



# Industry profile

## Queensland

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### Overview

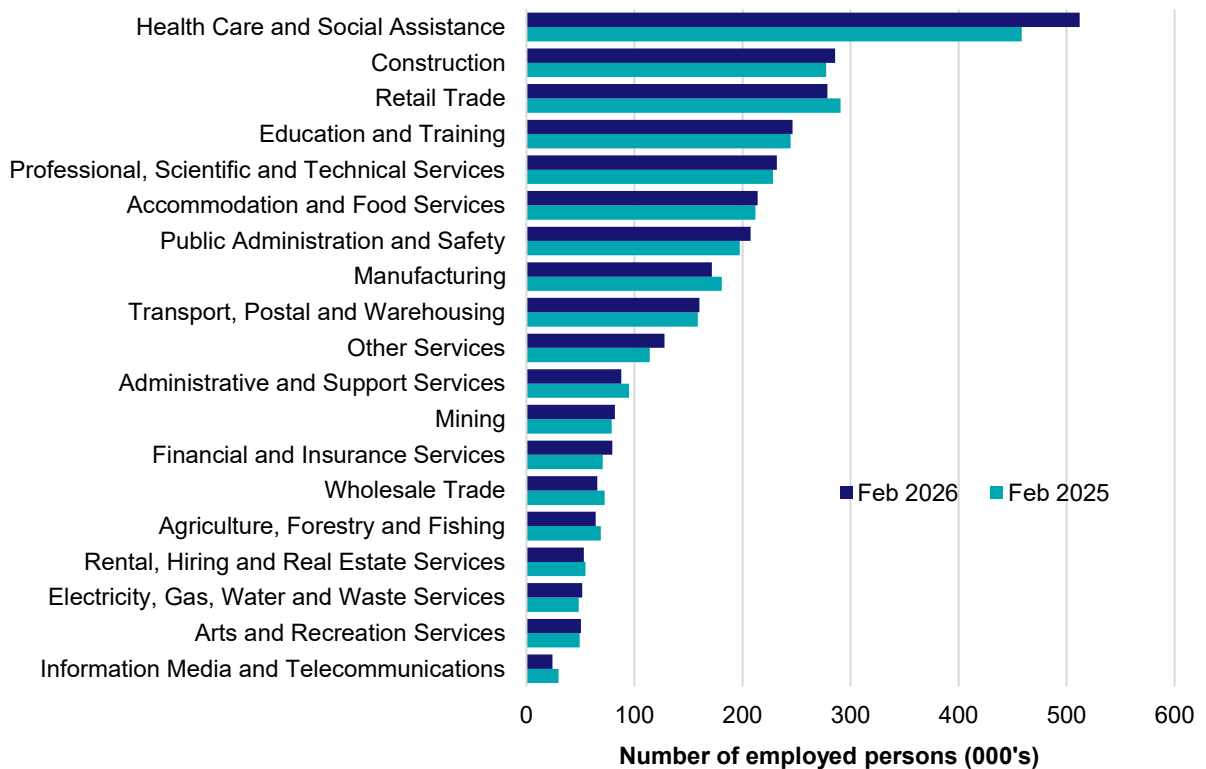
In February 2026, there were around 2,993,800 people employed in Queensland. The 5 largest employing industries in Queensland were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Education and Training and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of all employment.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 11.7% to stand at 512,100
- Construction rose by 3.1% to stand at 285,900
- Retail Trade fell by 4.2% to stand at 278,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in Queensland, 58% of workers were employed full-time; 76% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 42. Around 50% of employed persons in this industry were located in Greater Brisbane.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025

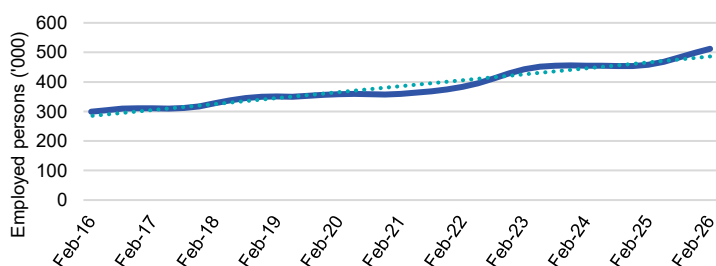


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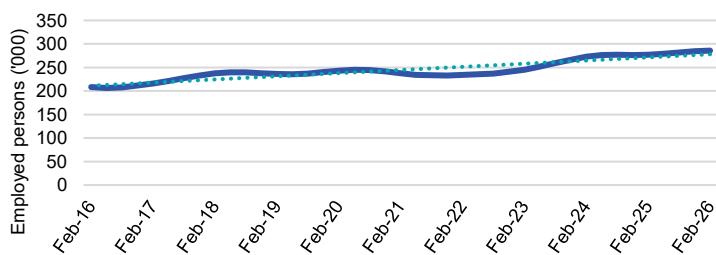
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### Health Care and Social Assistance



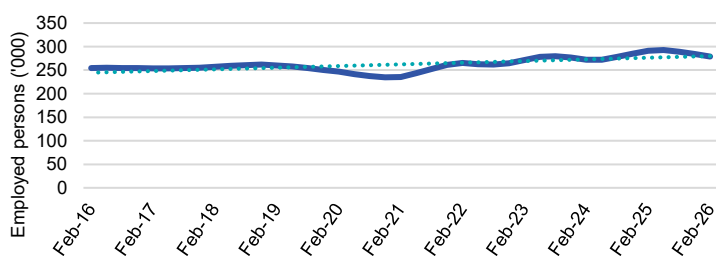
Number employed (Feb-26):	512,100
1 year employment change:	11.7%
5 year employment change:	42.6%
10 year employment change:	71.2%
Youth share of employment:	10.6%
Mature age share of employment:	17.6%

### Construction



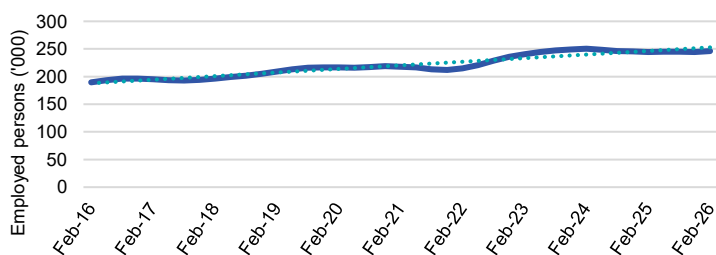
Number employed (Feb-26):	285,900
1 year employment change:	3.1%
5 year employment change:	20.2%
10 year employment change:	37.2%
Youth share of employment:	8.7%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

### Retail Trade



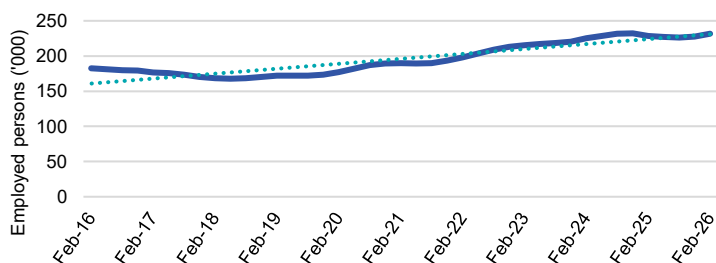
Number employed (Feb-26):	278,700
1 year employment change:	-4.2%
5 year employment change:	18.5%
10 year employment change:	9.6%
Youth share of employment:	19.6%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

### Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	246,400
1 year employment change:	0.8%
5 year employment change:	13.1%
10 year employment change:	29.9%
Youth share of employment:	5.2%
Mature age share of employment:	10.6%

### Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



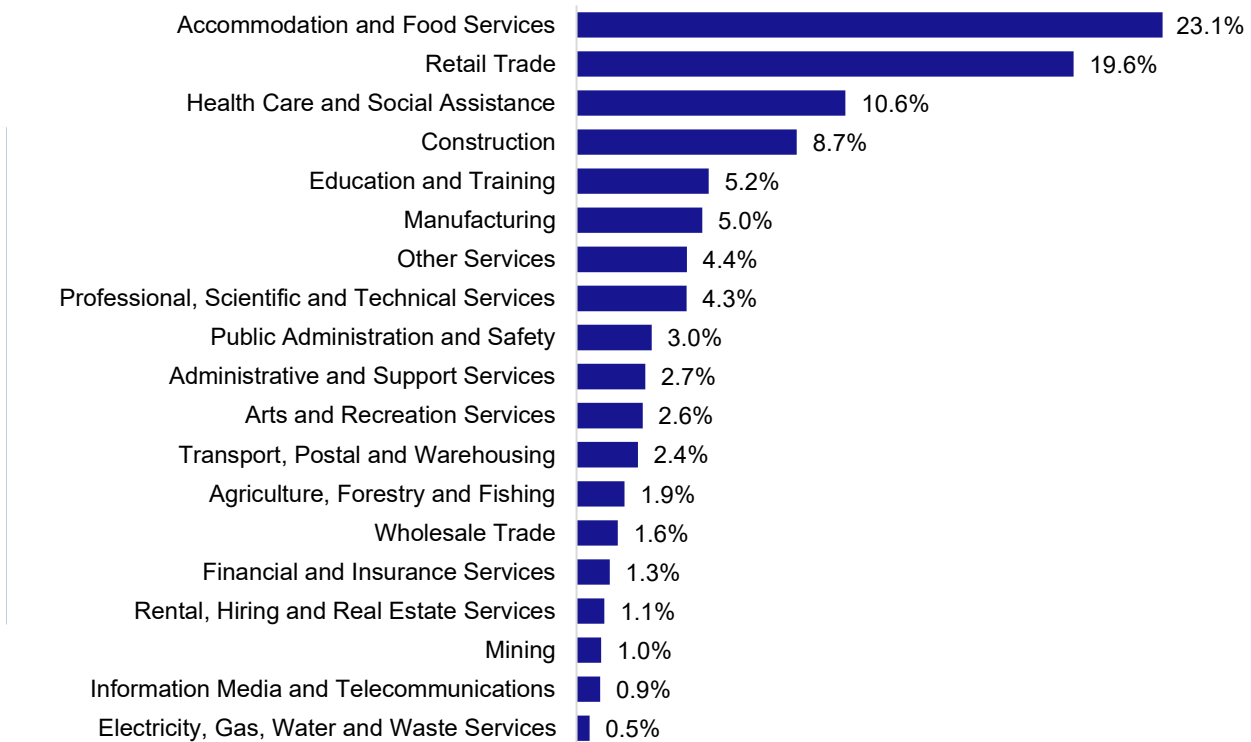
Number employed (Feb-26):	231,800
1 year employment change:	1.5%
5 year employment change:	22.2%
10 year employment change:	27.1%
Youth share of employment:	4.3%
Mature age share of employment:	6.3%

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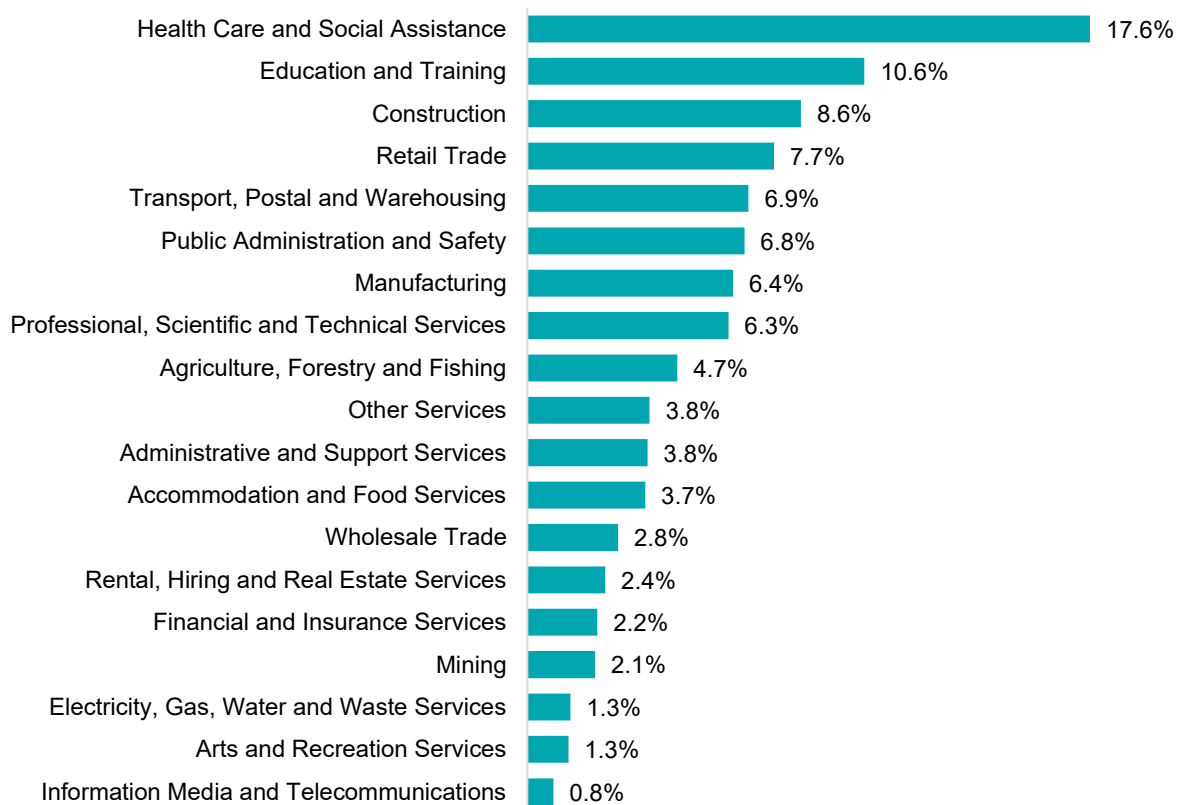
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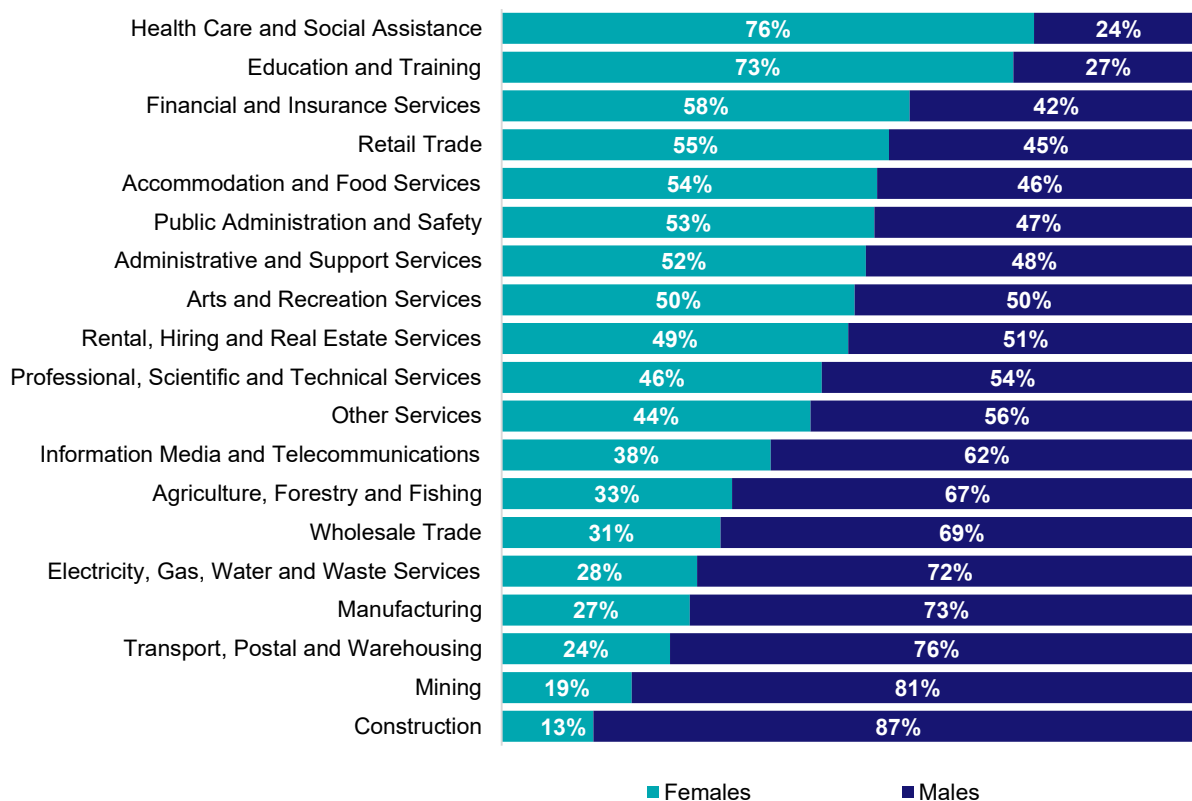
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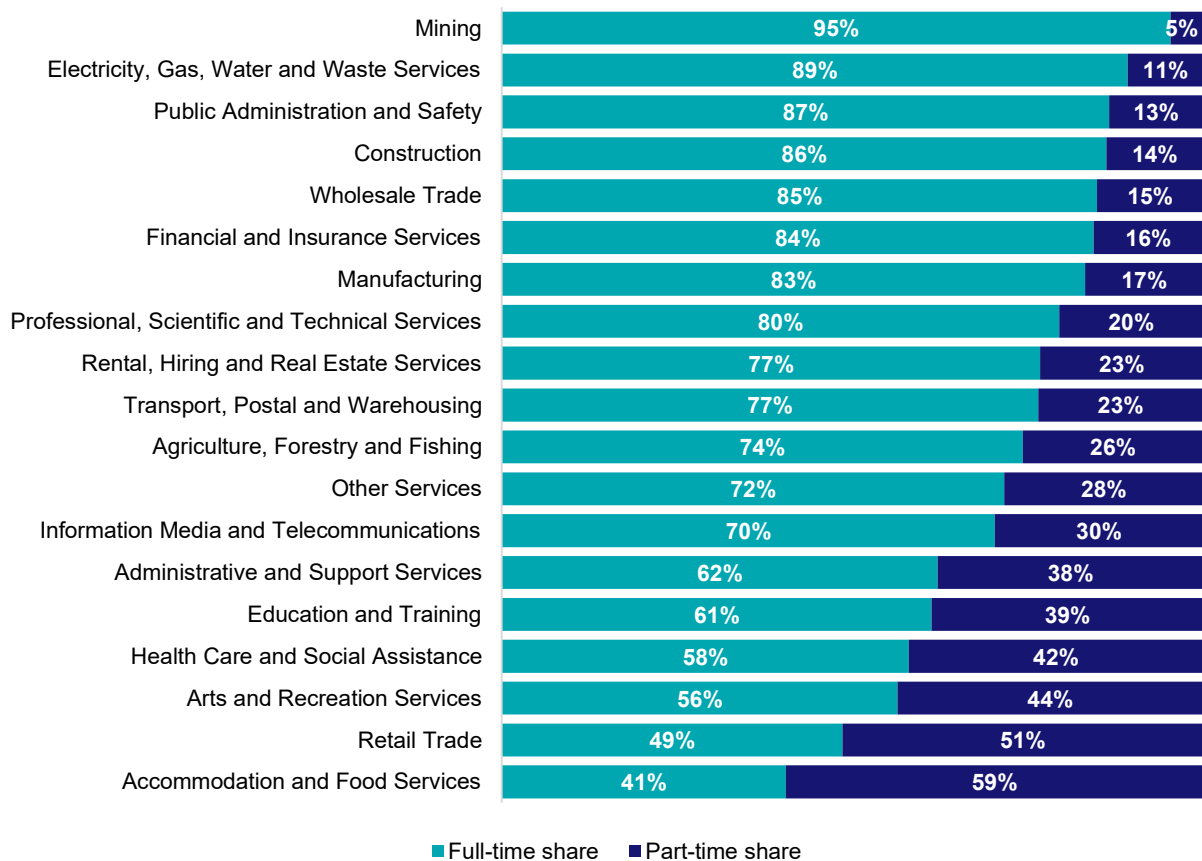
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## Gender share by industry



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## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Queensland, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Feb-26 (%)	Share of emp't in Greater Brisbane (%)	Share of emp't in Rest of QLD (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
				Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	17.1	50.3	49.7	512.1	458.6	359.1	53.5	11.7	153.0	42.6	42
Construction	9.5	48.5	51.5	285.9	277.3	237.9	8.5	3.1	48.0	20.2	39
Retail Trade	9.3	50.8	49.2	278.7	290.9	235.1	-12.3	-4.2	43.5	18.5	33
Education and Training	8.2	48.7	51.3	246.4	244.4	217.9	2.0	0.8	28.5	13.1	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7.7	63.5	36.5	231.8	228.4	189.6	3.4	1.5	42.2	22.2	40
Accommodation and Food Services	7.2	49.4	50.6	214.1	211.9	179.1	2.2	1.0	35.0	19.5	25
Public Administration and Safety	6.9	57.4	42.6	207.5	197.4	165.3	10.1	5.1	42.2	25.5	44
Manufacturing	5.7	54.2	45.8	171.6	180.9	166.4	-9.3	-5.1	5.1	3.1	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.3	61.4	38.6	160.0	158.7	127.5	1.3	0.8	32.5	25.5	45
Other Services	4.3	50.4	49.6	127.9	114.3	100.9	13.6	11.9	26.9	26.7	39
Administrative and Support Services	2.9	44.8	55.2	87.7	94.8	82.2	-7.1	-7.5	5.5	6.7	41
Mining	2.7	27.8	72.2	81.8	78.8	72.6	3.1	3.9	9.3	12.8	42
Financial and Insurance Services	2.7	65.3	34.7	79.5	70.6	65.5	8.9	12.6	14.0	21.3	41
Wholesale Trade	2.2	55.0	45.0	65.6	72.5	74.3	-6.9	-9.6	-8.7	-11.7	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.1	21.0	79.0	64.0	68.7	77.9	-4.7	-6.9	-13.9	-17.9	47
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.8	60.8	39.2	53.1	54.7	51.2	-1.6	-2.9	1.9	3.7	44
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.7	50.4	49.6	51.7	48.4	30.2	3.3	6.9	21.6	71.5	44
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	51.2	48.8	50.4	49.4	42.5	1.0	2.0	7.9	18.5	36
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.8	57.8	42.2	24.0	29.7	27.8	-5.7	-19.1	-3.8	-13.6	39
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>2993.8</b>	<b>2930.6</b>	<b>2503.2</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>490.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>40</b>

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, February 2026, four quarter averages. \*Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.



# Employment Region Industry profile

## Brisbane - South East Employment Region

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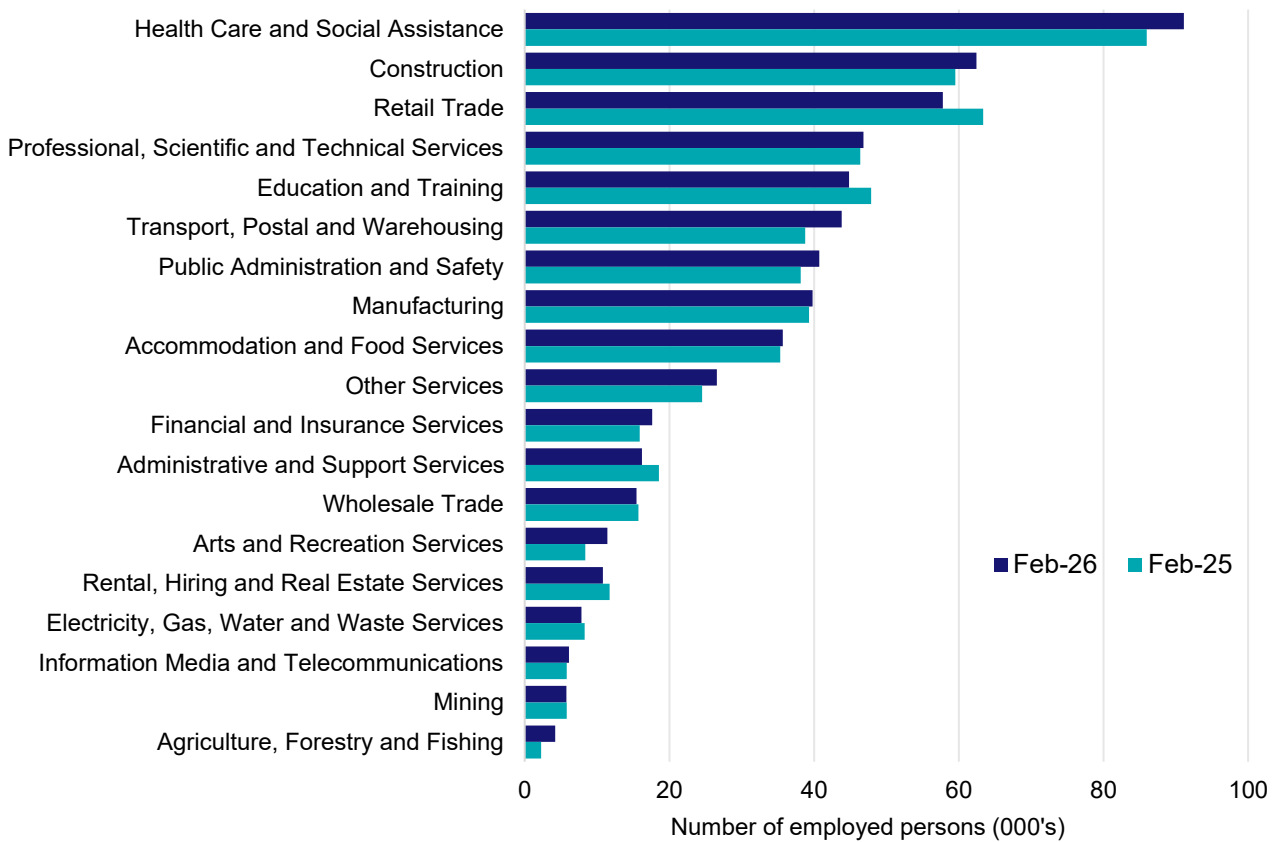
In February 2026, there were around 585,100 people employed in the Brisbane - South East Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 6.0% to stand at 91,100
- Construction rose by 4.8% to stand at 62,400
- Retail Trade fell by 8.8% to stand at 57,800.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Brisbane - South East Employment Region, 57% of workers were employed full-time; 79% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 40.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



