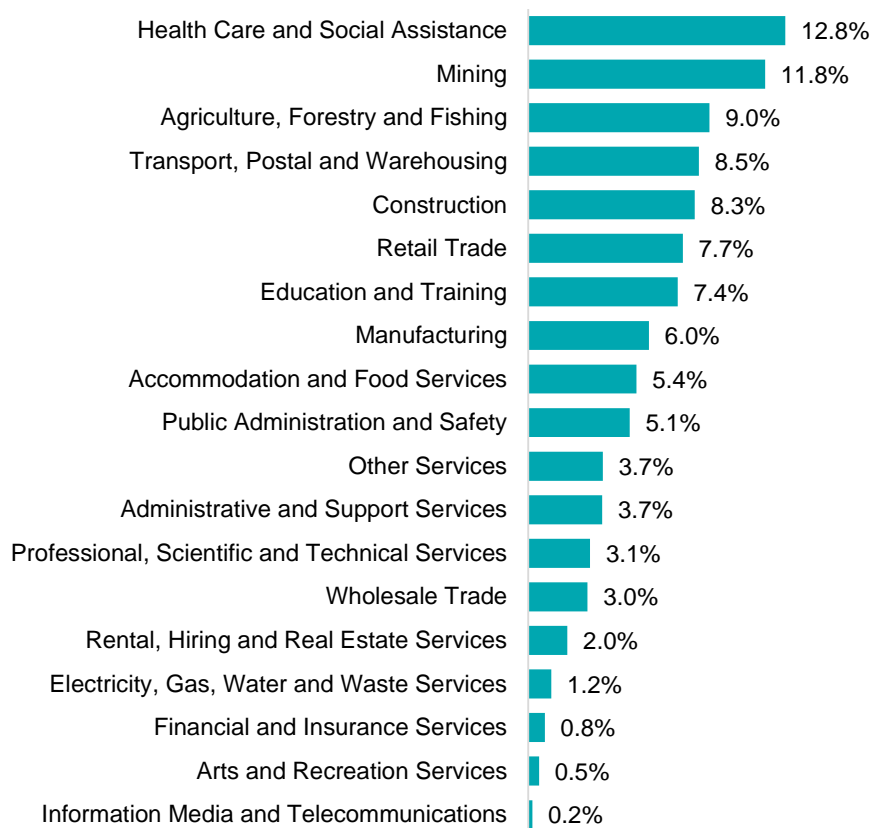
## Employment characteristics by Industry

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



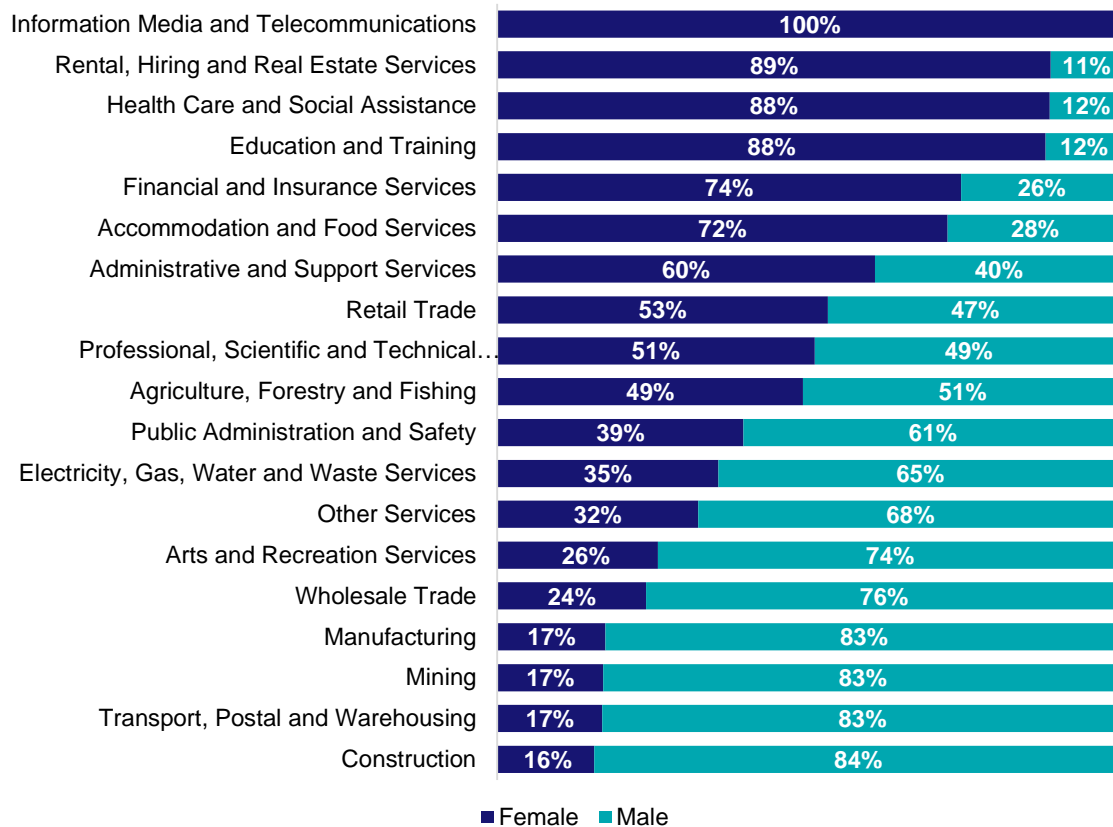
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