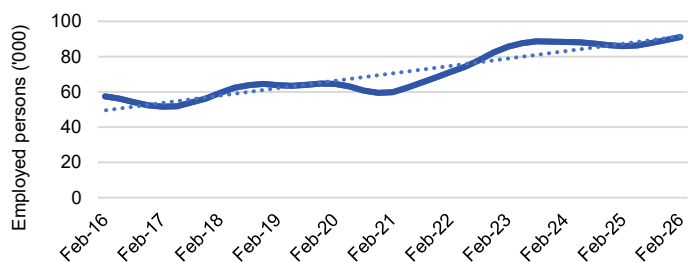
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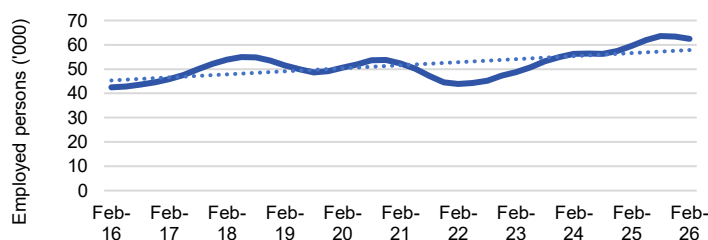
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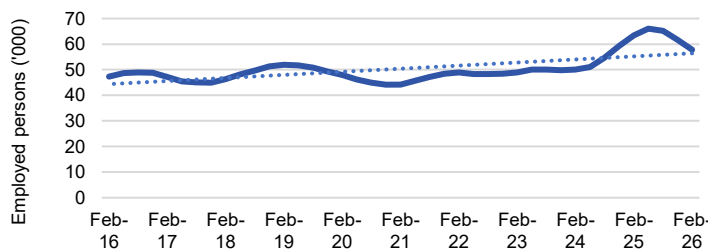
Number employed (Feb-26):	91,100
1 year employment change:	6.0%
5 year employment change:	52.3%
10 year employment change:	58.6%
Youth share of employment:	11.1%
Mature age share of employment:	17.0%

## Construction



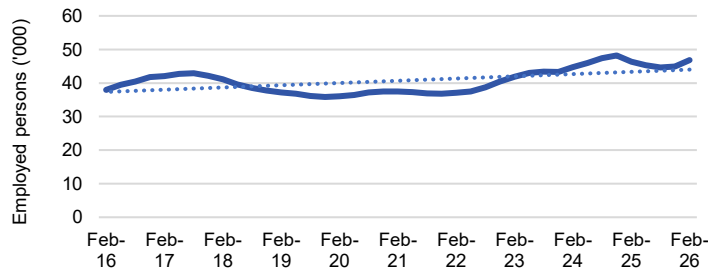
Number employed (Feb-26):	62,400
1 year employment change:	4.8%
5 year employment change:	19.2%
10 year employment change:	46.9%
Youth share of employment:	9.5%
Mature age share of employment:	9.2%

## Retail Trade



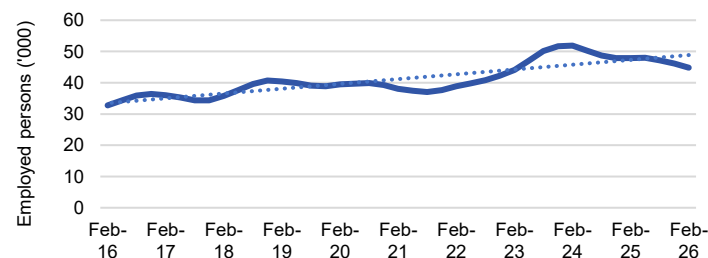
Number employed (Feb-26):	57,800
1 year employment change:	-8.8%
5 year employment change:	30.9%
10 year employment change:	22.1%
Youth share of employment:	20.0%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

## Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



Number employed (Feb-26):	46,800
1 year employment change:	0.9%
5 year employment change:	25.0%
10 year employment change:	23.5%
Youth share of employment:	4.7%
Mature age share of employment:	6.6%

## Education and Training



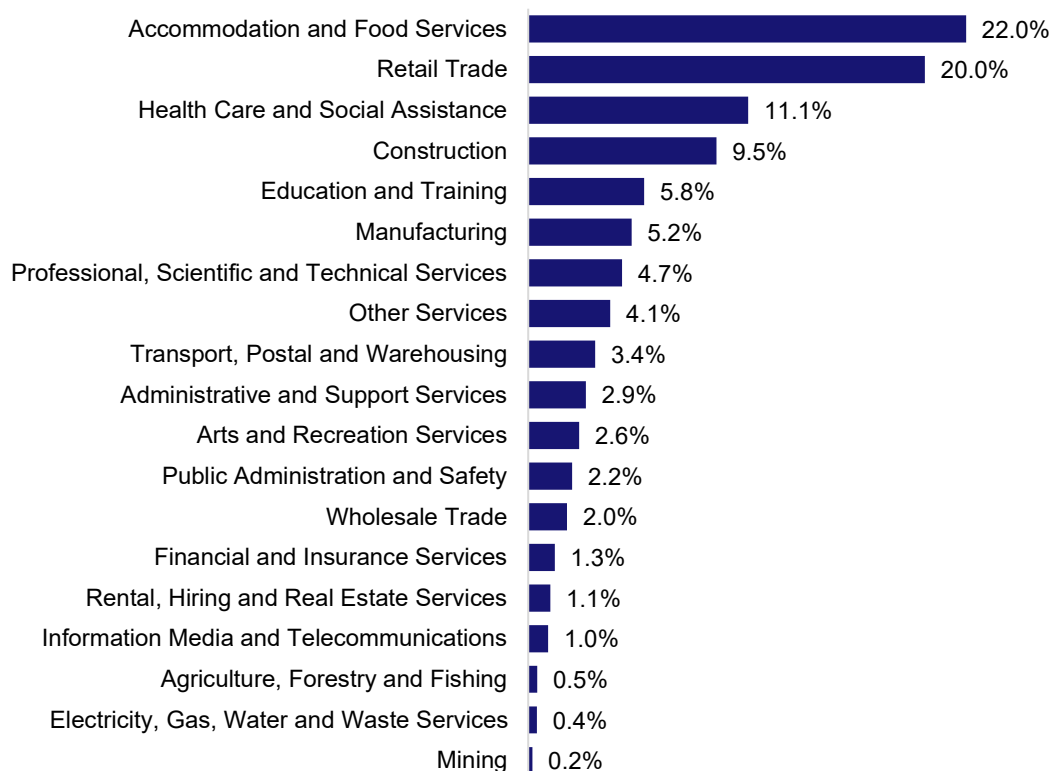
Number employed (Feb-26):	44,800
1 year employment change:	-6.3%
5 year employment change:	17.7%
10 year employment change:	36.9%
Youth share of employment:	5.8%
Mature age share of employment:	11.1%

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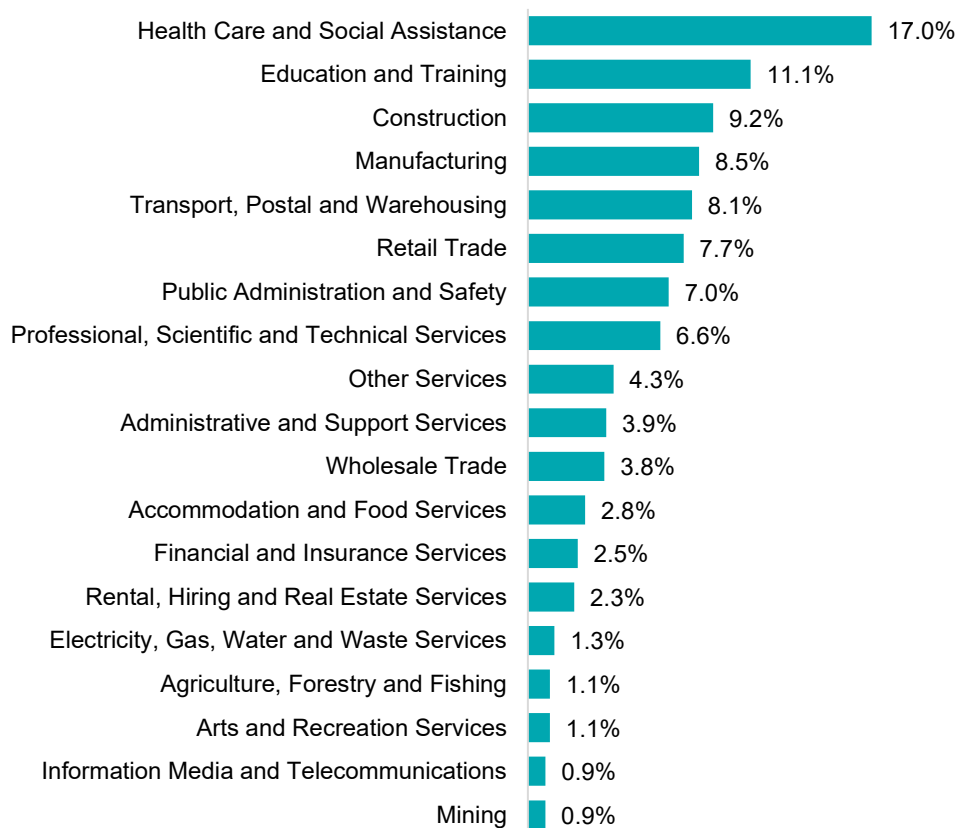
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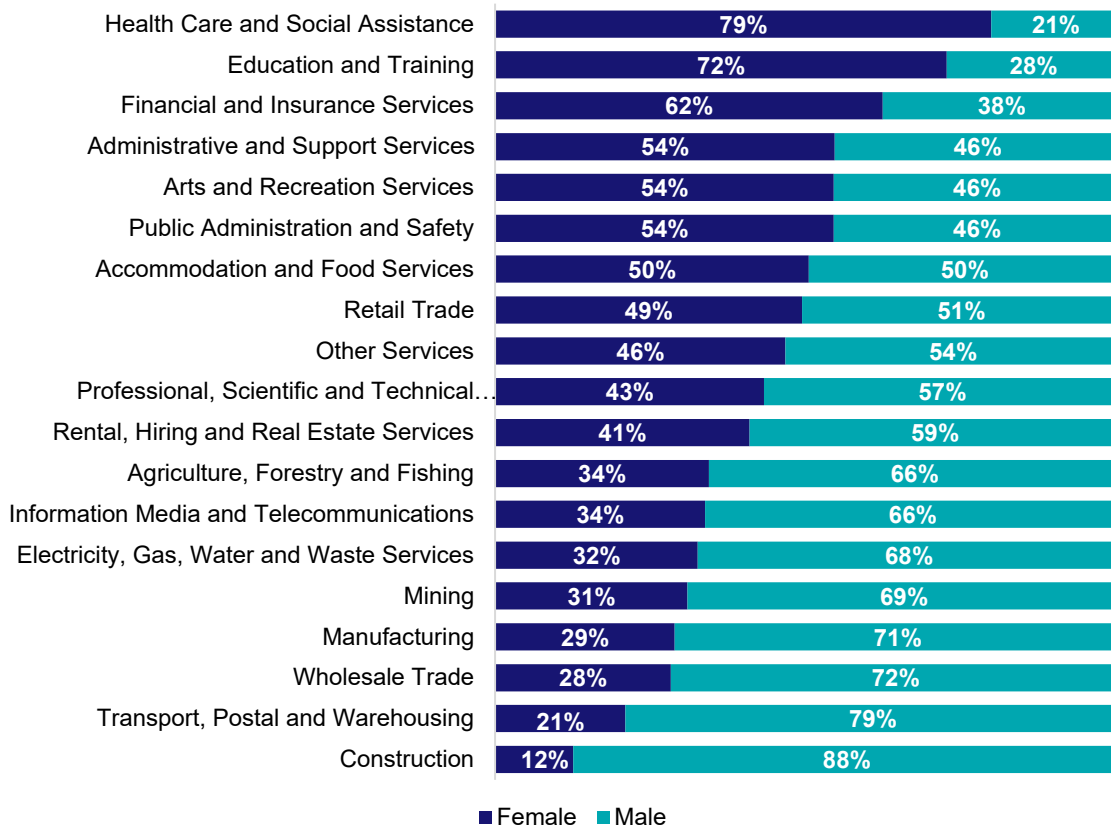
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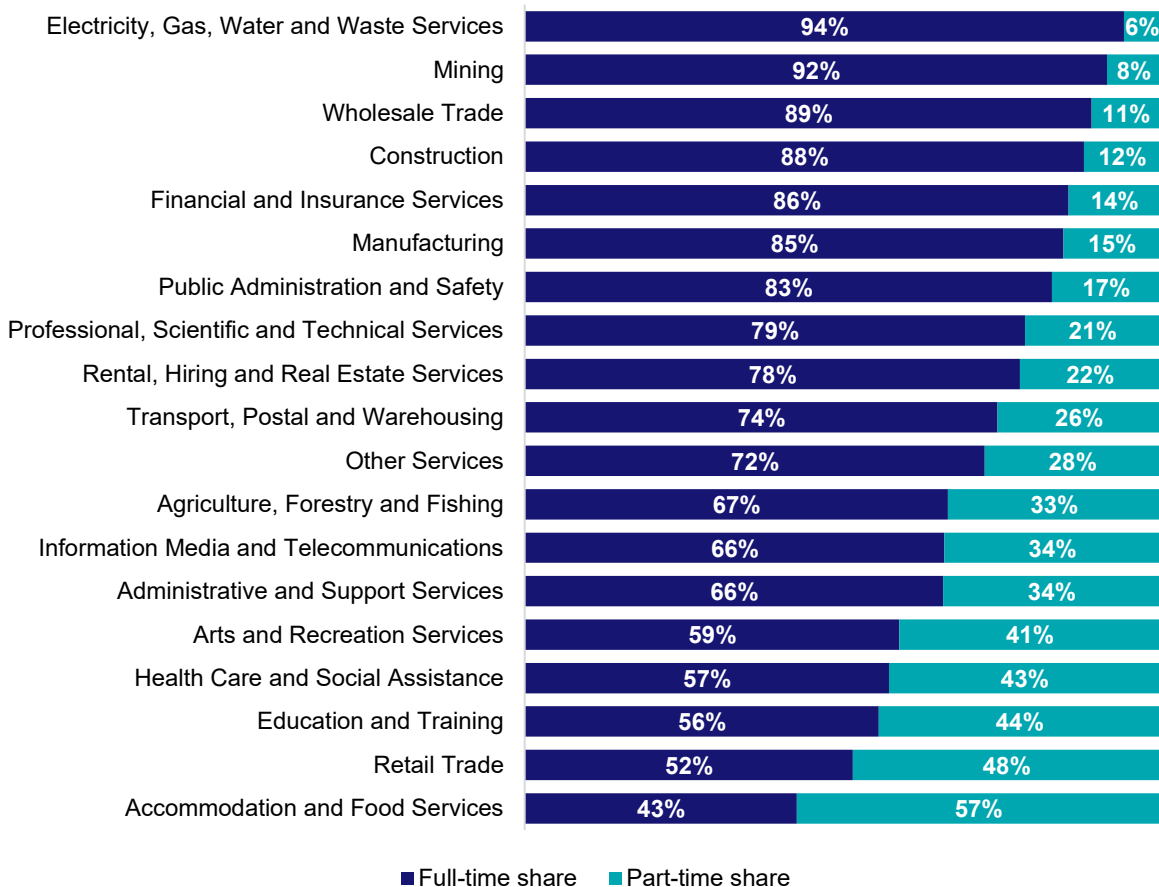
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## Gender share by industry



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## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Brisbane - South East, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.6	91.1	86.0	59.8	57.4	42.6	40
Construction	10.7	62.4	59.5	52.4	88.1	11.9	38
Retail Trade	9.9	57.8	63.4	44.2	51.7	48.3	32
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8.0	46.8	46.4	37.5	78.8	21.2	39
Education and Training	7.7	44.8	47.9	38.1	55.8	44.2	43
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	7.5	43.8	38.8	31.6	74.5	25.5	43
Public Administration and Safety	7.0	40.7	38.2	31.5	83.0	17.0	44
Manufacturing	6.8	39.8	39.3	37.9	84.9	15.1	42
Accommodation and Food Services	6.1	35.7	35.3	30.8	42.8	57.2	23
Other Services	4.5	26.6	24.5	20.9	72.4	27.6	39
Financial and Insurance Services	3.0	17.6	15.9	15.0	85.6	14.4	40
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	16.2	18.6	17.3	65.9	34.1	40
Wholesale Trade	2.6	15.5	15.7	15.3	89.3	10.7	43
Arts and Recreation Services	2.0	11.4	8.4	6.6	59.0	41.0	32
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.8	10.8	11.7	12.1	78.0	22.0	40
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	7.8	8.3	4.8	94.4	5.6	43
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	6.1	5.8	6.5	66.1	33.9	39
Mining	1.0	5.7	5.8	5.7	91.7	8.3	41
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.7	4.2	2.3	3.9	66.6	33.4	46
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>585.1</b>	<b>571.8</b>	<b>472.0</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>39</b>

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026. \*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.**



# Employment Region Industry profile

## Cairns Employment Region

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### Overview

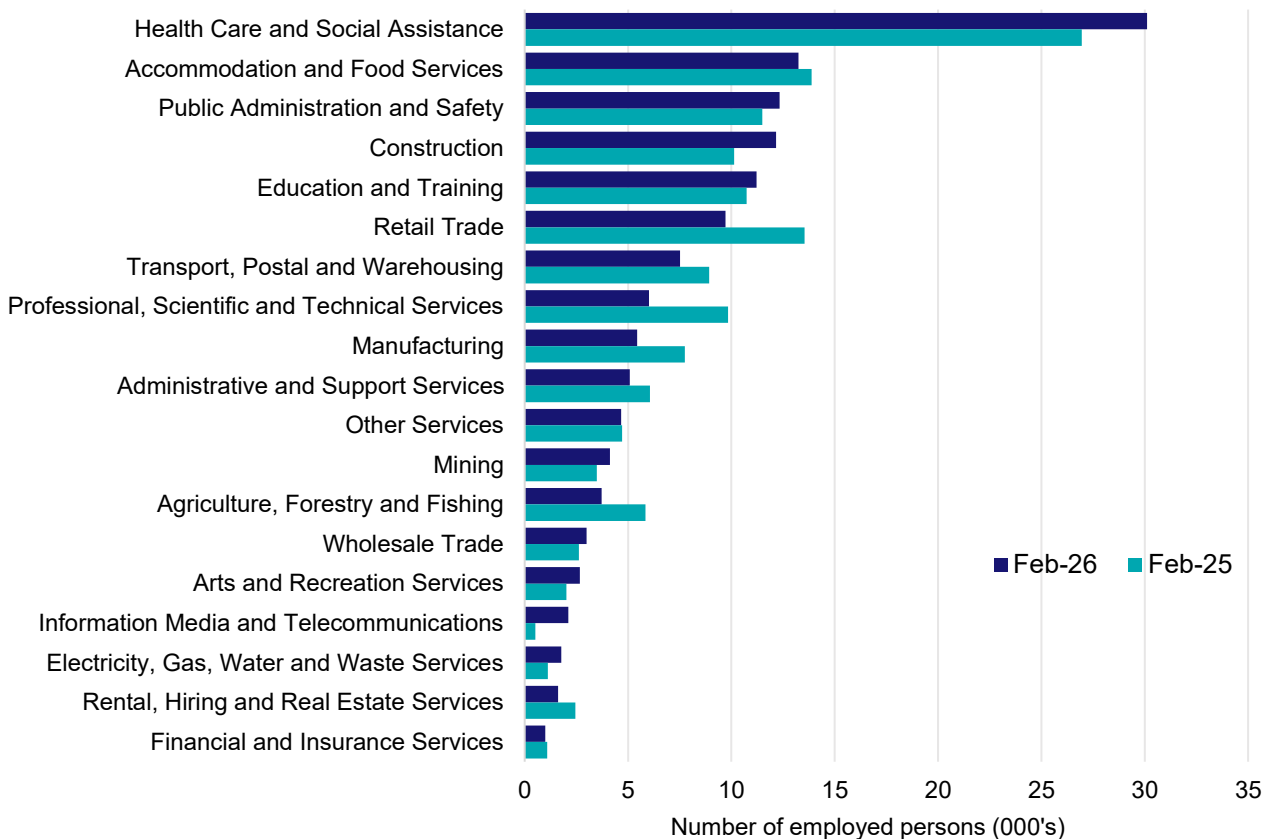
In February 2026, there were around 137,500 people employed in the Cairns Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Accommodation and Food Services, Public Administration and Safety, Construction, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 58% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 11.7% to stand at 30,100
- Accommodation and Food Services fell by 4.5% to stand at 13,200
- Public Administration and Safety rose by 7.3% to stand at 12,300.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Cairns Employment Region, 68% of workers were employed full-time; 72% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 44.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



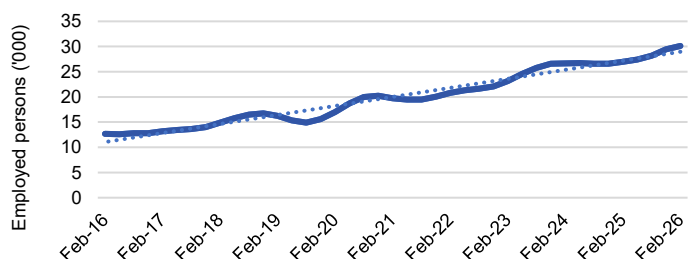
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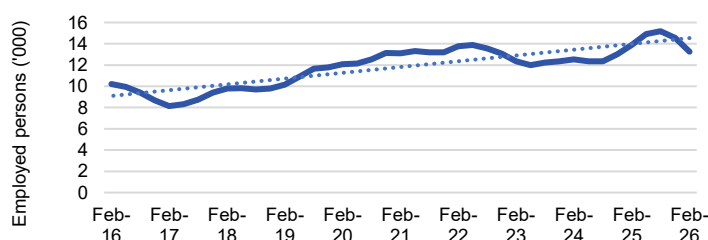
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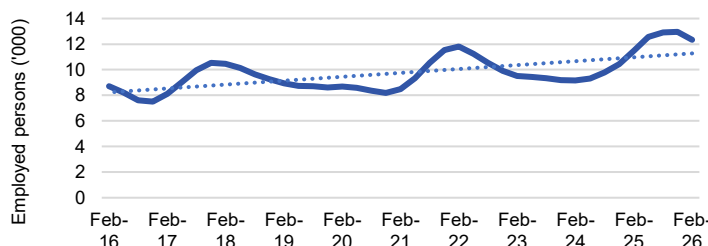
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5 year employment change:	52.8%
10 year employment change:	137.7%
Youth share of employment:	9.3%
Mature age share of employment:	17.4%

## Accommodation and Food Services



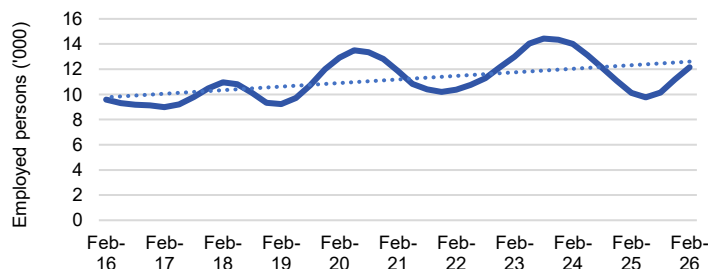
Number employed (Feb-26):	13,200
1 year employment change:	-4.5%
5 year employment change:	1.1%
10 year employment change:	29.6%
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Mature age share of employment:	6.1%

## Public Administration and Safety



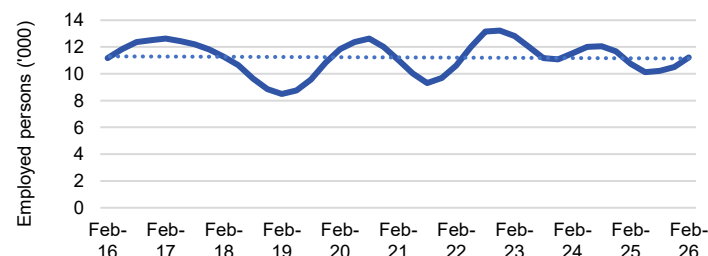
Number employed (Feb-26):	12,300
1 year employment change:	7.3%
5 year employment change:	45.3%
10 year employment change:	41.8%
Youth share of employment:	3.3%
Mature age share of employment:	6.9%

## Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	12,200
1 year employment change:	20.0%
5 year employment change:	2.4%
10 year employment change:	26.8%
Youth share of employment:	8.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.2%

## Education and Training



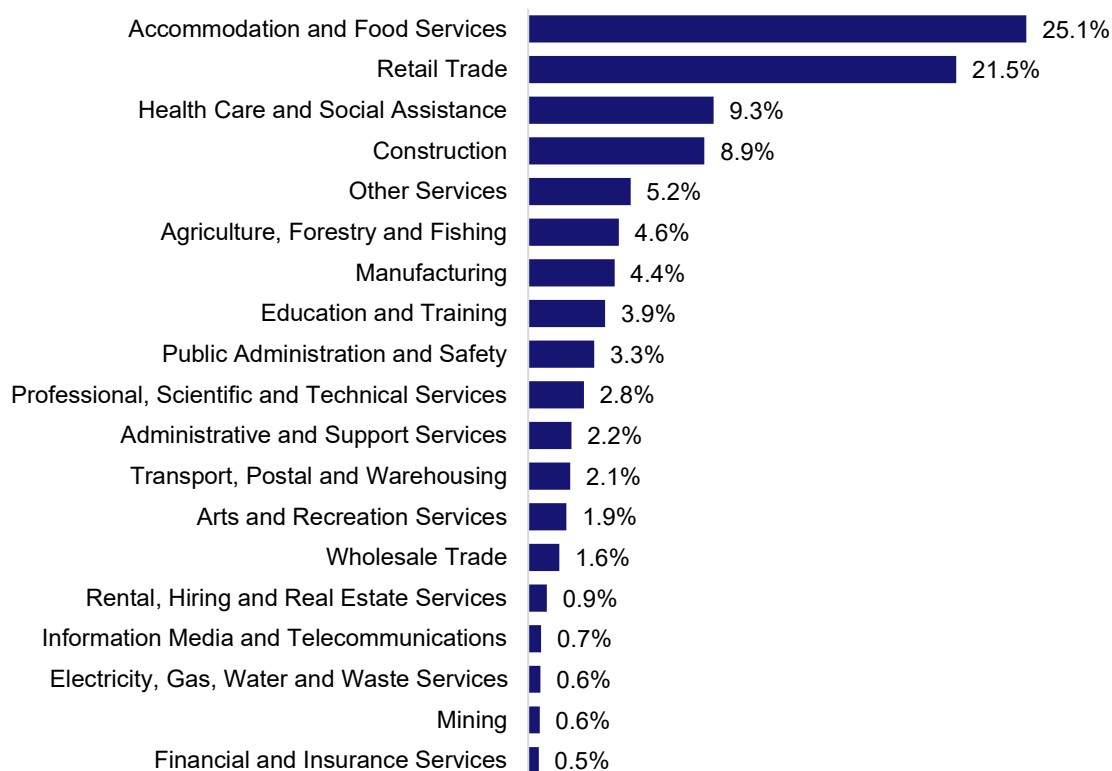
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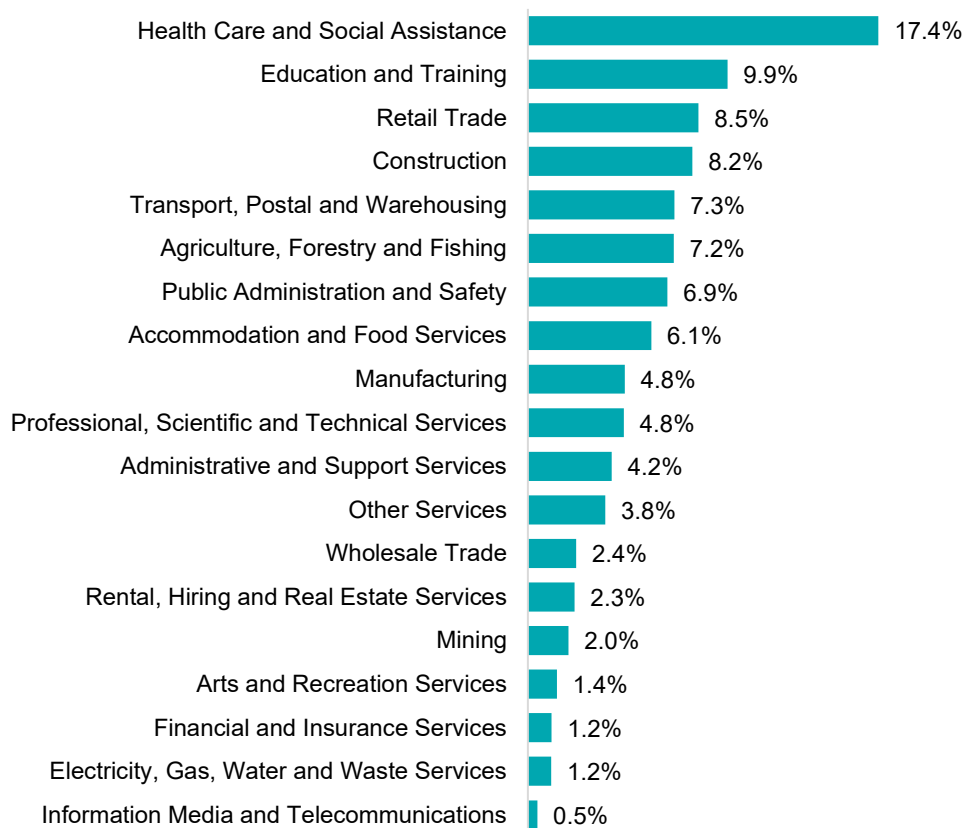
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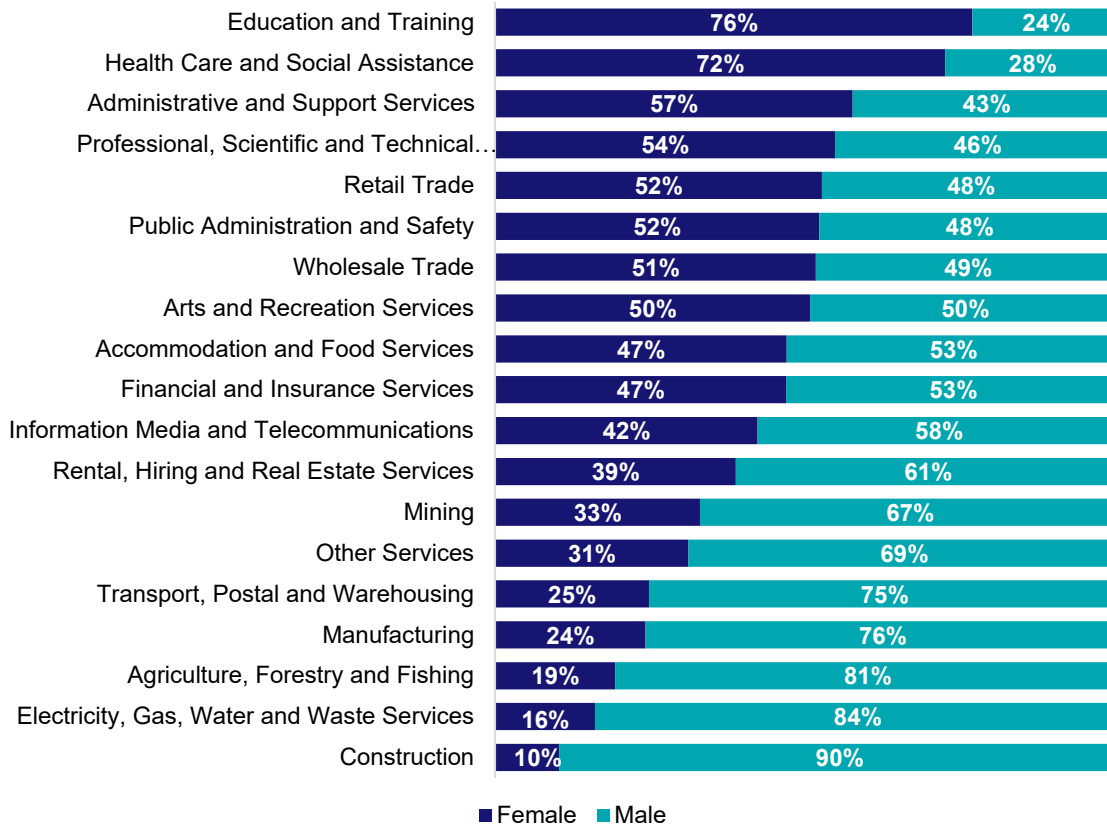
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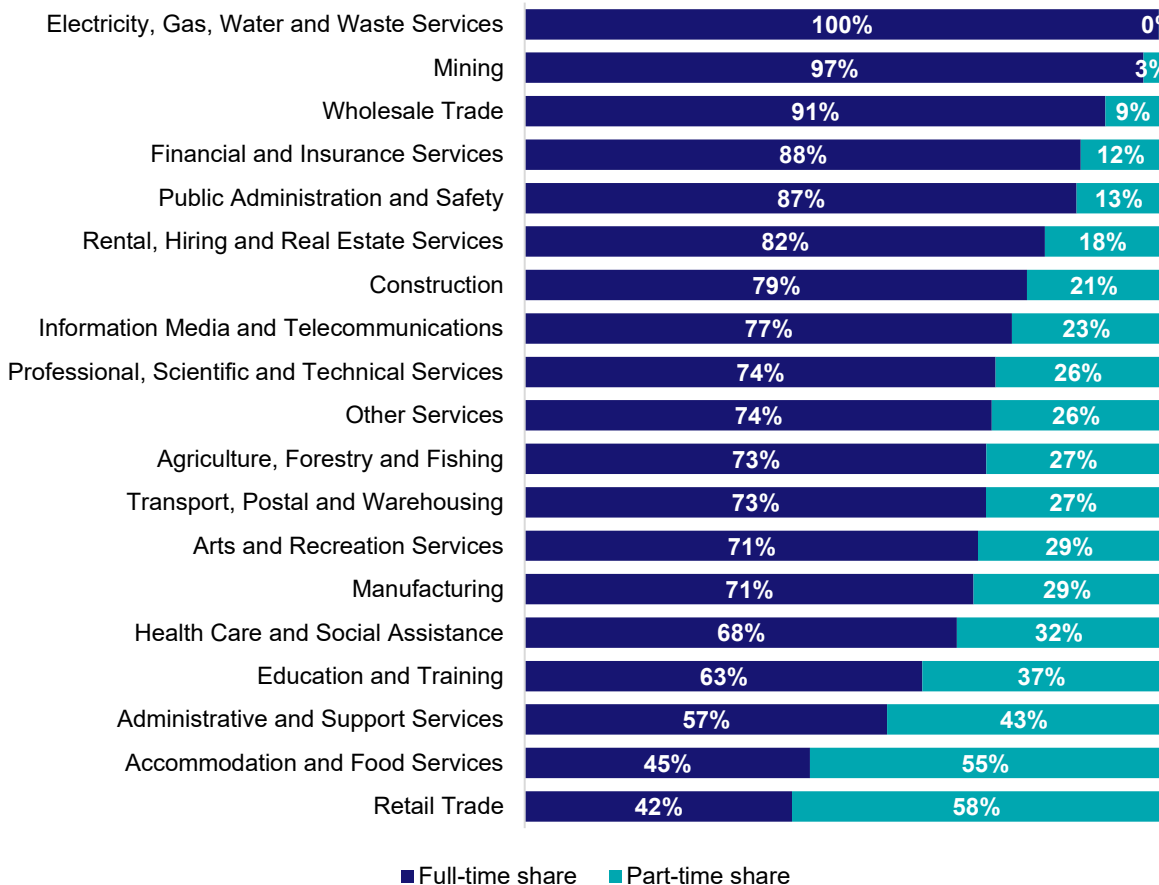
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Construction	8.8	12.2	10.1	11.9	79.1	20.9	41
Education and Training	8.2	11.2	10.7	11.1	62.6	37.4	46
Retail Trade	7.1	9.7	13.5	15.5	42.1	57.9	37
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.5	7.5	8.9	6.0	72.6	27.4	48
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.4	6.0	9.8	6.4	74.2	25.8	44
Manufacturing	4.0	5.4	7.7	5.8	70.7	29.3	44
Administrative and Support Services	3.7	5.1	6.1	3.6	57.1	42.9	46
Other Services	3.4	4.7	4.7	4.4	73.5	26.5	41
Mining	3.0	4.1	3.5	4.9	97.5	2.5	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.7	3.7	5.8	6.2	72.7	27.3	43
Wholesale Trade	2.2	3.0	2.6	4.5	91.5	8.5	48
Arts and Recreation Services	1.9	2.7	2.0	3.0	71.4	28.6	38
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.5	2.1	0.5	0.9	76.7	23.3	39
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.0	99.9	0.1	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.2	1.6	2.4	2.2	81.9	18.1	49
Financial and Insurance Services	0.7	1.0	1.1	2.2	87.6	12.4	44
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>43</b>

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026. \*Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Darling Downs Employment Region

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### Overview

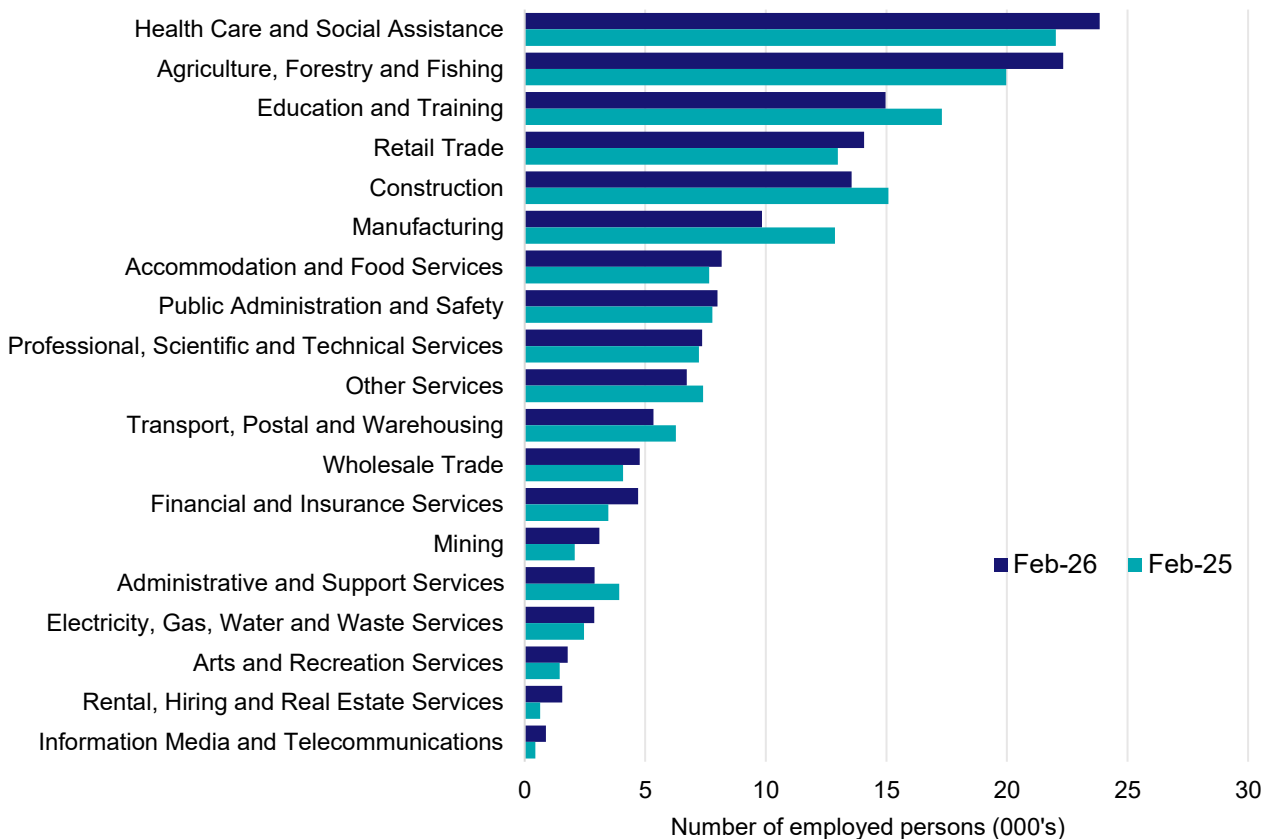
In February 2026, there were around 156,800 people employed in the Darling Downs Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Education and Training, Retail Trade, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 8.3% to stand at 23,800
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 11.8% to stand at 22,300
- Education and Training fell by 13.5% to stand at 15,000.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Darling Downs Employment Region, 60% of workers were employed full-time; 74% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 42.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



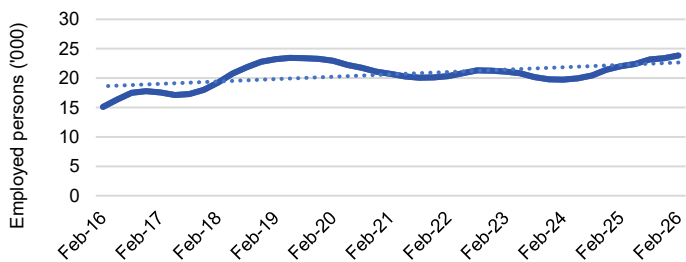
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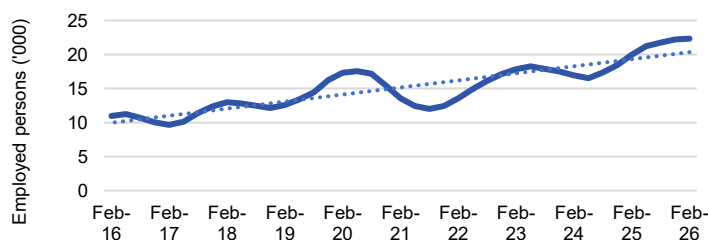
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Health Care and Social Assistance



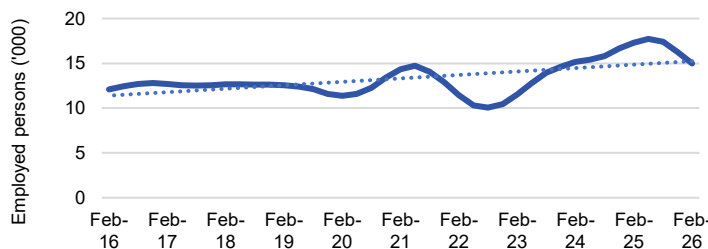
Number employed (Feb-26):	23,800
1 year employment change:	8.3%
5 year employment change:	15.1%
10 year employment change:	57.9%
Youth share of employment:	11.7%
Mature age share of employment:	16.6%

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



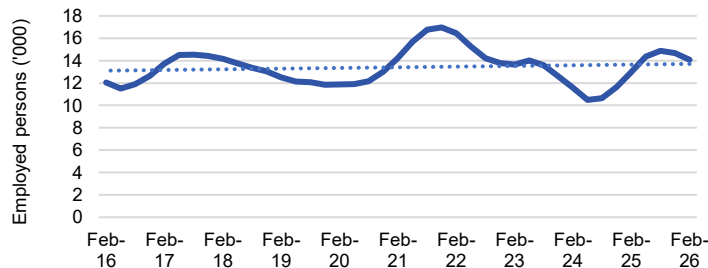
Number employed (Feb-26):	22,300
1 year employment change:	11.8%
5 year employment change:	64.6%
10 year employment change:	103.5%
Youth share of employment:	7.1%
Mature age share of employment:	17.5%

## Education and Training



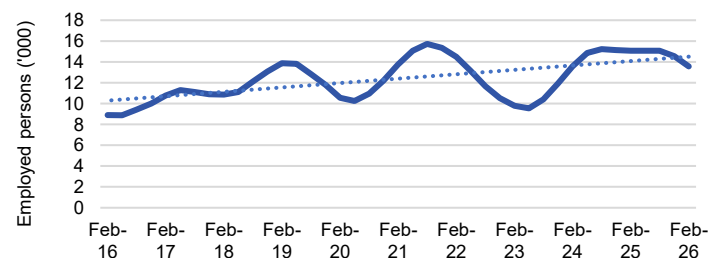
Number employed (Feb-26):	15,000
1 year employment change:	-13.5%
5 year employment change:	4.5%
10 year employment change:	23.7%
Youth share of employment:	5.4%
Mature age share of employment:	11.2%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	14,100
1 year employment change:	8.3%
5 year employment change:	-1.1%
10 year employment change:	16.8%
Youth share of employment:	18.1%
Mature age share of employment:	7.3%

## Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	13,600
1 year employment change:	-10.1%
5 year employment change:	-1.3%
10 year employment change:	52.4%
Youth share of employment:	9.5%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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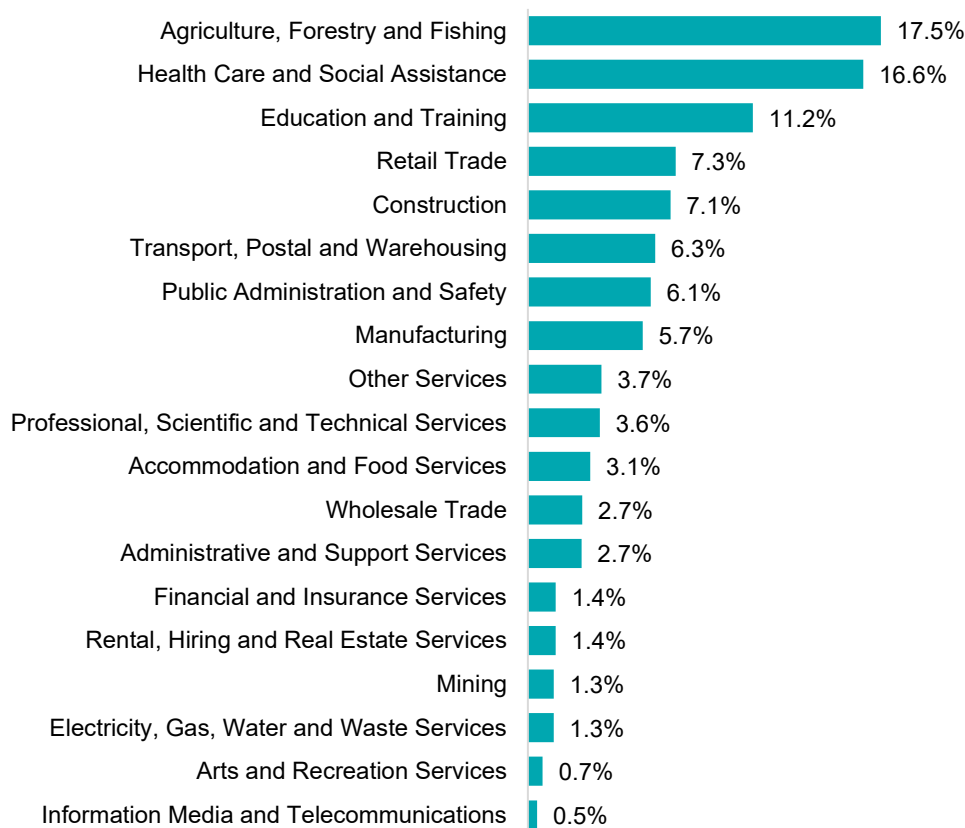
## Employment characteristics by Industry

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



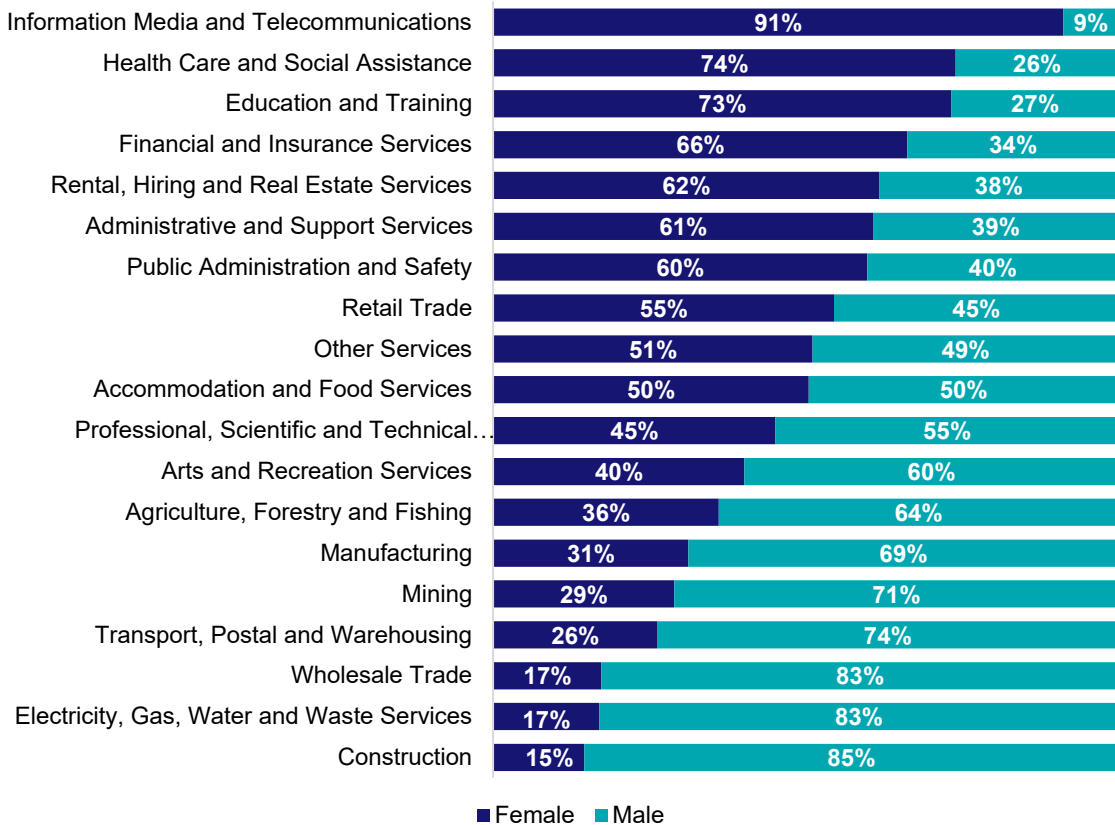
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### Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



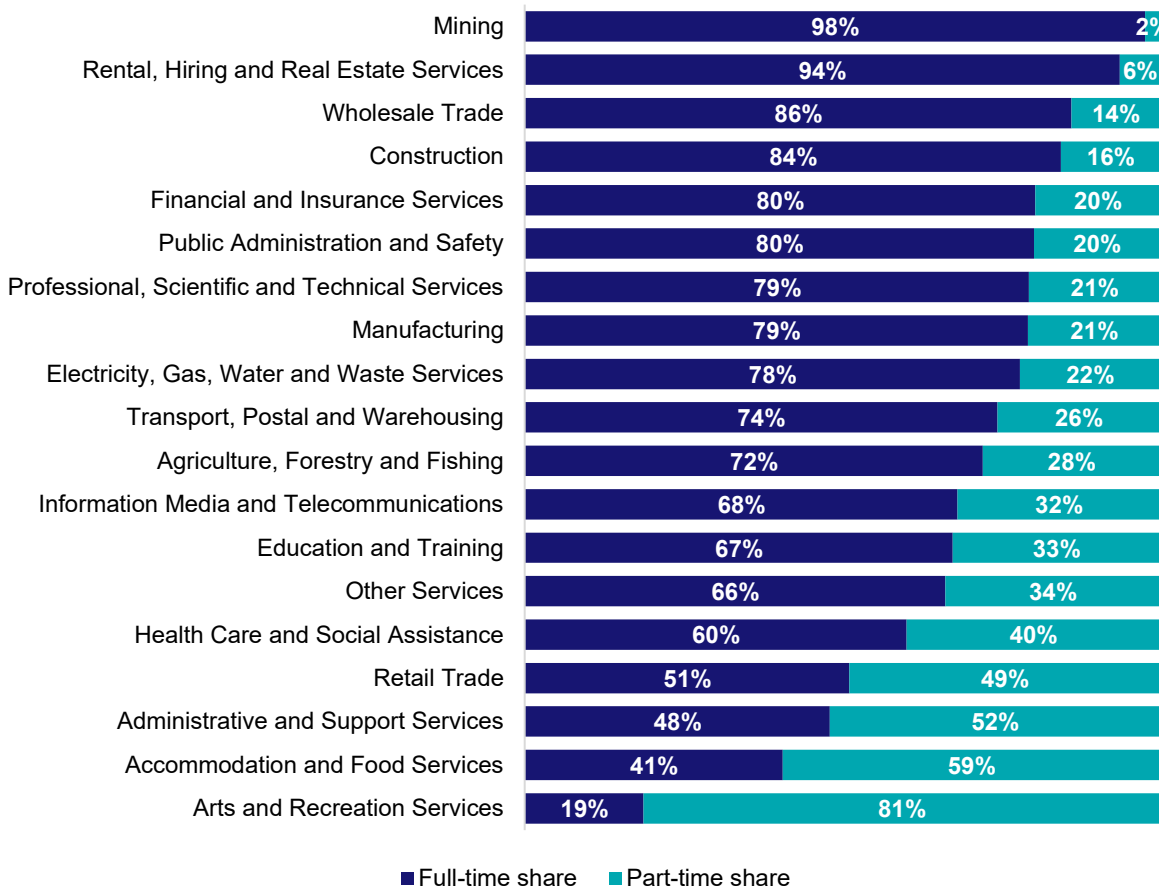
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## Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Darling Downs, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.2	23.8	22.0	20.7	60.1	39.9	42
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	14.2	22.3	20.0	13.6	72.2	27.8	48
Education and Training	9.5	15.0	17.3	14.3	67.4	32.6	45
Retail Trade	9.0	14.1	13.0	14.2	51.1	48.9	35
Construction	8.7	13.6	15.1	13.7	84.5	15.5	38
Manufacturing	6.3	9.8	12.9	12.5	79.3	20.7	39
Accommodation and Food Services	5.2	8.2	7.6	4.8	40.6	59.4	24
Public Administration and Safety	5.1	8.0	7.8	8.8	80.2	19.8	45
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.7	7.4	7.2	6.0	79.4	20.6	39
Other Services	4.3	6.7	7.4	7.2	66.3	33.7	37
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.4	5.3	6.3	6.4	74.4	25.6	49
Wholesale Trade	3.0	4.8	4.1	3.7	86.1	13.9	45
Financial and Insurance Services	3.0	4.7	3.5	2.8	80.4	19.6	39
Mining	2.0	3.1	2.1	1.8	97.7	2.3	40
Administrative and Support Services	1.9	2.9	3.9	4.2	48.1	51.9	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.8	2.9	2.5	2.5	78.0	22.0	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	18.7	81.3	30
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.0	1.6	0.6	1.1	93.7	6.3	41
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	68.2	31.8	40
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>156.8</b>	<b>155.1</b>	<b>140.1</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>41</b>