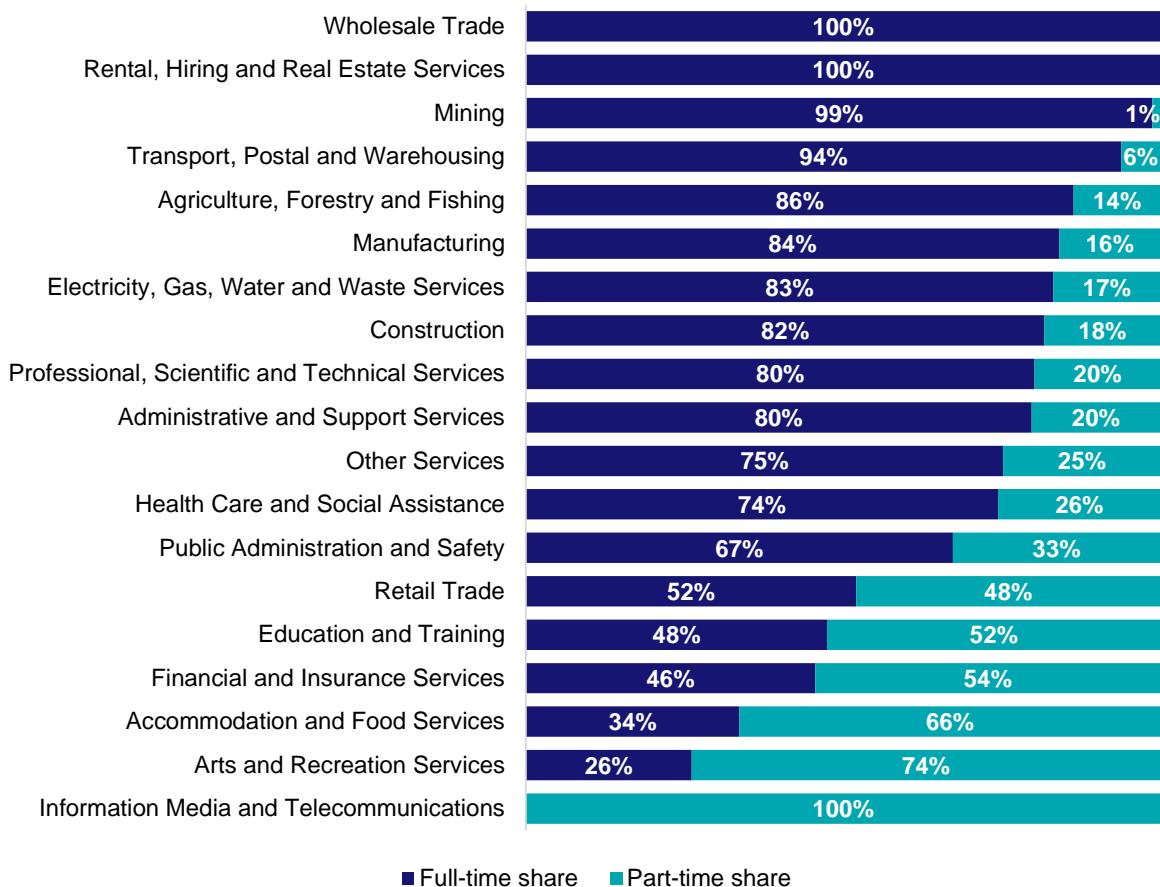
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

## 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, Mackay, 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)	%			
Mining	13.7	14.3	18.1	17.0	-3.7	-20.6	-2.7	-15.7	98.8	1.2	41
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.2	13.8	11.6	8.9	2.3	19.5	5.0	55.8	74.4	25.6	42
Retail Trade	10.0	10.5	14.0	10.6	-3.5	-25.0	-0.1	-1.0	52.1	47.9	35
Construction	8.4	8.9	9.2	7.6	-0.3	-3.4	1.3	17.4	81.8	18.2	40
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	7.3	7.7	5.6	4.9	2.1	37.7	2.8	57.9	93.9	6.1	47
Other Services	6.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	0.7	10.1	0.8	12.8	75.3	24.7	36
Education and Training	5.9	6.2	7.4	5.1	-1.2	-16.1	1.1	21.0	47.5	52.5	44
Accommodation and Food Services	5.9	6.2	5.2	8.3	1.0	19.5	-2.1	-25.8	33.7	66.3	29
Public Administration and Safety	5.3	5.6	5.6	4.0	0.0	0.6	1.6	41.0	67.4	32.6	45
Manufacturing	5.2	5.4	5.8	6.6	-0.4	-6.7	-1.1	-17.3	84.1	15.9	42
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.1	5.3	4.4	6.0	0.9	20.1	-0.7	-11.0	86.4	13.6	49
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3.3	3.5	3.5	5.4	0.0	0.7	-1.9	-35.3	80.2	19.8	39
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.8	0.4	12.2	0.6	19.8	100.0	0.0	40
Administrative and Support Services	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.6	-0.6	-19.6	0.0	-1.7	79.7	20.3	40
Financial and Insurance Services	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.1	0.1	4.8	0.8	70.4	45.7	54.3	41
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	-0.3	-23.9	-0.4	-30.8	100.0	0.0	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.9	0.9	1.9	0.6	-0.9	-50.4	0.3	60.3	83.2	16.8	43
Arts and Recreation Services	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.3	-0.5	-42.8	0.3	118.7	26.2	73.8	33
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-55.1	0.0	13.6	0.0	100.0	33
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>41</b>

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.