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026. \*Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Fitzroy Employment Region

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### Overview

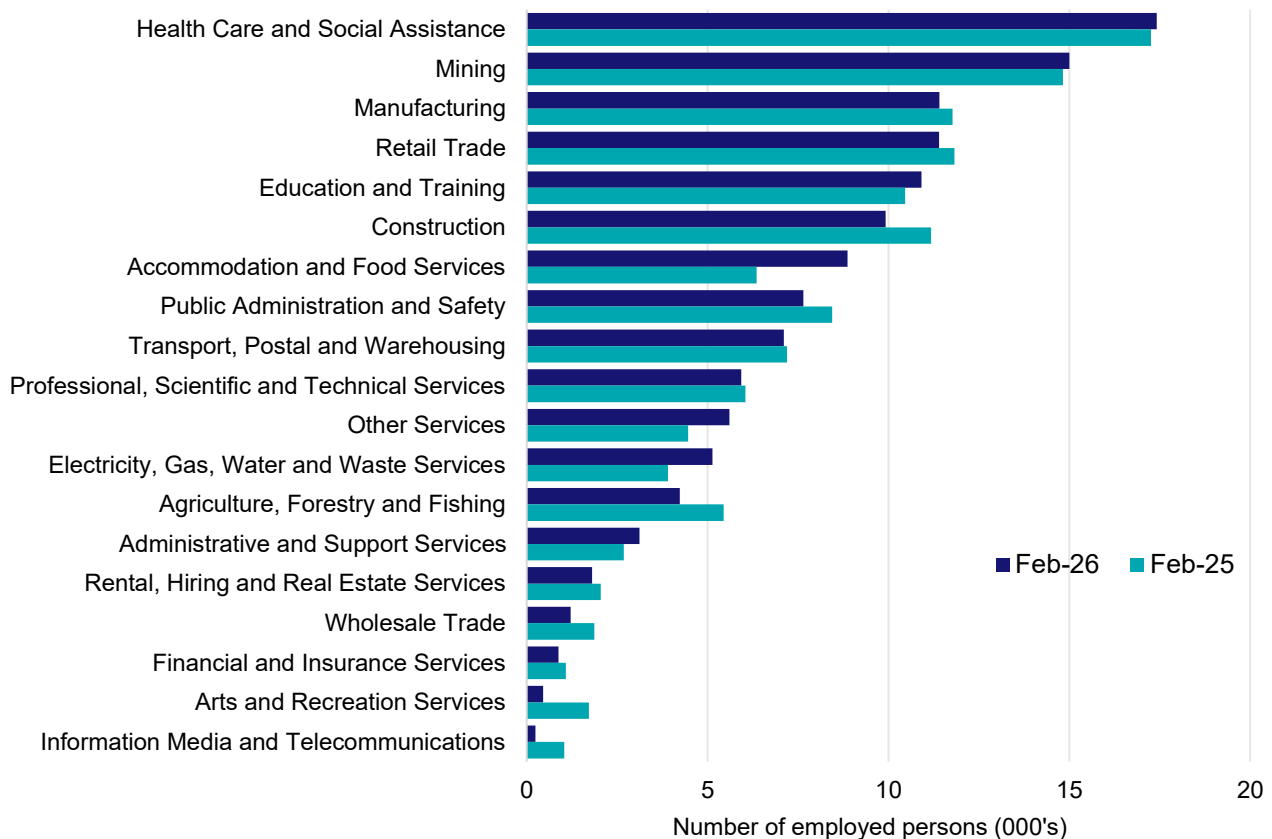
In February 2026, there were around 128,300 people employed in the Fitzroy Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Mining, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 1.0% to stand at 17,400
- Mining rose by 1.2% to stand at 15,000
- Manufacturing fell by 3.0% to stand at 11,400.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Fitzroy Employment Region, 60% of workers were employed full-time; 86% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



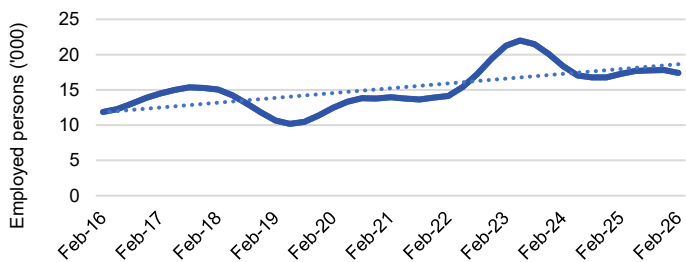
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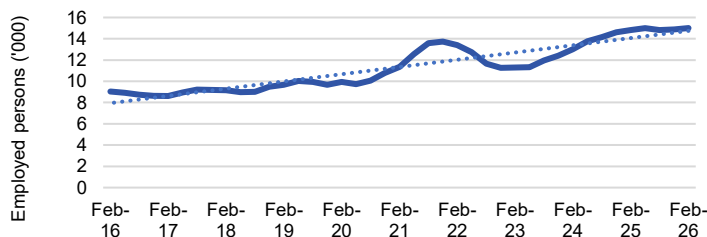
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Health Care and Social Assistance



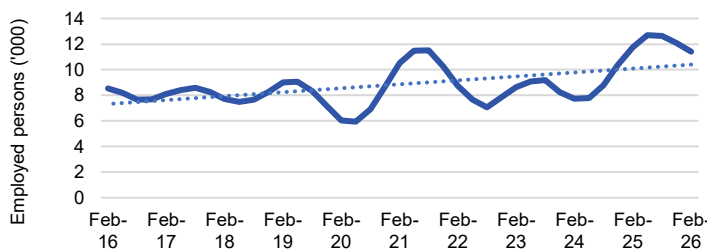
Number employed (Feb-26):	17,400
1 year employment change:	1.0%
5 year employment change:	24.9%
10 year employment change:	46.6%
Youth share of employment:	9.4%
Mature age share of employment:	13.8%

## Mining



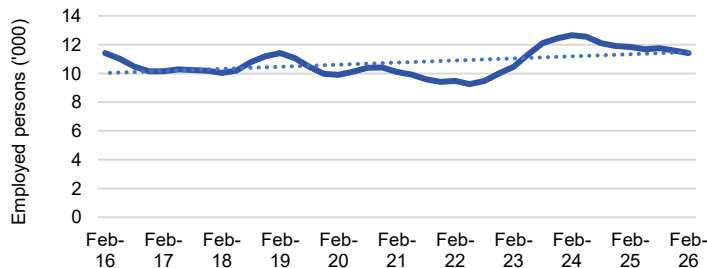
Number employed (Feb-26):	15,000
1 year employment change:	1.2%
5 year employment change:	32.1%
10 year employment change:	66.1%
Youth share of employment:	4.5%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

## Manufacturing



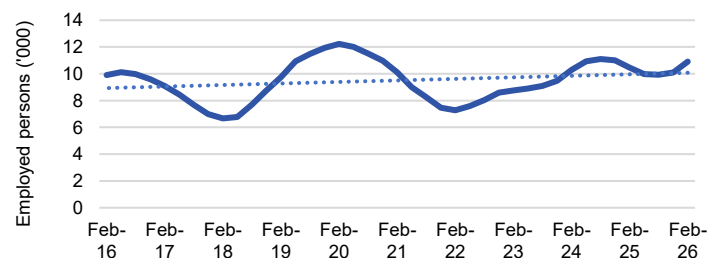
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,400
1 year employment change:	-3.0%
5 year employment change:	8.4%
10 year employment change:	33.5%
Youth share of employment:	6.0%
Mature age share of employment:	6.6%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	11,400
1 year employment change:	-3.6%
5 year employment change:	13.0%
10 year employment change:	-0.1%
Youth share of employment:	19.6%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

## Education and Training



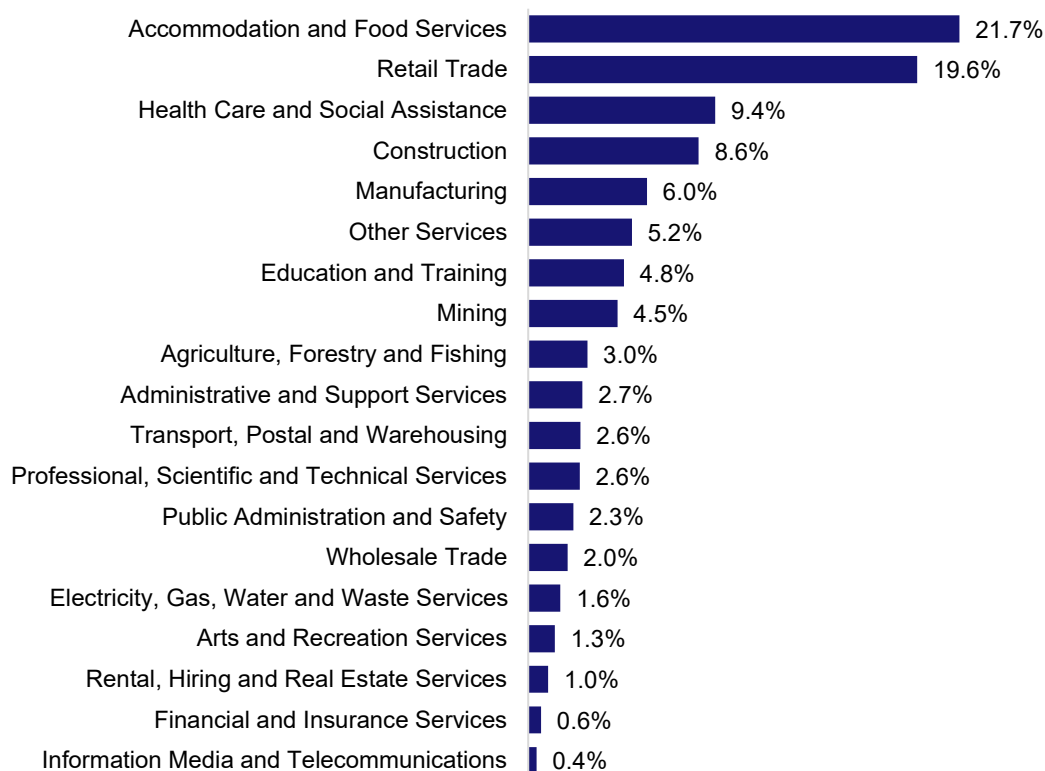
Number employed (Feb-26):	10,900
1 year employment change:	4.3%
5 year employment change:	7.9%
10 year employment change:	10.3%
Youth share of employment:	4.8%
Mature age share of employment:	9.7%

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# Employment characteristics by Industry

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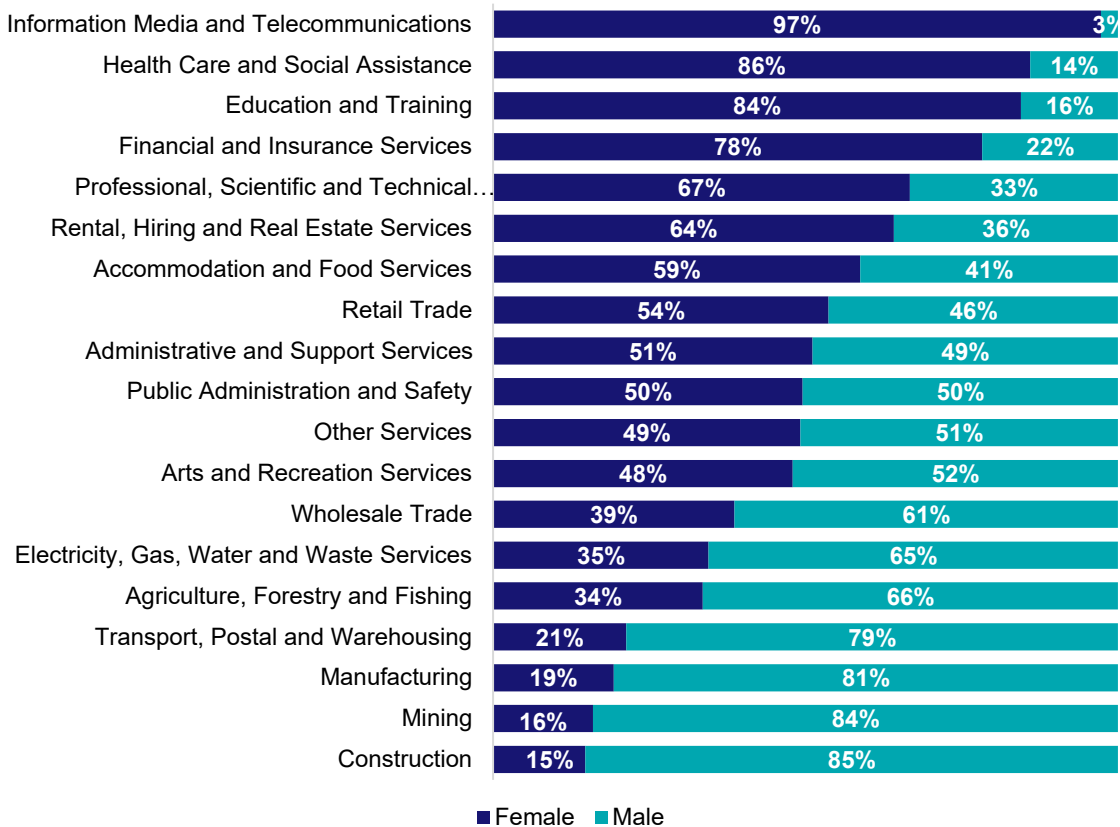
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## Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



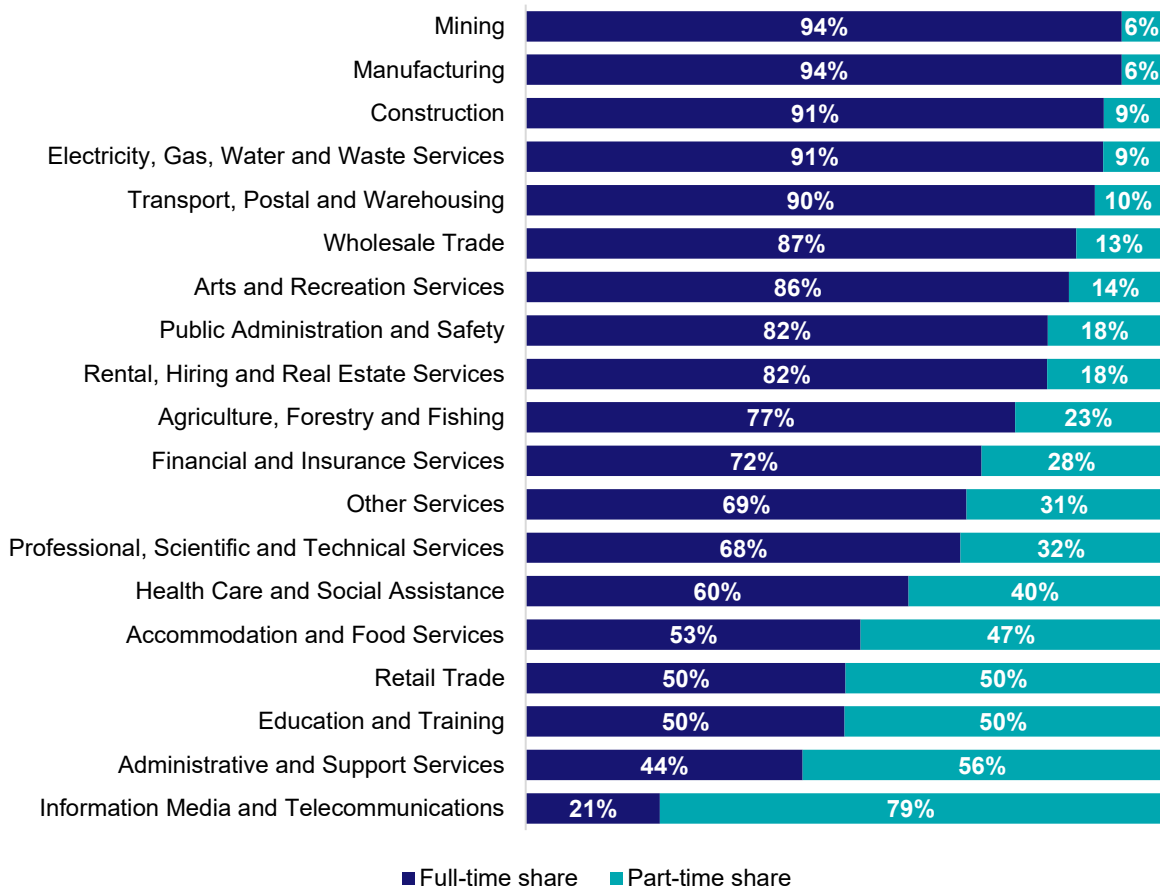
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## Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Fitzroy, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.6	17.4	17.3	13.9	60.3	39.7	41
Mining	11.7	15.0	14.8	11.4	93.9	6.1	41
Manufacturing	8.9	11.4	11.8	10.5	93.9	6.1	41
Retail Trade	8.9	11.4	11.8	10.1	50.3	49.7	33
Education and Training	8.5	10.9	10.5	10.1	50.2	49.8	44
Construction	7.7	9.9	11.2	10.4	91.0	9.0	39
Accommodation and Food Services	6.9	8.9	6.4	6.4	52.7	47.3	24
Public Administration and Safety	6.0	7.6	8.4	5.1	82.2	17.8	45
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.5	7.1	7.2	5.8	89.6	10.4	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.6	5.9	6.0	4.6	68.5	31.5	40
Other Services	4.4	5.6	4.5	4.6	69.4	30.6	37
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	4.0	5.1	3.9	1.8	90.9	9.1	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3.3	4.2	5.4	14.6	77.1	22.9	51
Administrative and Support Services	2.4	3.1	2.7	3.0	43.6	56.4	41
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.5	82.1	17.9	41
Wholesale Trade	0.9	1.2	1.9	1.8	86.7	13.3	40
Financial and Insurance Services	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.9	71.8	28.2	42
Arts and Recreation Services	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.3	85.6	14.4	34
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.4	21.1	78.9	36
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>40</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Gold Coast Employment Region

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### Overview

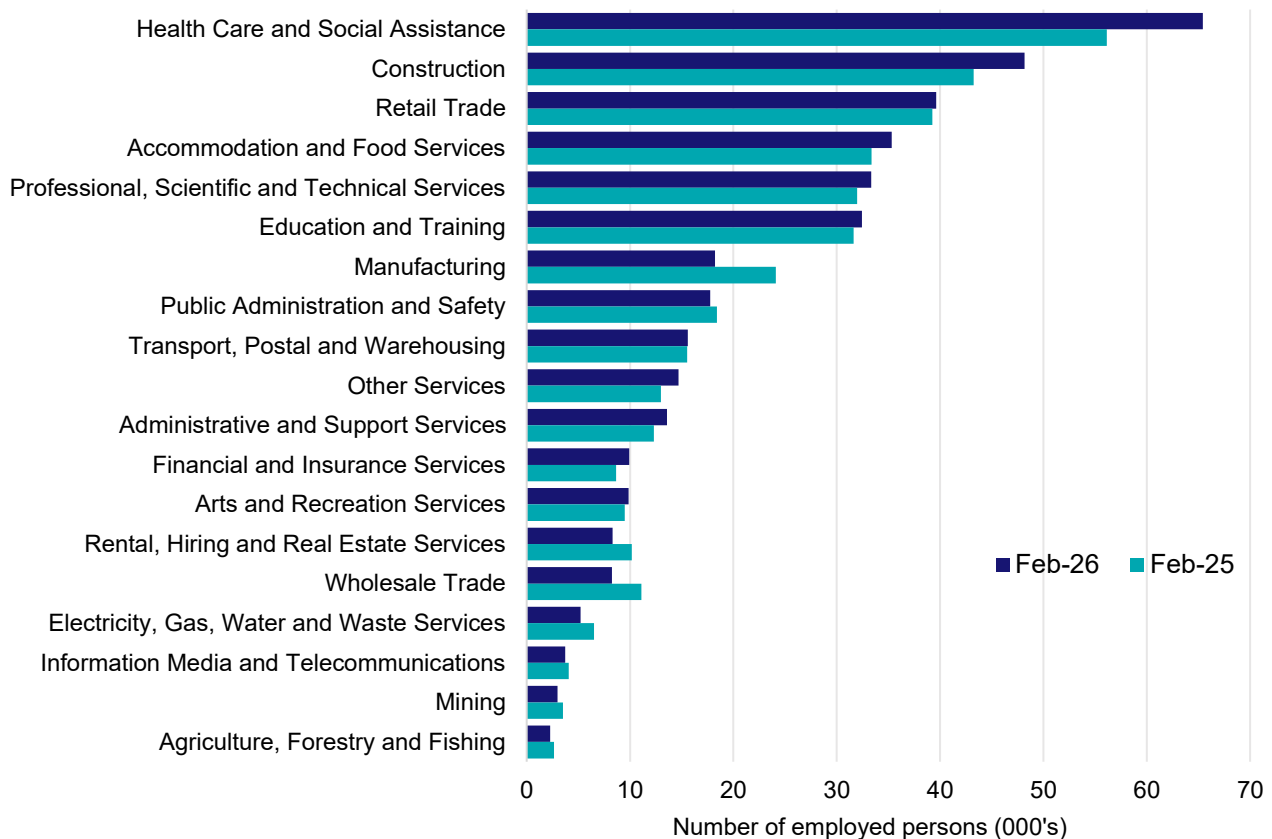
In February 2026, there were around 384,700 people employed in the Gold Coast Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Accommodation and Food Services, and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 58% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 16.5% to stand at 65,400
- Construction rose by 11.3% to stand at 48,200
- Retail Trade rose by 1.0% to stand at 39,600.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Gold Coast Employment Region, 53% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 43.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



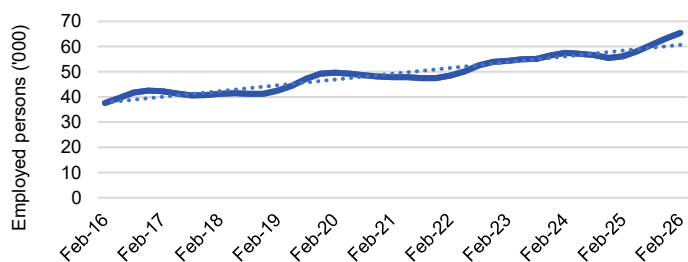
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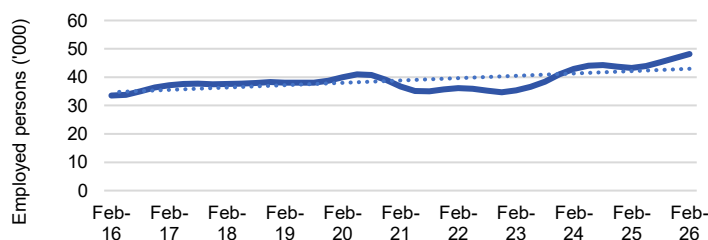
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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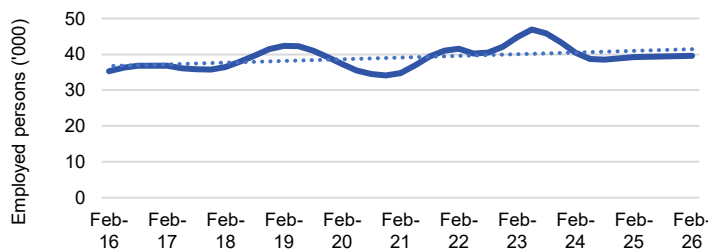
Number employed (Feb-26):	65,400
1 year employment change:	16.5%
5 year employment change:	36.6%
10 year employment change:	74.0%
Youth share of employment:	9.3%
Mature age share of employment:	18.2%

## Construction



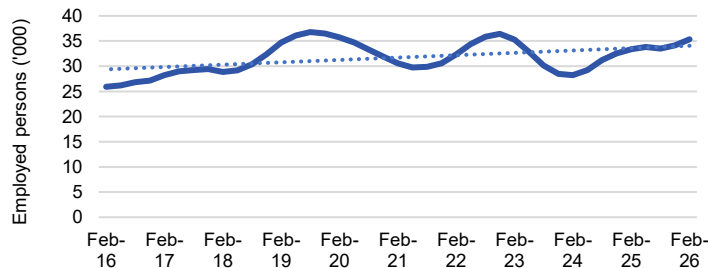
Number employed (Feb-26):	48,200
1 year employment change:	11.3%
5 year employment change:	31.1%
10 year employment change:	43.7%
Youth share of employment:	9.7%
Mature age share of employment:	10.7%

## Retail Trade



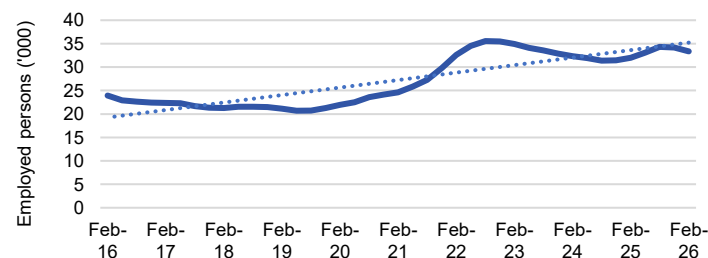
Number employed (Feb-26):	39,600
1 year employment change:	1.0%
5 year employment change:	14.1%
10 year employment change:	12.1%
Youth share of employment:	20.8%
Mature age share of employment:	9.0%

## Accommodation and Food Services



Number employed (Feb-26):	35,300
1 year employment change:	5.9%
5 year employment change:	15.6%
10 year employment change:	36.3%
Youth share of employment:	26.6%
Mature age share of employment:	5.0%

## Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



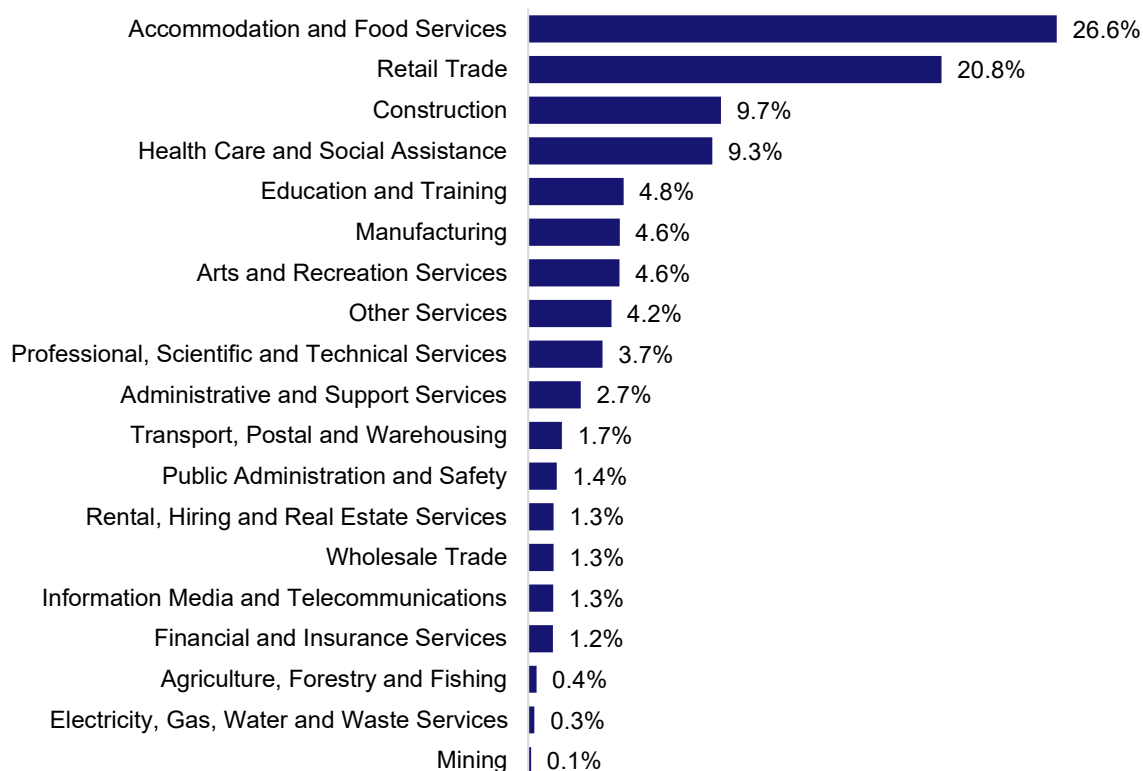
Number employed (Feb-26):	33,300
1 year employment change:	4.2%
5 year employment change:	35.3%
10 year employment change:	39.1%
Youth share of employment:	3.7%
Mature age share of employment:	6.8%

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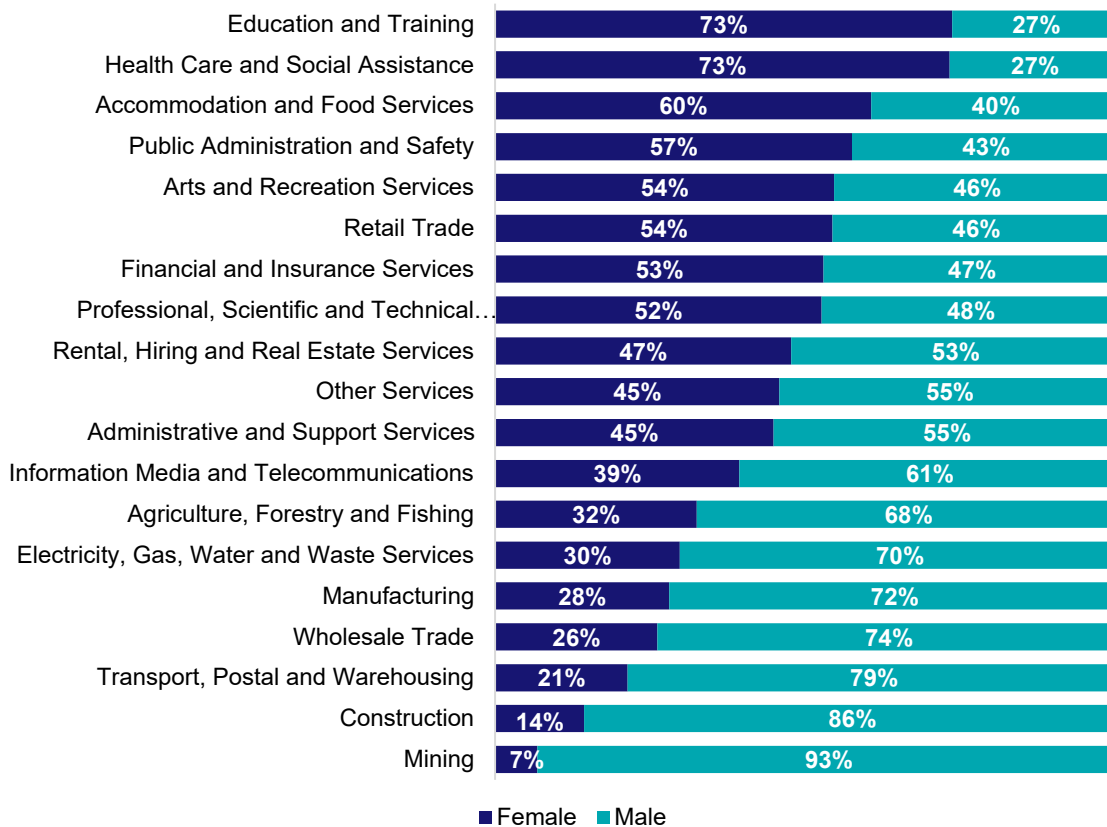
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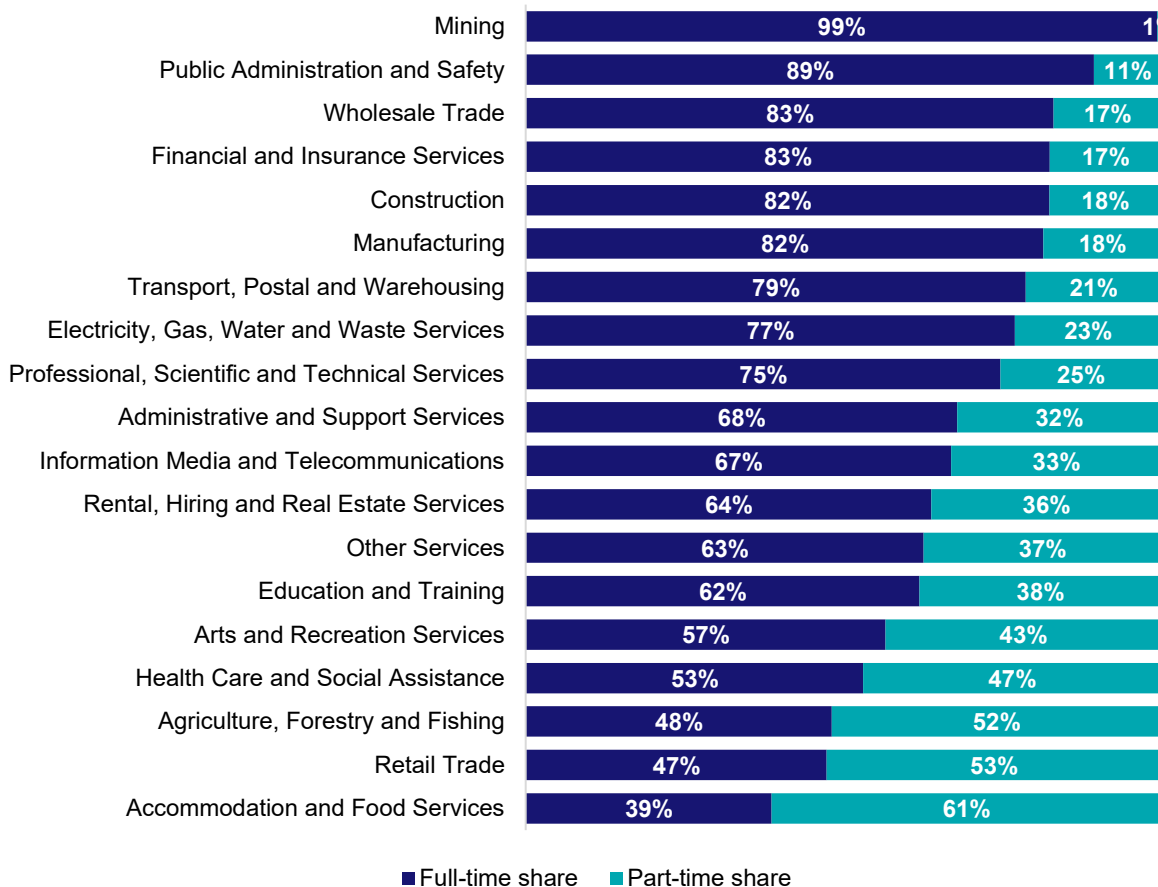
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## Gender share by industry



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## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Gold Coast, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	17.0	65.4	56.1	47.9	53.2	46.8	43
Construction	12.5	48.2	43.3	36.7	82.5	17.5	40
Retail Trade	10.3	39.6	39.3	34.7	47.4	52.6	35
Accommodation and Food Services	9.2	35.3	33.4	30.5	38.7	61.3	28
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8.7	33.3	32.0	24.6	74.8	25.2	41
Education and Training	8.4	32.4	31.6	27.4	62.0	38.0	44
Manufacturing	4.7	18.2	24.1	19.6	81.5	18.5	43
Public Administration and Safety	4.6	17.7	18.4	17.2	89.5	10.5	46
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.1	15.6	15.5	12.1	78.7	21.3	47
Other Services	3.8	14.7	13.0	11.8	62.6	37.4	39
Administrative and Support Services	3.5	13.6	12.3	11.7	67.9	32.1	43
Financial and Insurance Services	2.6	9.9	8.7	9.6	82.5	17.5	42
Arts and Recreation Services	2.6	9.9	9.5	8.6	56.6	43.4	35
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.2	8.3	10.2	7.2	63.9	36.1	46
Wholesale Trade	2.1	8.2	11.1	10.6	83.1	16.9	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.4	5.2	6.5	1.6	77.0	23.0	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	3.7	4.1	4.8	67.0	33.0	39
Mining	0.8	3.0	3.5	2.6	99.5	0.5	42
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.6	2.3	2.7	1.9	48.2	51.8	48
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>384.7</b>	<b>375.1</b>	<b>321.2</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>41</b>

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026. \*Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Mackay Employment Region

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### Overview

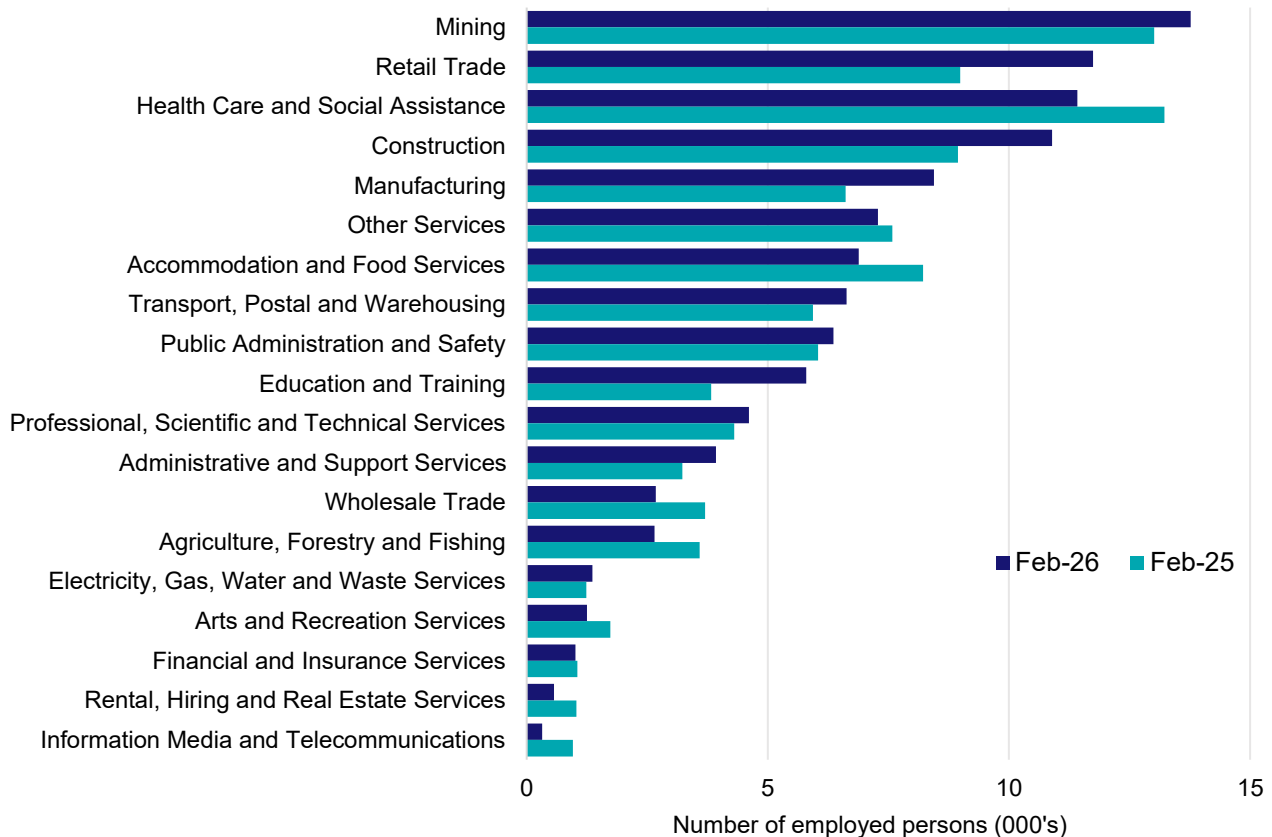
In February 2026, there were around 107,600 people employed in the Mackay Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Mining, Retail Trade, Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Mining rose by 5.8% to stand at 13,800
- Retail Trade rose by 30.7% to stand at 11,700
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 13.6% to stand at 11,400.

In Mining in the Mackay Employment Region, 96% of workers were employed full-time; 86% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



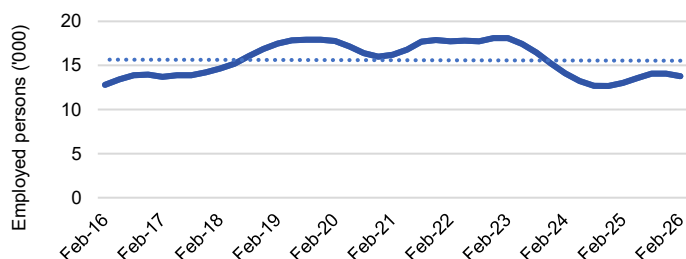
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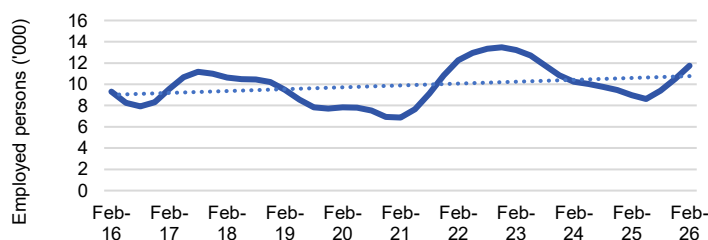
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Mining



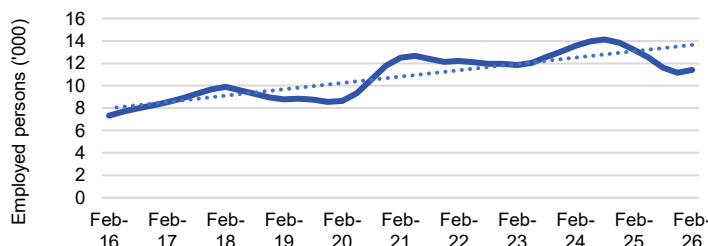
Number employed (Feb-26):	13,800
1 year employment change:	5.8%
5 year employment change:	-15.1%
10 year employment change:	7.7%
Youth share of employment:	8.0%
Mature age share of employment:	11.8%

## Retail Trade



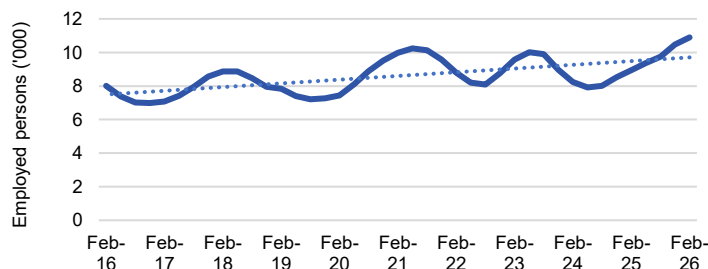
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,700
1 year employment change:	30.7%
5 year employment change:	70.9%
10 year employment change:	26.3%
Youth share of employment:	17.9%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

## Health Care and Social Assistance



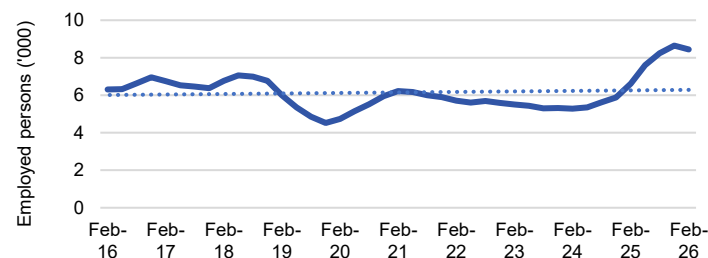
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,400
1 year employment change:	-13.6%
5 year employment change:	-8.7%
10 year employment change:	55.8%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	12.8%

## Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	10,900
1 year employment change:	21.8%
5 year employment change:	9.2%
10 year employment change:	35.9%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

## Manufacturing



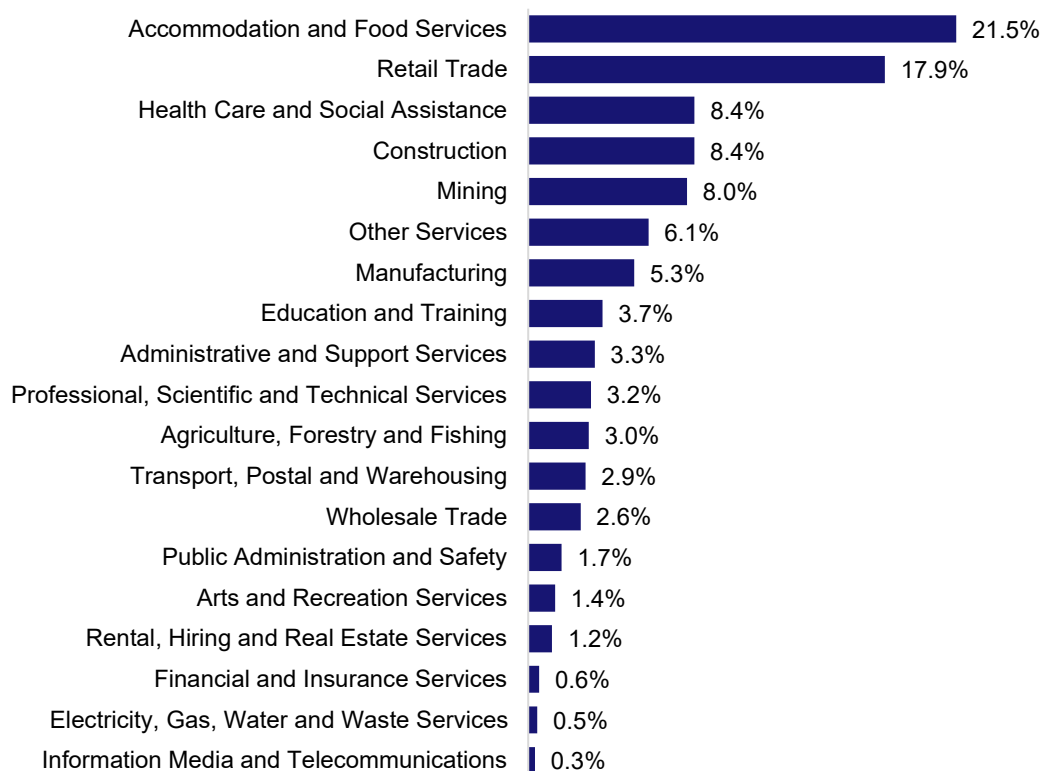
Number employed (Feb-26):	8,400
1 year employment change:	27.7%
5 year employment change:	35.9%
10 year employment change:	34.0%
Youth share of employment:	5.3%
Mature age share of employment:	6.0%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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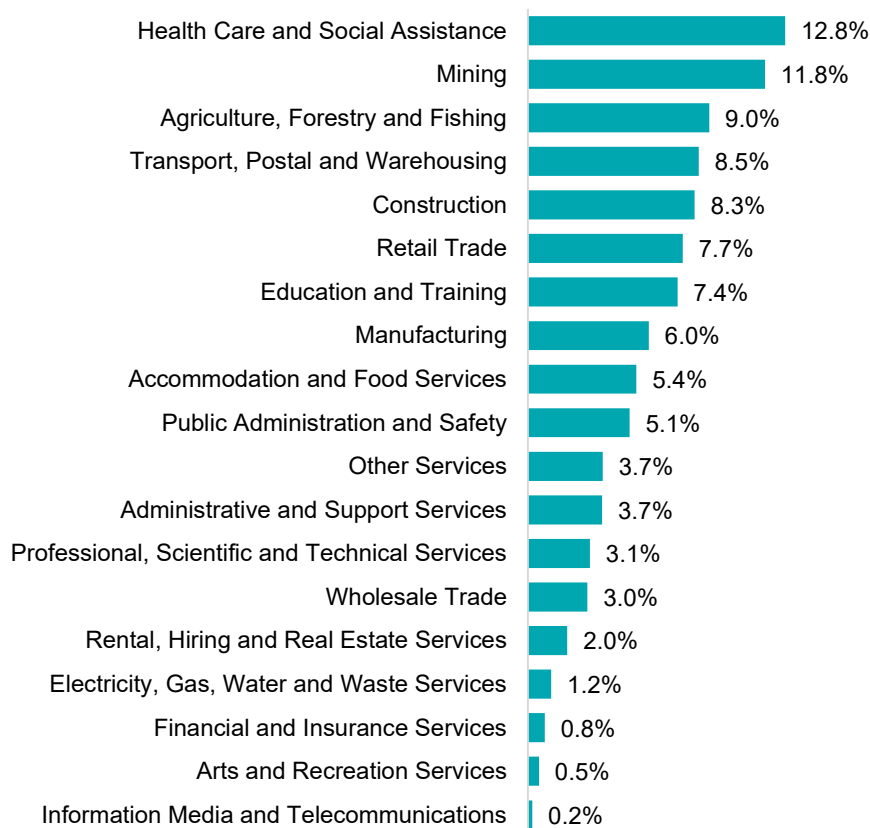
## Employment characteristics by Industry

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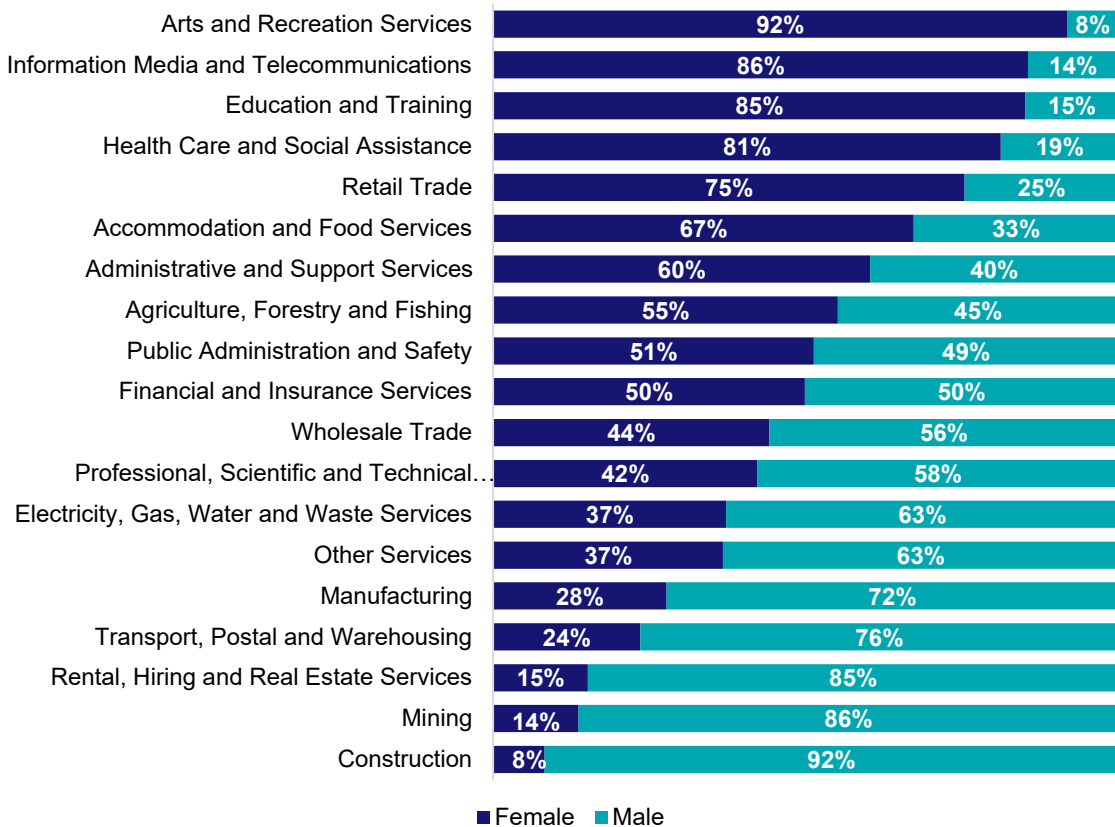
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### Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



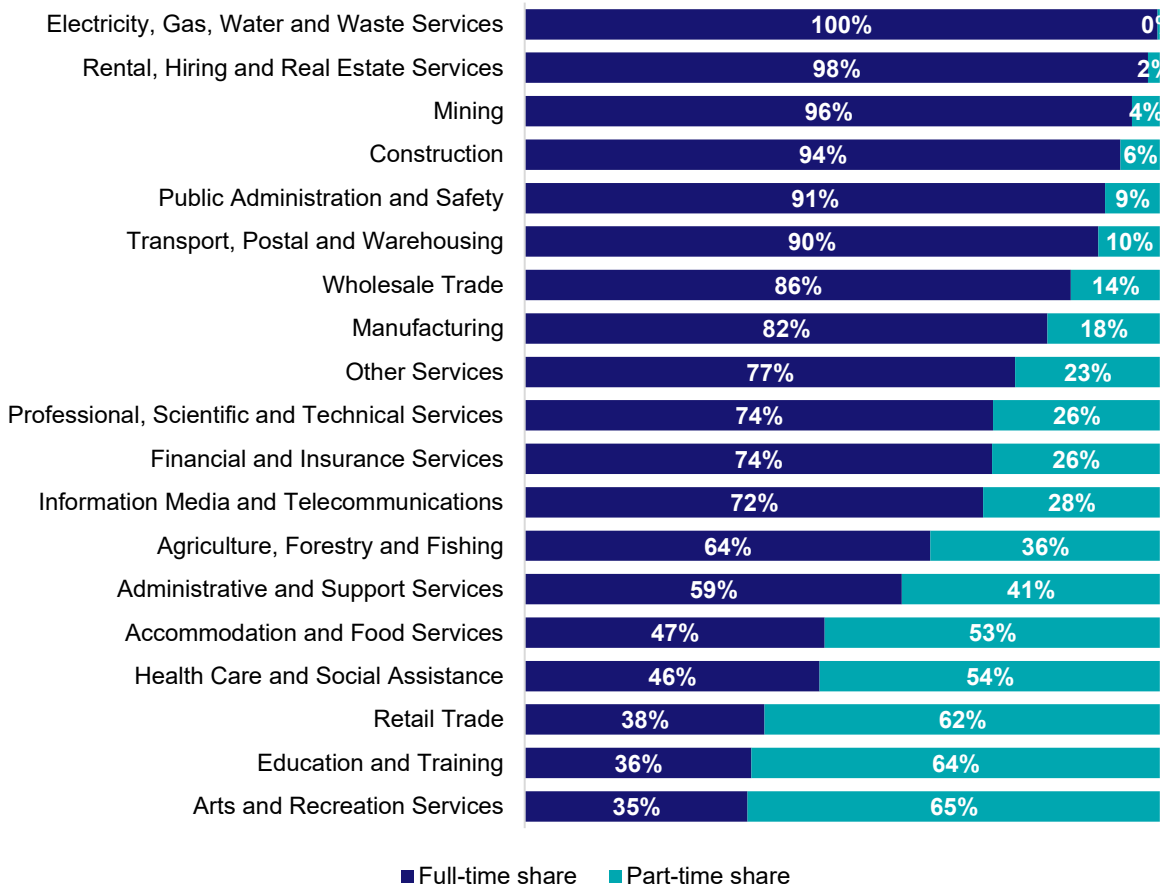
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## Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Mackay, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Mining	12.8	13.8	13.0	16.2	95.6	4.4	41
Retail Trade	10.9	11.7	9.0	6.9	37.8	62.2	35
Health Care and Social Assistance	10.6	11.4	13.2	12.5	46.4	53.6	42
Construction	10.1	10.9	8.9	10.0	93.8	6.2	40
Manufacturing	7.8	8.4	6.6	6.2	82.3	17.7	42
Other Services	6.8	7.3	7.6	6.0	77.2	22.8	36
Accommodation and Food Services	6.4	6.9	8.2	5.5	47.2	52.8	29
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.2	6.6	5.9	5.7	90.4	9.6	47
Public Administration and Safety	5.9	6.4	6.0	3.4	91.4	8.6	45
Education and Training	5.4	5.8	3.8	6.0	35.7	64.3	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.6	73.8	26.2	39
Administrative and Support Services	3.6	3.9	3.2	5.0	59.4	40.6	40
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.7	3.7	3.4	86.0	14.0	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.5	2.7	3.6	2.5	63.9	36.1	49
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	99.7	0.3	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.2	1.2	1.7	0.5	35.1	64.9	33
Financial and Insurance Services	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	73.6	26.4	41
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.4	98.2	1.8	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.9	72.2	27.8	33
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>41</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Somerset Employment Region

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### Overview

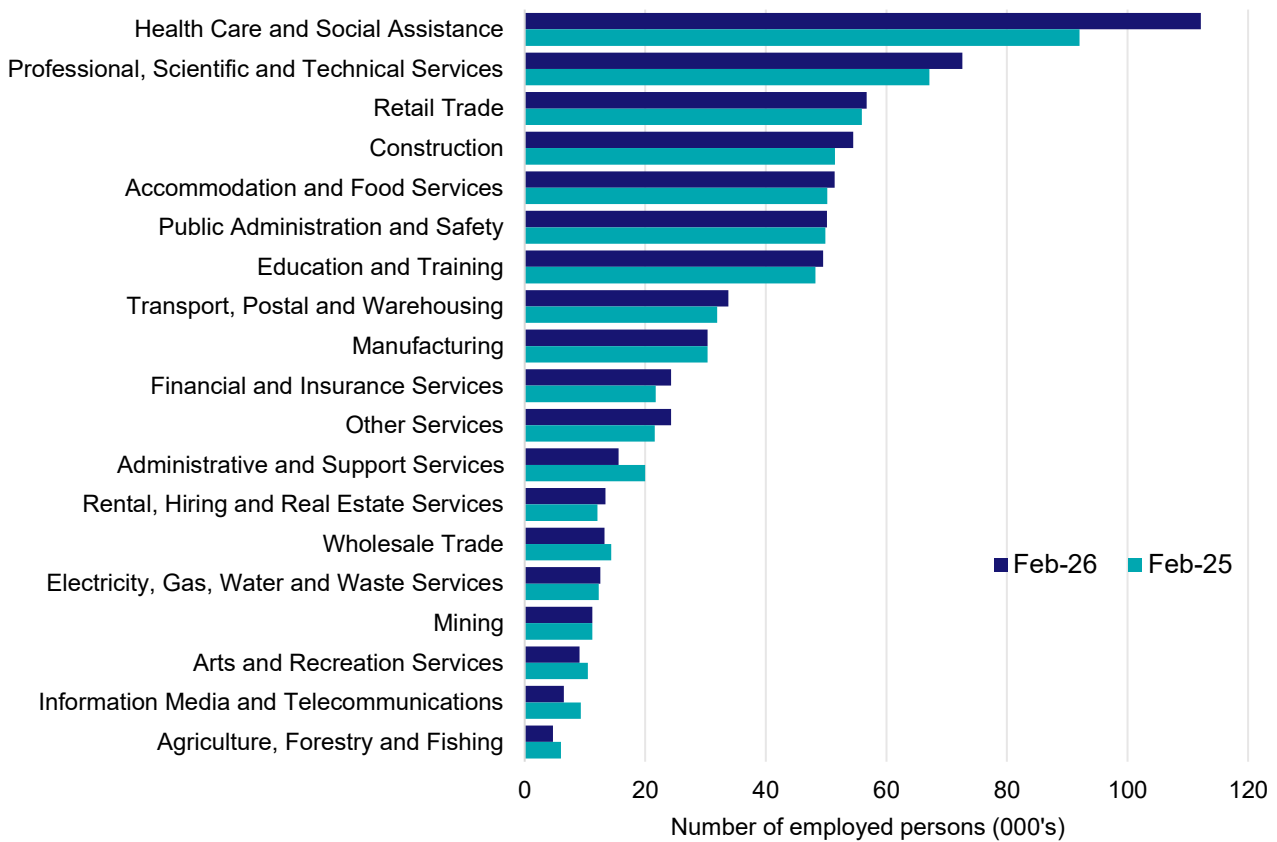
In February 2026, there were around 646,000 people employed in the Somerset Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Retail Trade, Construction, and Accommodation and Food Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 21.8% to stand at 112,100
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 8.1% to stand at 72,600
- Retail Trade rose by 1.4% to stand at 56,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Somerset Employment Region, 60% of workers were employed full-time; 74% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 40.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



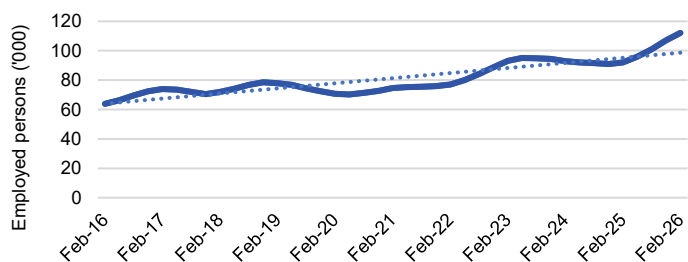
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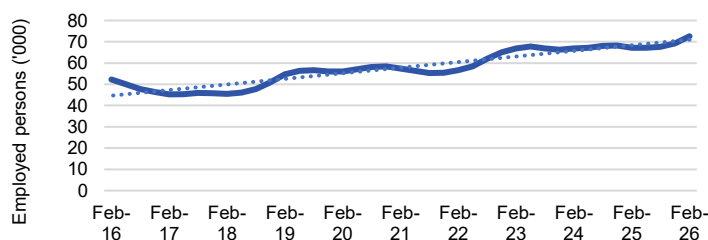
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Health Care and Social Assistance



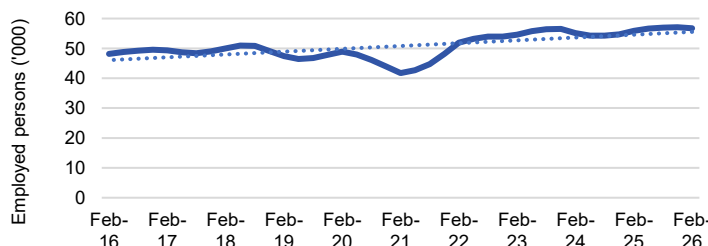
Number employed (Feb-26):	112,100
1 year employment change:	21.8%
5 year employment change:	50.3%
10 year employment change:	75.6%
Youth share of employment:	11.8%
Mature age share of employment:	18.7%

## Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



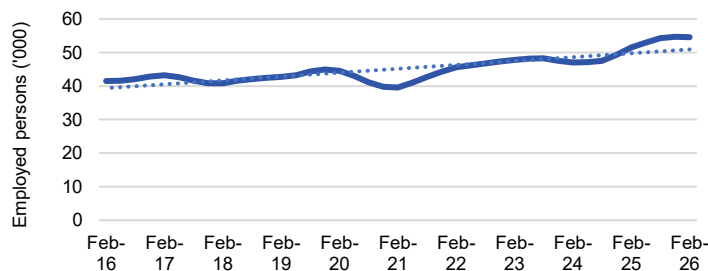
Number employed (Feb-26):	72,600
1 year employment change:	8.1%
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Youth share of employment:	6.4%
Mature age share of employment:	9.1%

## Retail Trade



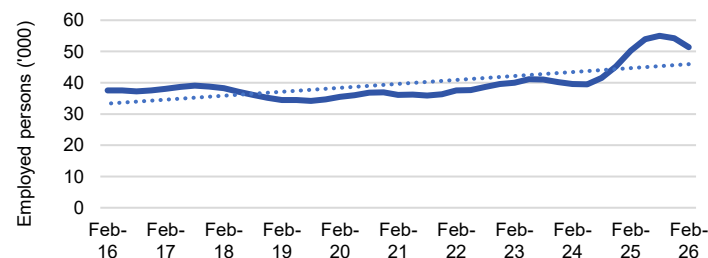
Number employed (Feb-26):	56,700
1 year employment change:	1.4%
5 year employment change:	35.9%
10 year employment change:	17.7%
Youth share of employment:	19.0%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

## Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	54,500
1 year employment change:	5.9%
5 year employment change:	37.9%
10 year employment change:	31.3%
Youth share of employment:	7.6%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

## Accommodation and Food Services



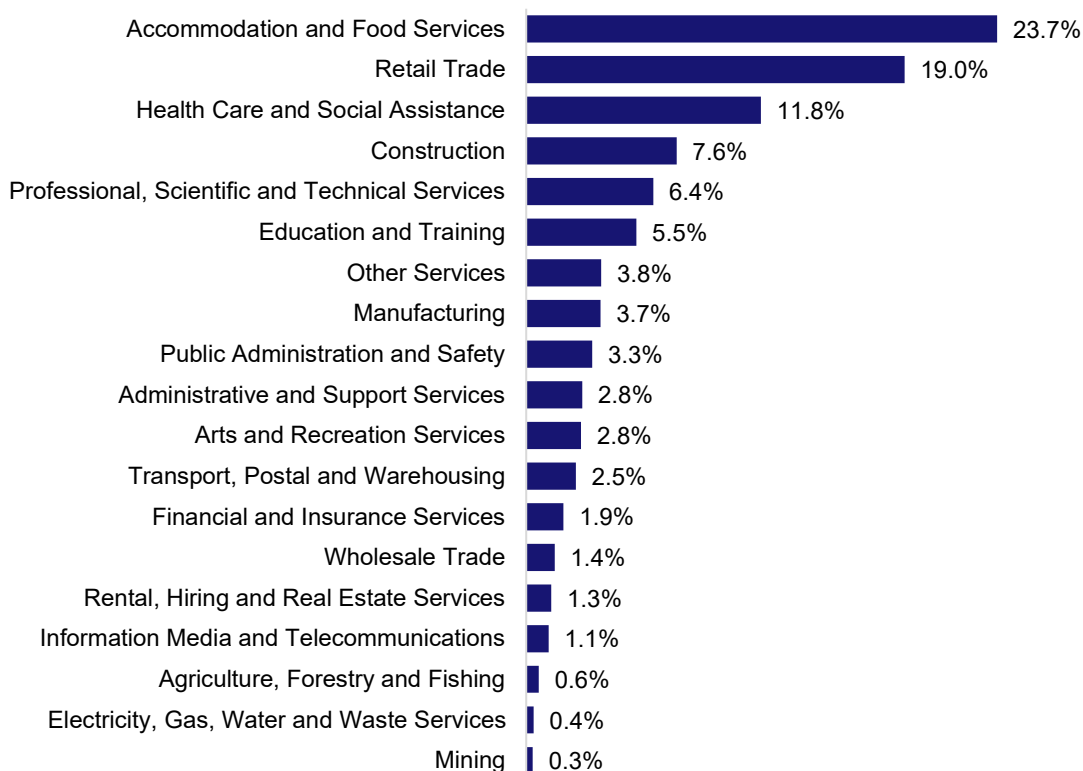
Number employed (Feb-26):	51,400
1 year employment change:	2.4%
5 year employment change:	42.4%
10 year employment change:	36.8%
Youth share of employment:	23.7%
Mature age share of employment:	2.5%

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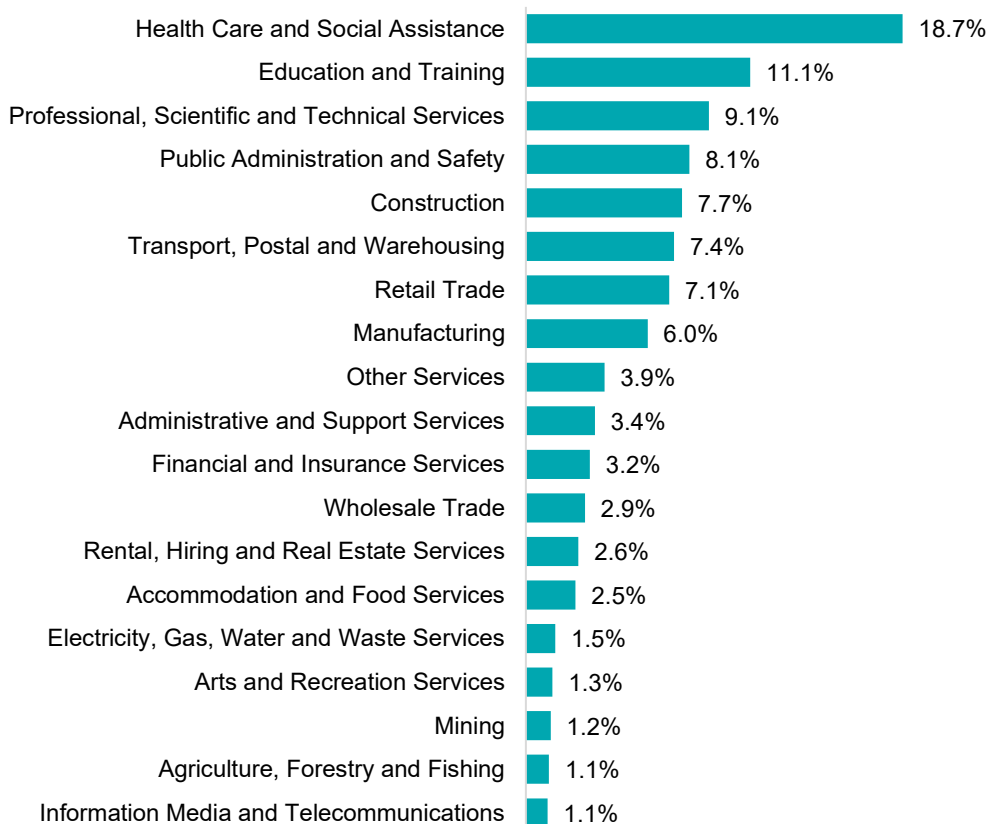
# Employment characteristics by Industry

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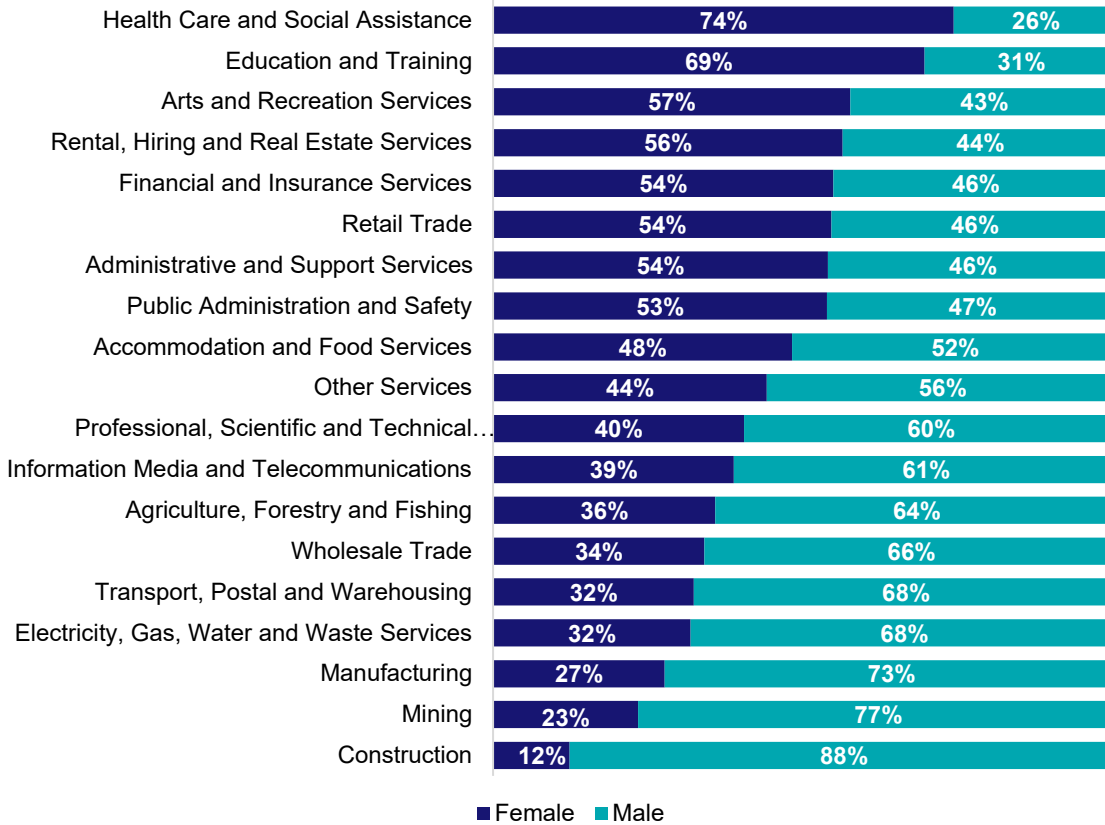
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## Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



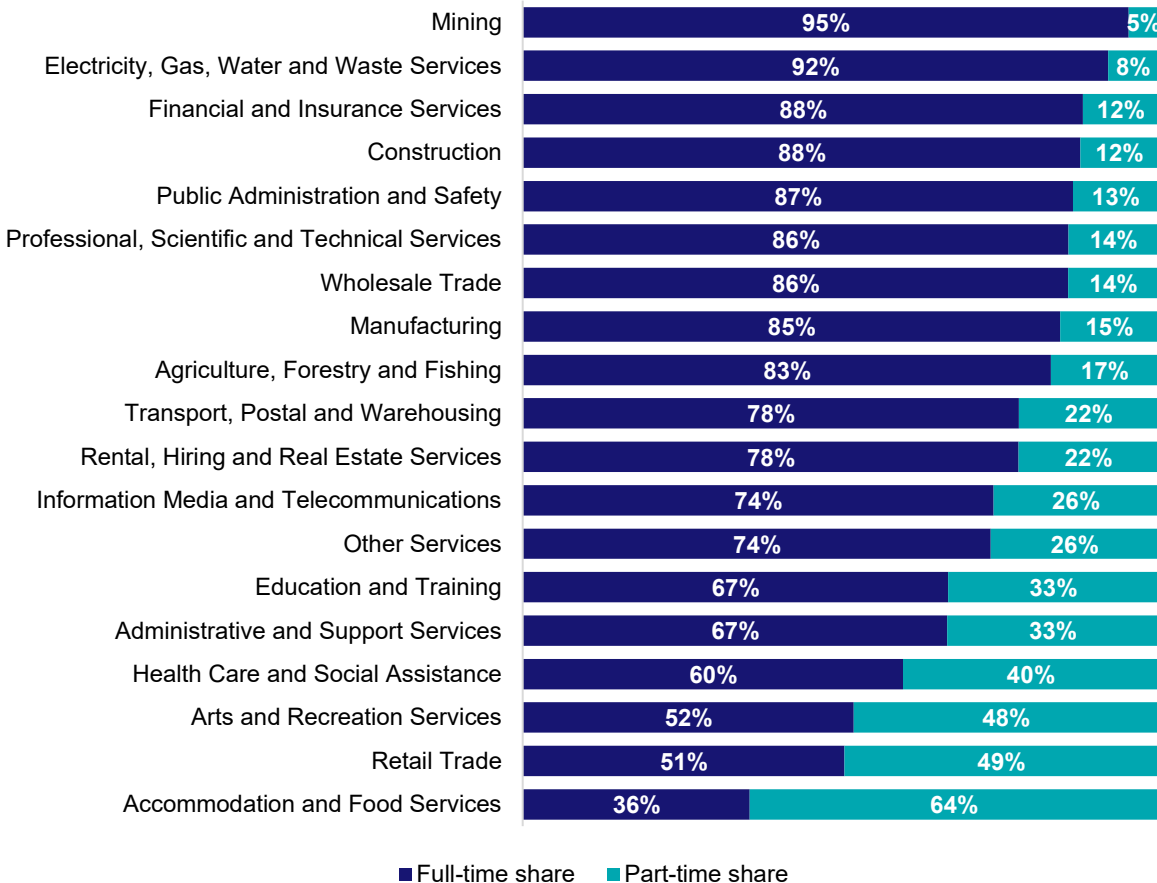
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## Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Somerset, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	17.4	112.1	92.0	74.6	59.9	40.1	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	11.2	72.6	67.1	57.4	86.0	14.0	39
Retail Trade	8.8	56.7	55.9	41.7	50.7	49.3	31
Construction	8.4	54.5	51.5	39.5	87.8	12.2	38
Accommodation and Food Services	8.0	51.4	50.2	36.1	35.8	64.2	23
Public Administration and Safety	7.8	50.2	49.9	44.8	86.7	13.3	42
Education and Training	7.7	49.5	48.2	44.6	67.0	33.0	43
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.2	33.8	31.9	29.5	78.1	21.9	43
Manufacturing	4.7	30.3	30.3	25.7	84.6	15.4	42
Financial and Insurance Services	3.8	24.3	21.7	19.3	88.2	11.8	40
Other Services	3.8	24.3	21.6	16.6	73.7	26.3	37
Administrative and Support Services	2.4	15.6	20.0	15.7	66.8	33.2	38
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.1	13.4	12.1	13.6	78.1	21.9	40
Wholesale Trade	2.1	13.3	14.3	15.6	85.9	14.1	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.9	12.5	12.3	8.2	92.2	7.8	44
Mining	1.7	11.2	11.2	10.2	95.4	4.6	41
Arts and Recreation Services	1.4	9.1	10.5	8.7	52.1	47.9	32
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	6.5	9.3	6.6	74.1	25.9	37
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.7	4.7	6.0	3.9	83.2	16.8	37
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>646.0</b>	<b>616.0</b>	<b>512.4</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>38</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Townsville Employment Region

Date of publishing: 15 April 2026

### Overview

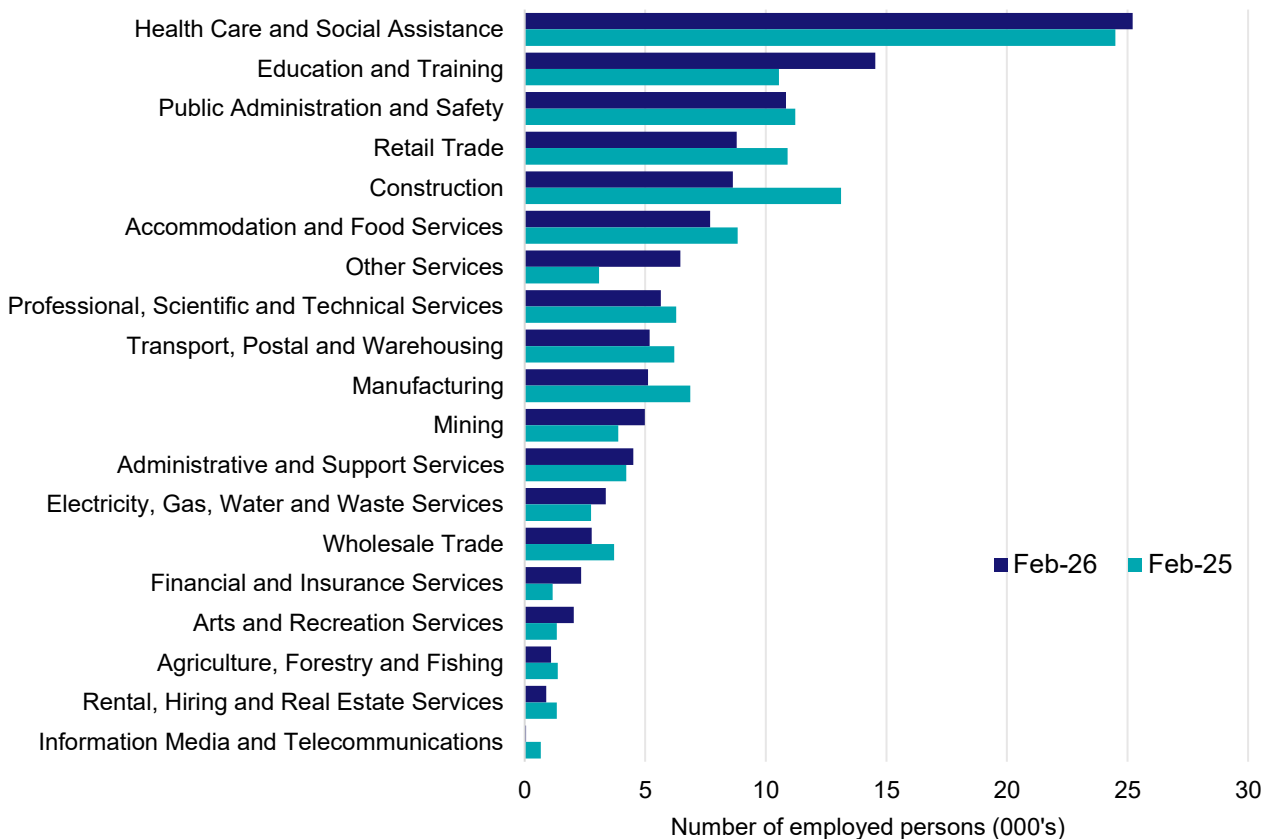
In February 2026, there were around 120,100 people employed in the Townsville Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Public Administration and Safety, Retail Trade, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 2.9% to stand at 25,200
- Education and Training rose by 37.9% to stand at 14,500
- Public Administration and Safety fell by 3.5% to stand at 10,800.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Townsville Employment Region, 61% of workers were employed full-time; 82% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



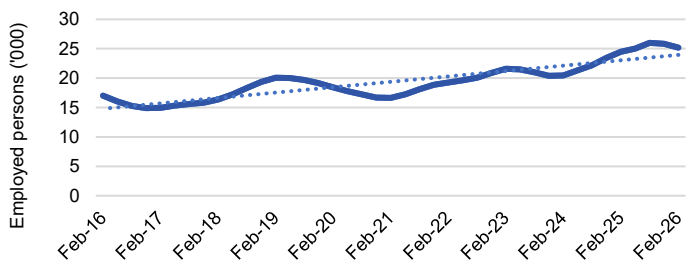
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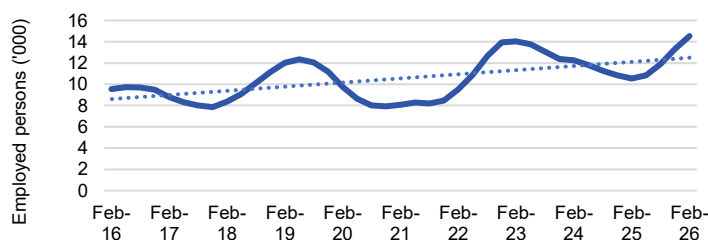
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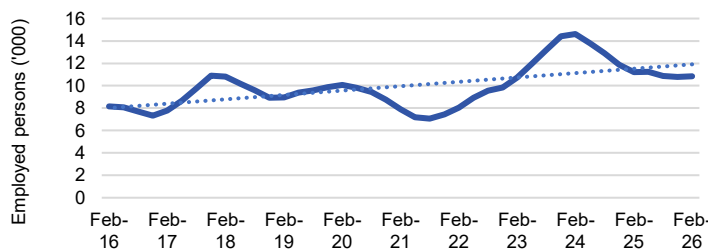
Number employed (Feb-26):	25,200
1 year employment change:	2.9%
5 year employment change:	51.5%
10 year employment change:	48.1%
Youth share of employment:	10.8%
Mature age share of employment:	18.1%

## Education and Training



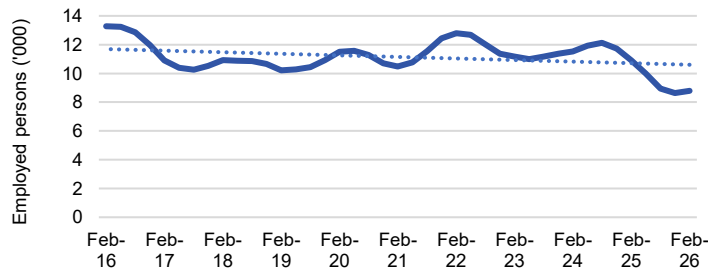
Number employed (Feb-26):	14,500
1 year employment change:	37.9%
5 year employment change:	79.9%
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Youth share of employment:	5.4%
Mature age share of employment:	11.1%

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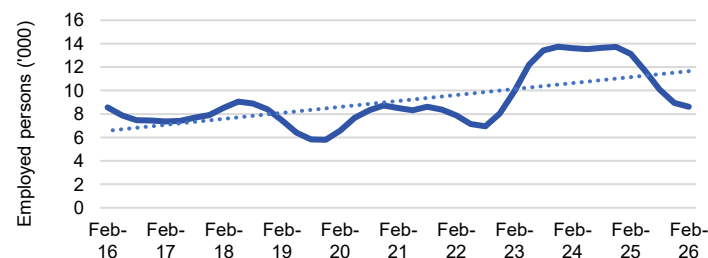
Number employed (Feb-26):	10,800
1 year employment change:	-3.5%
5 year employment change:	37.0%
10 year employment change:	32.9%
Youth share of employment:	10.1%
Mature age share of employment:	8.7%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	8,800
1 year employment change:	-19.4%
5 year employment change:	-16.2%
10 year employment change:	-33.8%
Youth share of employment:	18.5%
Mature age share of employment:	7.3%

## Construction



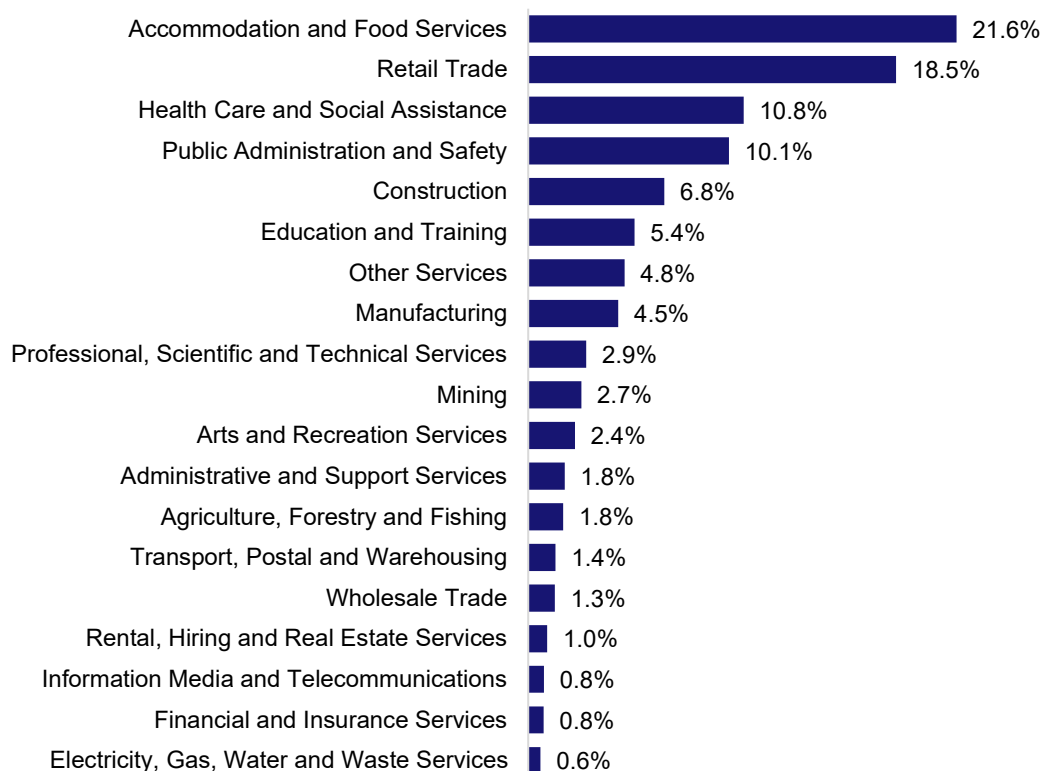
Number employed (Feb-26):	8,600
1 year employment change:	-34.3%
5 year employment change:	1.5%
10 year employment change:	0.7%
Youth share of employment:	6.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.2%

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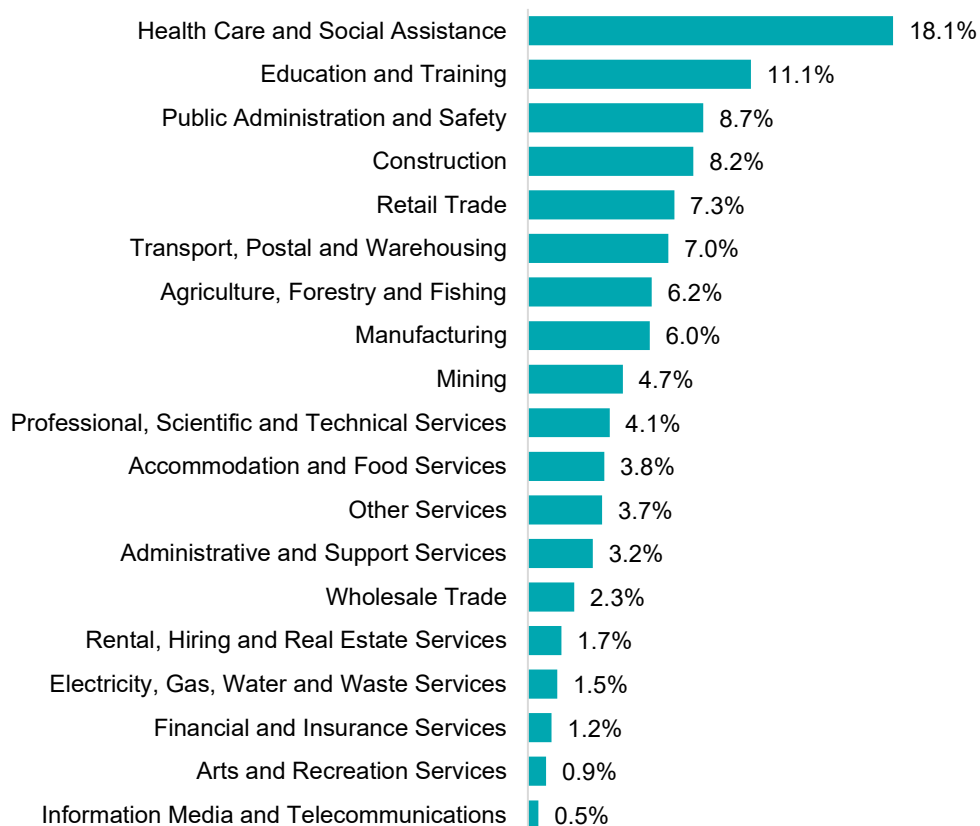
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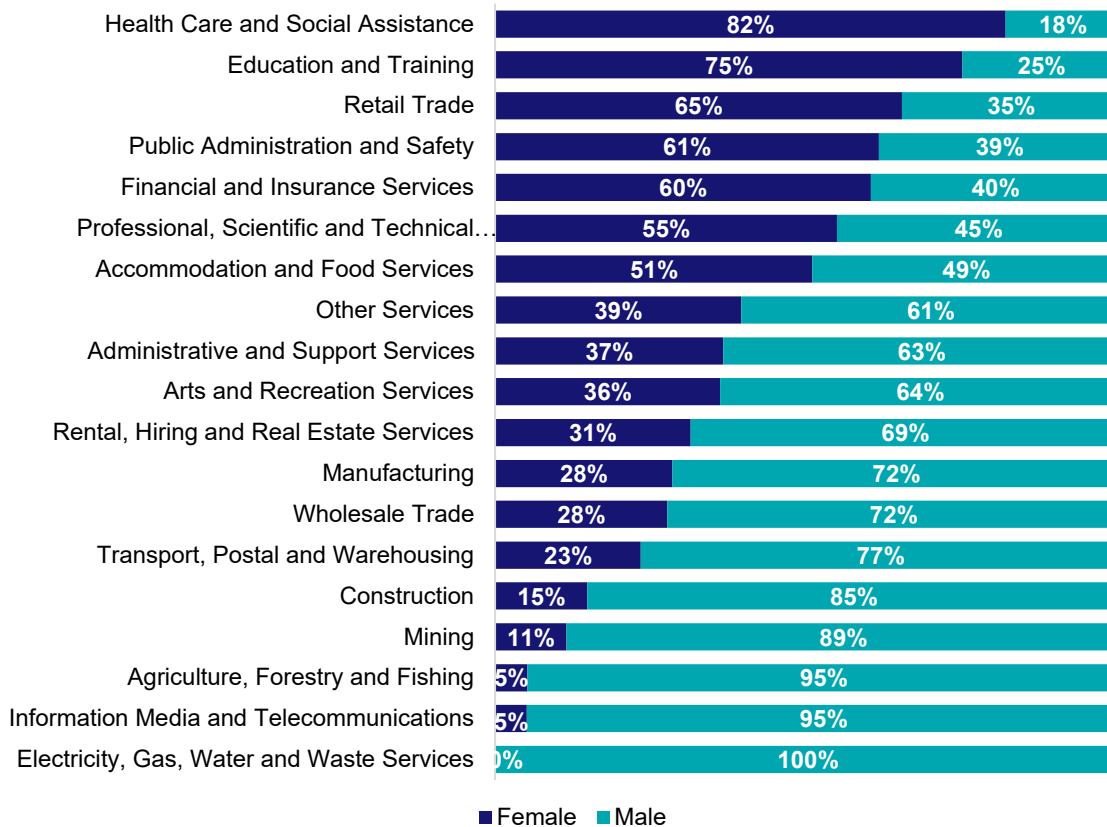
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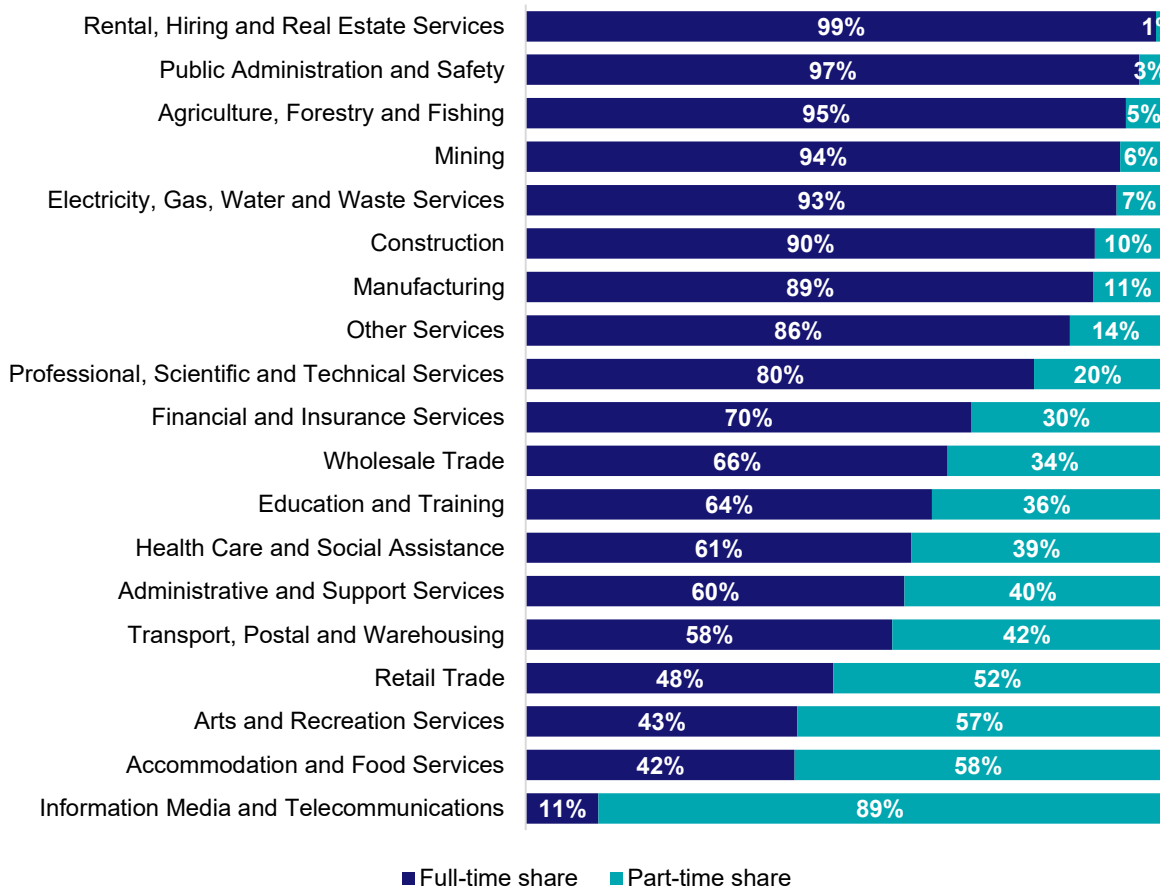
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## Gender share by industry



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## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Townsville, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	21.0	25.2	24.5	16.6	60.7	39.3	41
Education and Training	12.1	14.5	10.5	8.1	63.9	36.1	44
Public Administration and Safety	9.0	10.8	11.2	7.9	96.6	3.4	37
Retail Trade	7.3	8.8	10.9	10.5	48.4	51.6	31
Construction	7.2	8.6	13.1	8.5	89.6	10.4	40
Accommodation and Food Services	6.4	7.7	8.8	8.5	42.3	57.7	23
Other Services	5.4	6.5	3.1	4.9	85.7	14.3	36
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.7	5.6	6.3	5.6	80.0	20.0	40
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.3	5.2	6.2	5.5	57.7	42.3	49
Manufacturing	4.3	5.1	6.9	6.1	89.4	10.6	42
Mining	4.1	5.0	3.9	4.7	93.6	6.4	40
Administrative and Support Services	3.8	4.5	4.2	4.0	59.6	40.4	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.8	3.4	2.8	1.3	93.1	6.9	44
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.8	3.7	2.7	66.5	33.5	44
Financial and Insurance Services	1.9	2.3	1.2	2.3	70.1	29.9	40
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	2.0	1.3	1.9	42.8	57.2	26
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.9	1.1	1.4	7.6	94.5	5.5	50
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.6	99.2	0.8	43
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.0	0.1	0.7	2.4	11.4	88.6	34
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>39</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region

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### Overview

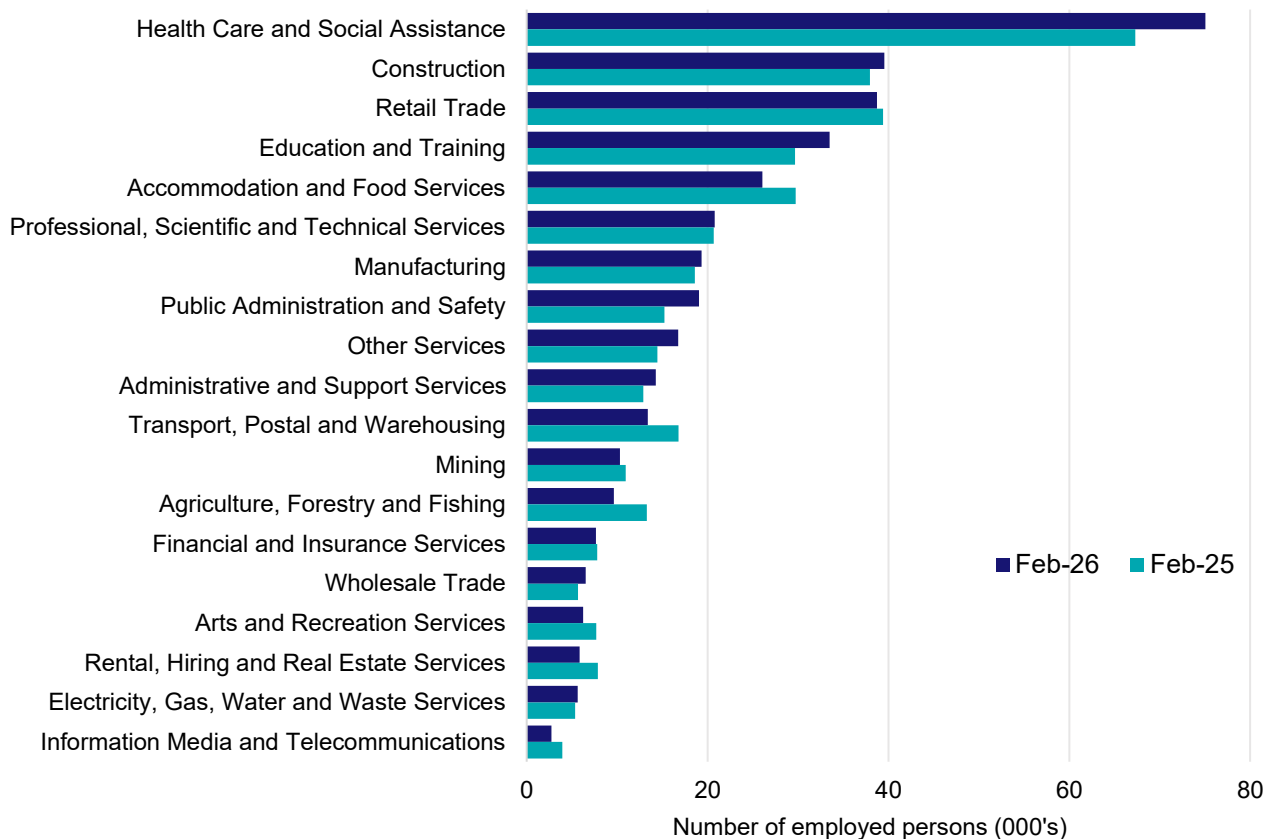
In February 2026, there were around 371,100 people employed in the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Education and Training, and Accommodation and Food Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 11.5% to stand at 75,100
- Construction rose by 4.2% to stand at 39,500
- Retail Trade fell by 1.7% to stand at 38,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region, 54% of workers were employed full-time; 74% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 45.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



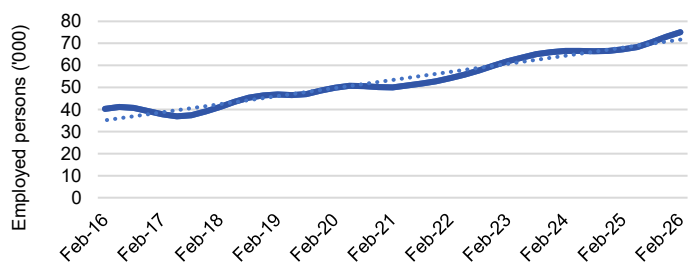
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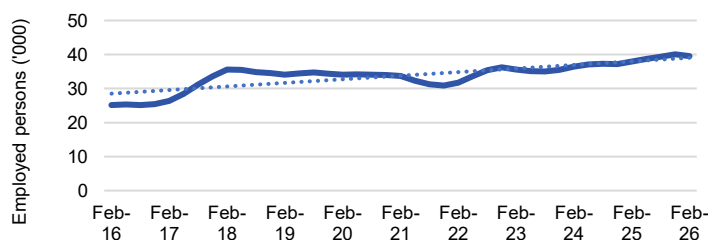
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Health Care and Social Assistance



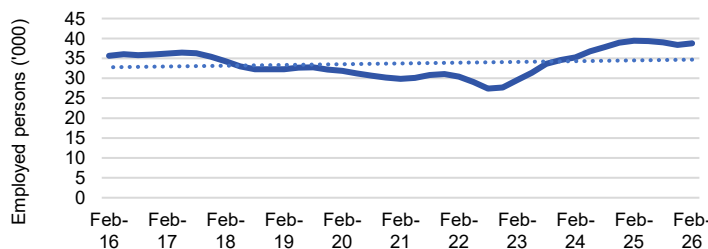
Number employed (Feb-26):	75,100
1 year employment change:	11.5%
5 year employment change:	50.2%
10 year employment change:	86.2%
Youth share of employment:	10.4%
Mature age share of employment:	20.5%

## Construction



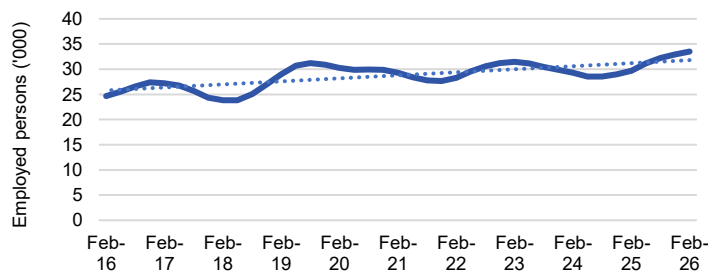
Number employed (Feb-26):	39,500
1 year employment change:	4.2%
5 year employment change:	17.4%
10 year employment change:	57.2%
Youth share of employment:	10.7%
Mature age share of employment:	9.4%

## Retail Trade



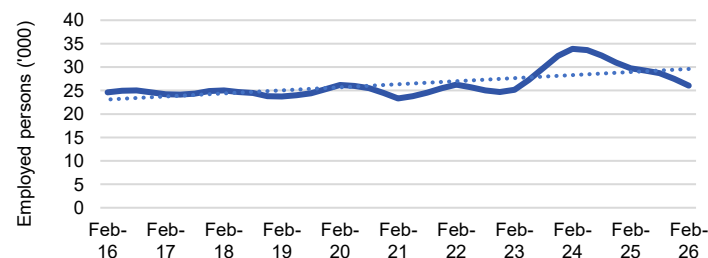
Number employed (Feb-26):	38,700
1 year employment change:	-1.7%
5 year employment change:	29.9%
10 year employment change:	8.6%
Youth share of employment:	21.1%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

## Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	33,500
1 year employment change:	12.9%
5 year employment change:	14.2%
10 year employment change:	35.7%
Youth share of employment:	3.5%
Mature age share of employment:	10.2%

## Accommodation and Food Services



Number employed (Feb-26):	26,100
1 year employment change:	-12.4%
5 year employment change:	11.8%
10 year employment change:	5.8%
Youth share of employment:	25.5%
Mature age share of employment:	4.6%

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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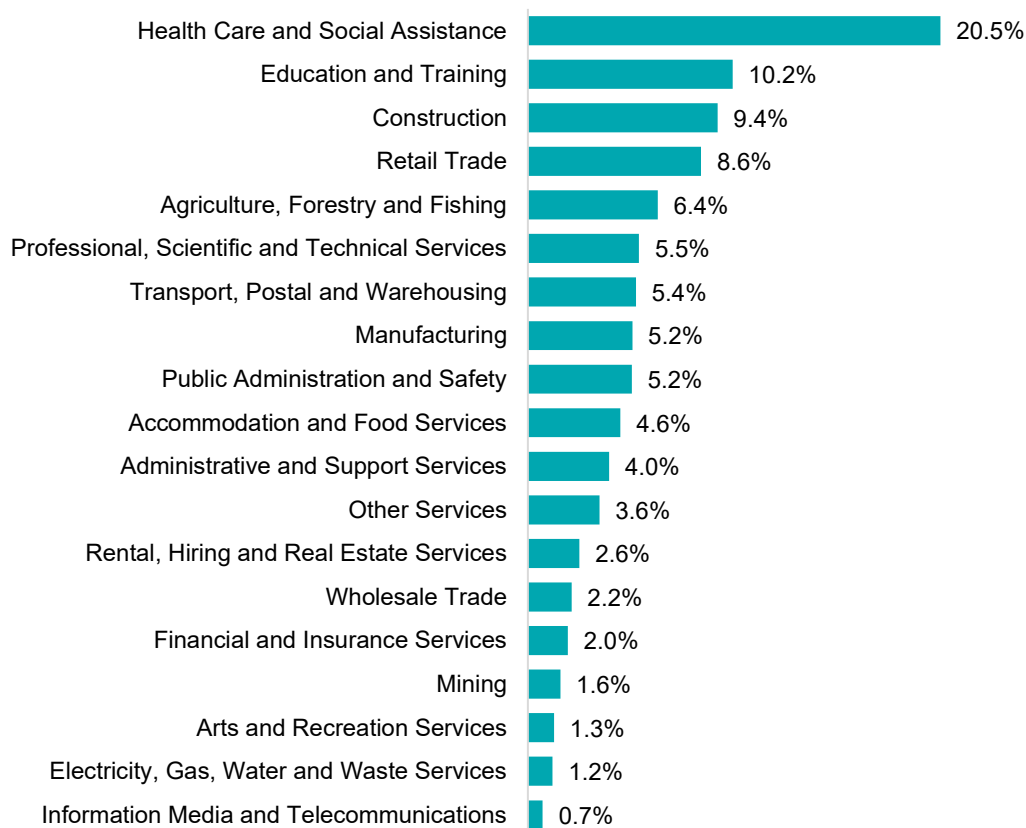
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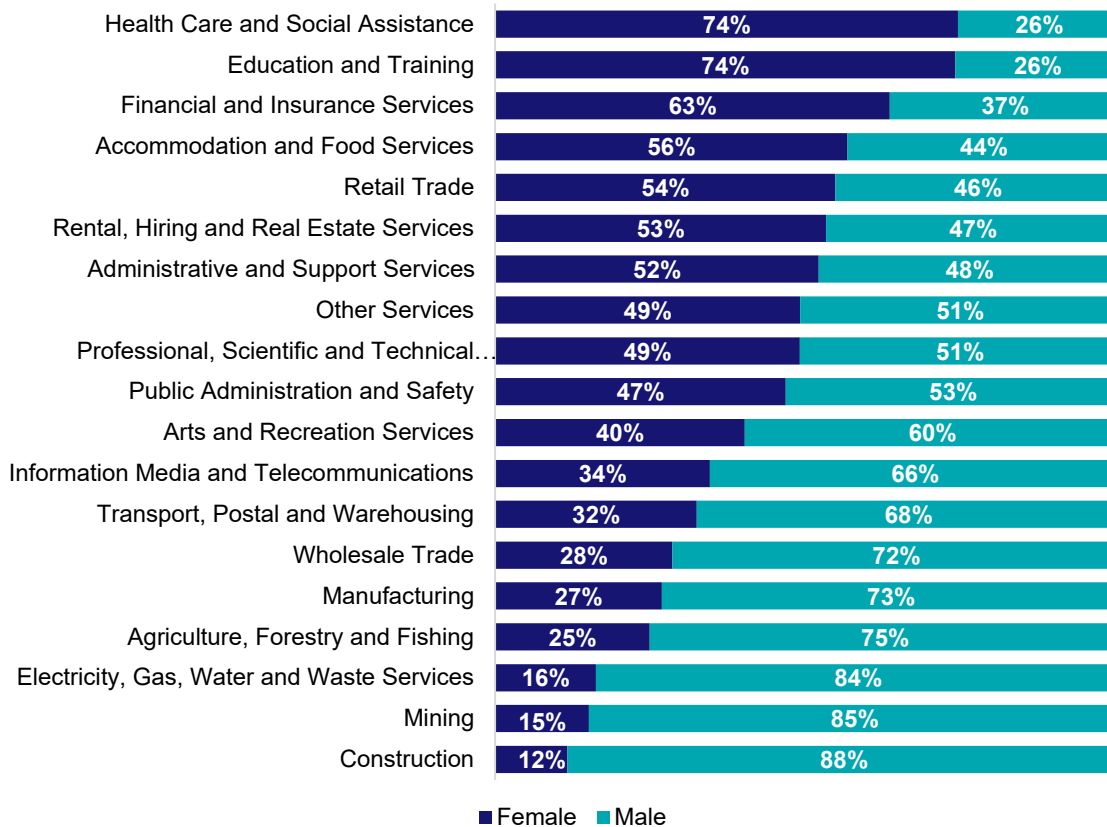
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### Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



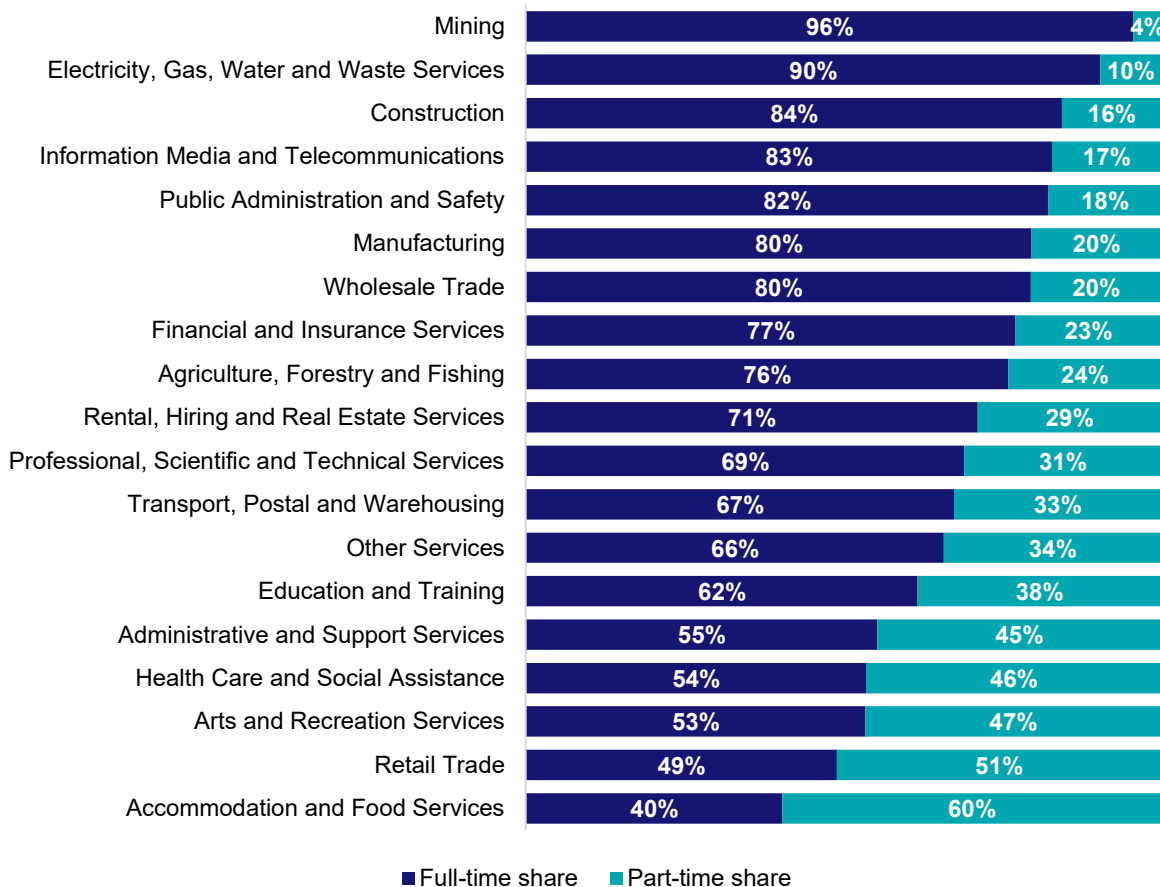
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## Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026.

## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	20.2	75.1	67.3	50.0	53.6	46.4	45
Construction	10.7	39.5	38.0	33.7	84.4	15.6	41
Retail Trade	10.4	38.7	39.4	29.8	49.0	51.0	37
Education and Training	9.0	33.5	29.7	29.3	61.7	38.3	47
Accommodation and Food Services	7.0	26.1	29.7	23.3	40.4	59.6	27
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5.6	20.8	20.7	17.8	69.1	30.9	44
Manufacturing	5.2	19.3	18.6	17.4	79.7	20.3	42
Public Administration and Safety	5.1	19.1	15.2	14.6	82.3	17.7	47
Other Services	4.5	16.7	14.4	12.4	65.8	34.2	40
Administrative and Support Services	3.8	14.3	12.9	8.6	55.3	44.7	46
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.6	13.4	16.8	8.6	67.4	32.6	51
Mining	2.8	10.3	11.0	6.6	95.7	4.3	44
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.6	9.6	13.3	15.4	76.0	24.0	48
Financial and Insurance Services	2.1	7.6	7.8	5.6	77.1	22.9	42
Wholesale Trade	1.8	6.5	5.7	7.4	79.6	20.4	46
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	6.2	7.7	5.9	53.5	46.5	38
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.6	5.9	7.9	6.0	71.2	28.8	49
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.5	5.6	5.4	4.3	90.5	9.5	48
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7	2.7	4.0	1.8	82.9	17.1	43
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>371.1</b>	<b>365.4</b>	<b>298.4</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>43</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Wivenhoe Employment Region

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### Overview

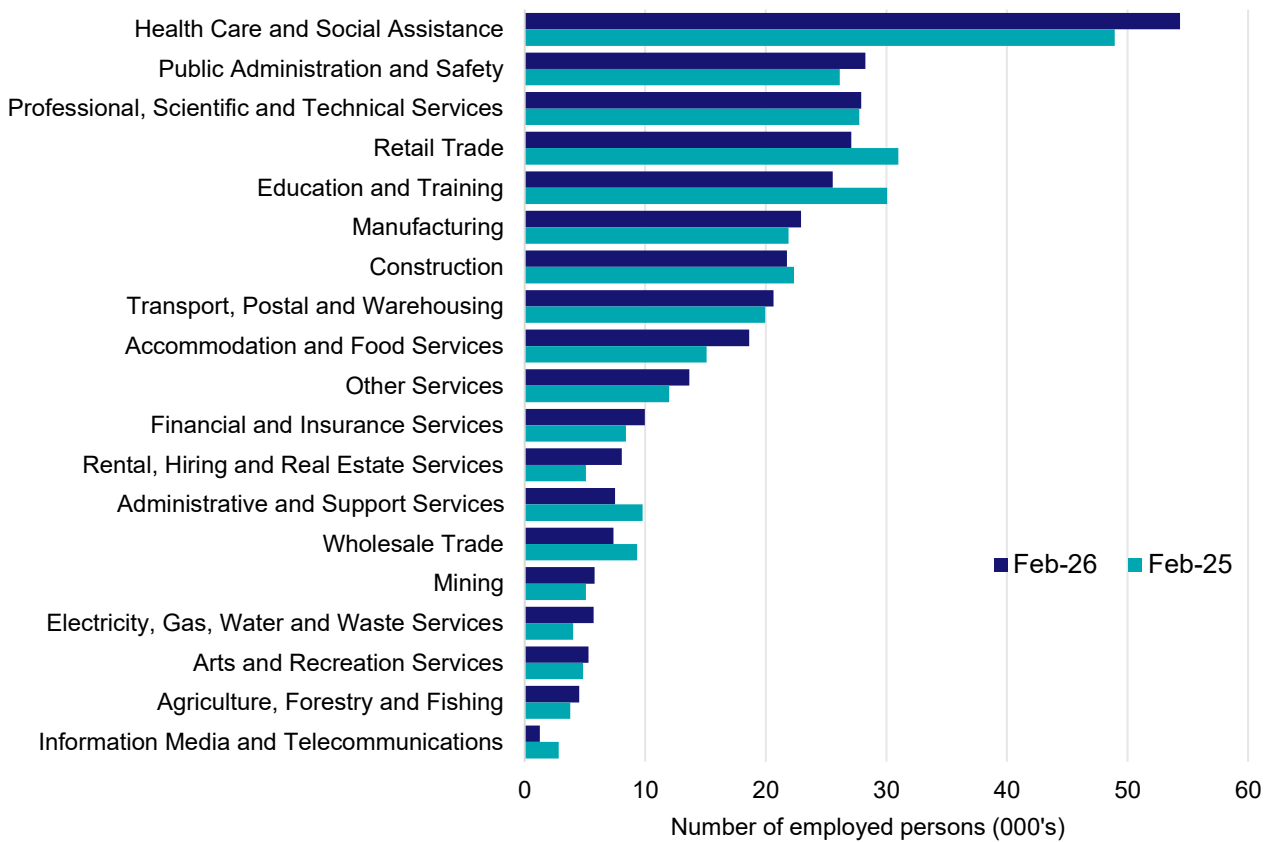
In February 2026, there were around 316,200 people employed in the Wivenhoe Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Public Administration and Safety, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Retail Trade, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 11.1% to stand at 54,400
- Public Administration and Safety rose by 8.2% to stand at 28,300
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 0.6% to stand at 27,900.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Wivenhoe Employment Region, 59% of workers were employed full-time; 77% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



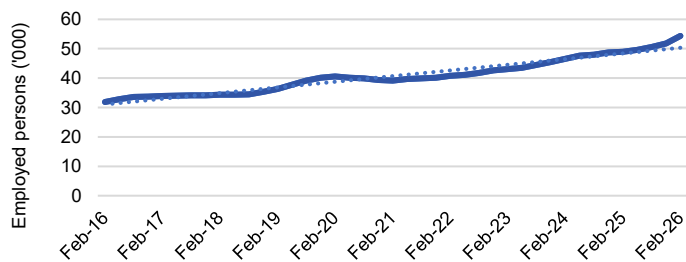
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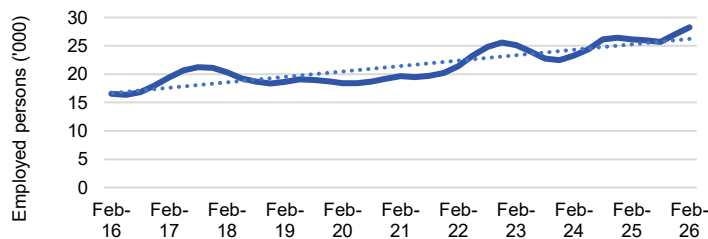
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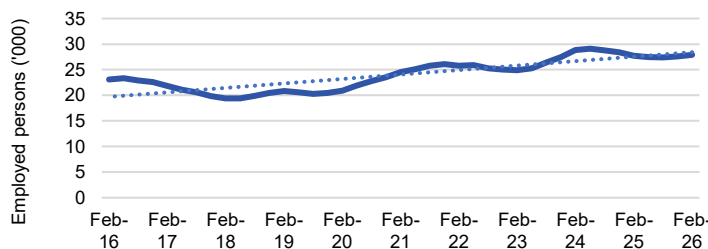
Number employed (Feb-26):	54,400
1 year employment change:	11.1%
5 year employment change:	39.0%
10 year employment change:	70.5%
Youth share of employment:	10.5%
Mature age share of employment:	17.4%

## Public Administration and Safety



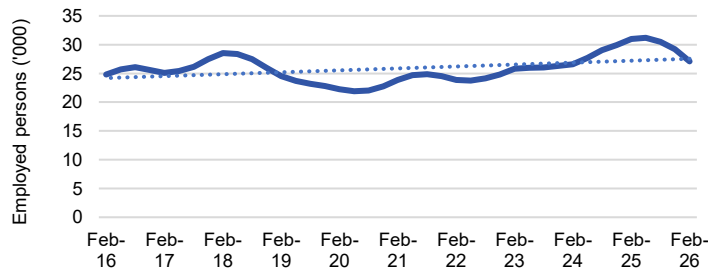
Number employed (Feb-26):	28,300
1 year employment change:	8.2%
5 year employment change:	44.0%
10 year employment change:	70.9%
Youth share of employment:	3.5%
Mature age share of employment:	7.9%

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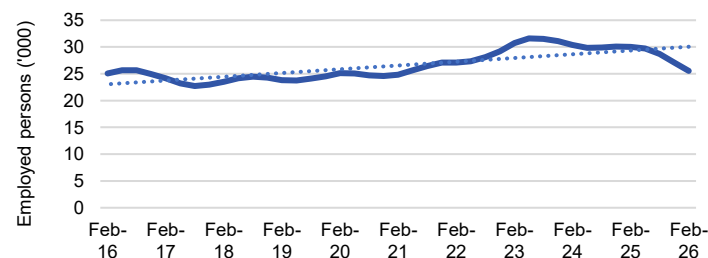
Number employed (Feb-26):	27,900
1 year employment change:	0.6%
5 year employment change:	13.8%
10 year employment change:	20.8%
Youth share of employment:	4.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	27,100
1 year employment change:	-12.6%
5 year employment change:	13.4%
10 year employment change:	9.2%
Youth share of employment:	19.4%
Mature age share of employment:	6.5%

## Education and Training



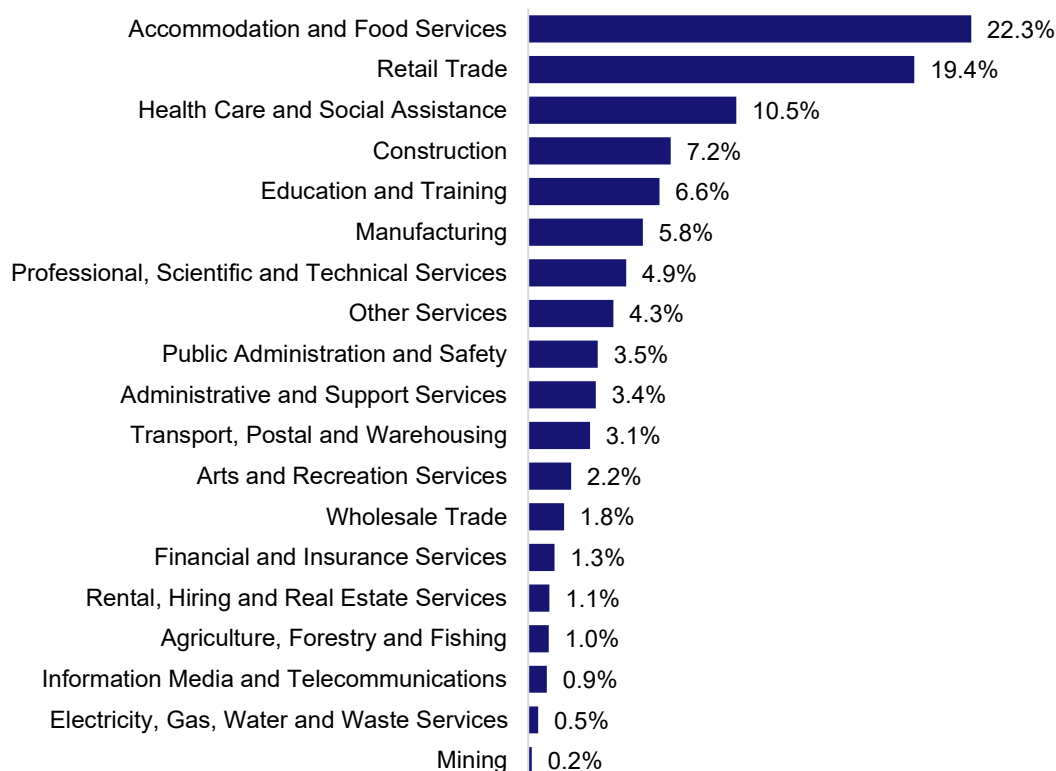
Number employed (Feb-26):	25,600
1 year employment change:	-14.9%
5 year employment change:	2.9%
10 year employment change:	2.1%
Youth share of employment:	6.6%
Mature age share of employment:	12.5%

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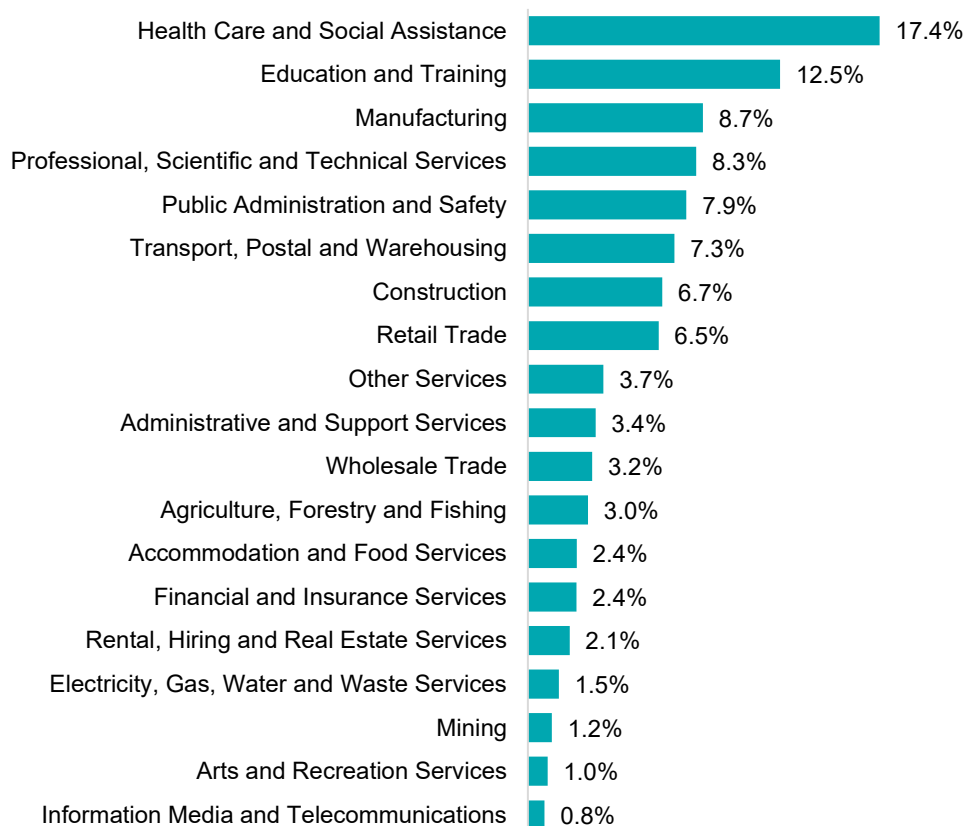
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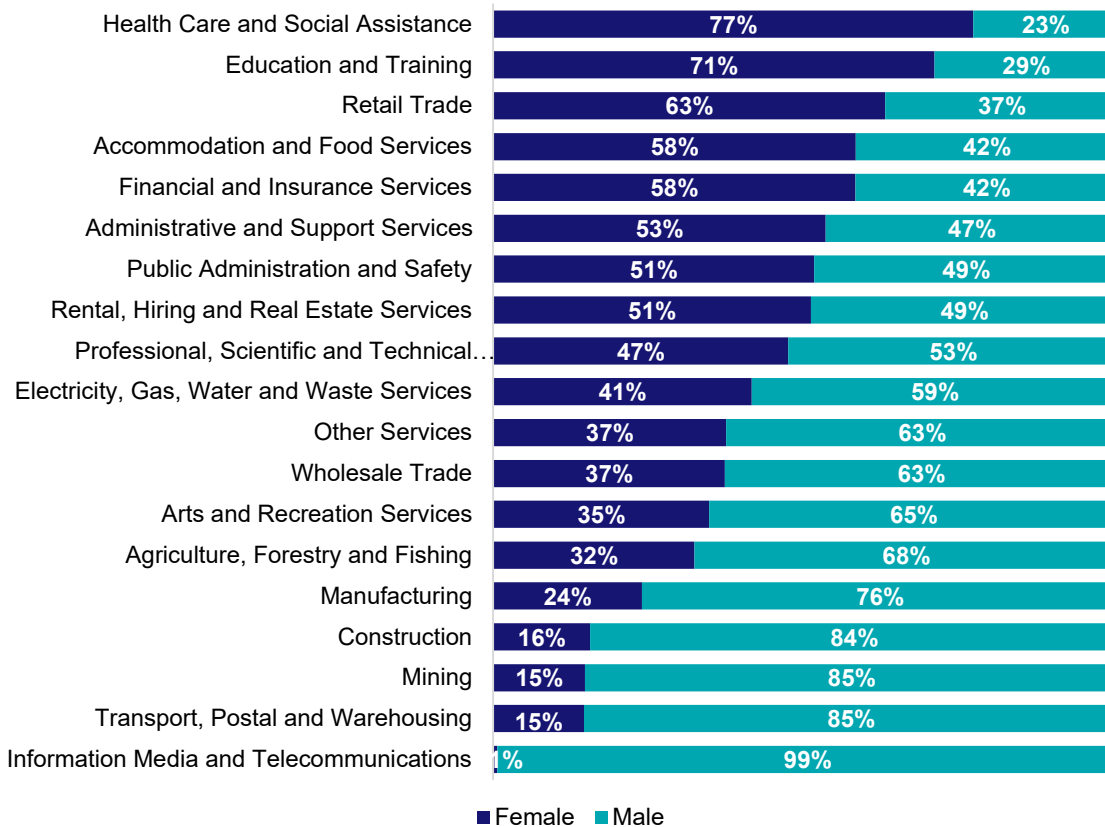
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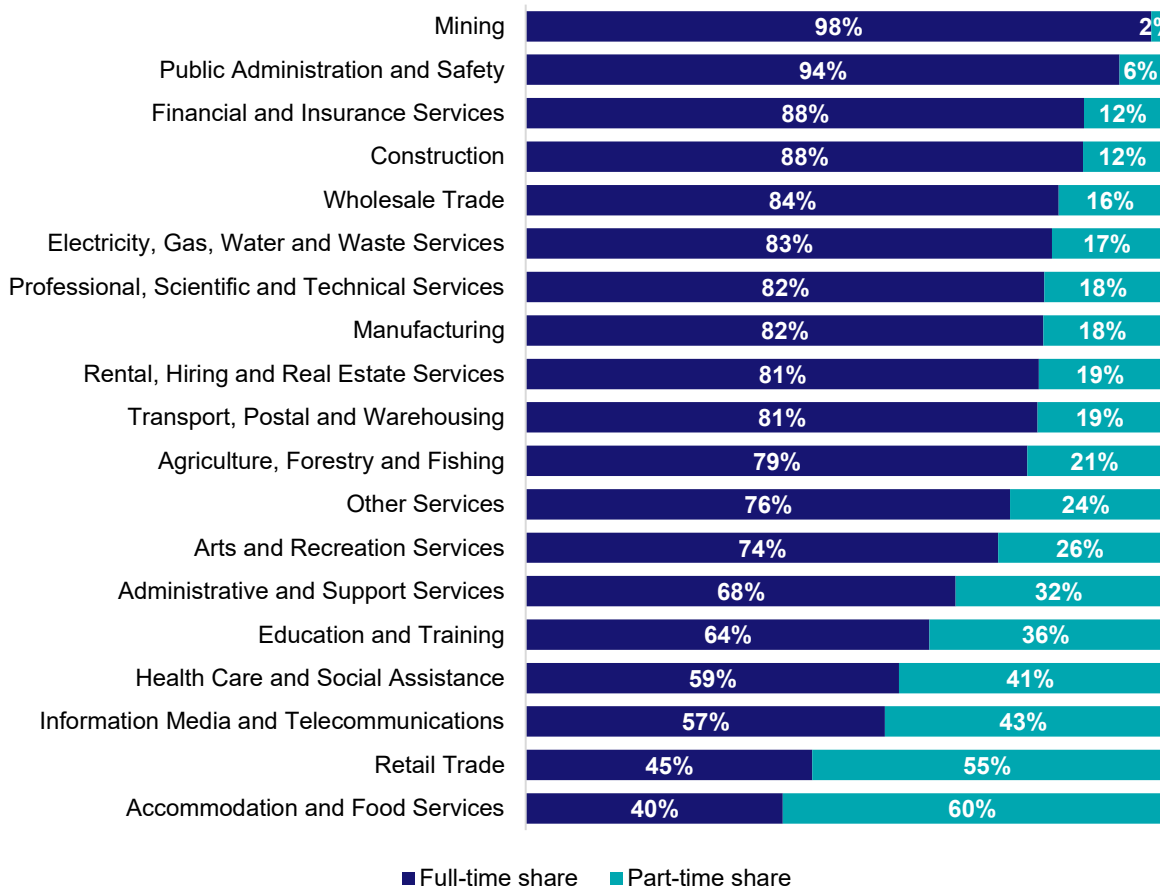
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Public Administration and Safety	8.9	28.3	26.1	19.6	93.5	6.5	42
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8.8	27.9	27.7	24.5	81.7	18.3	41
Retail Trade	8.6	27.1	31.0	23.9	45.1	54.9	31
Education and Training	8.1	25.6	30.1	24.8	63.6	36.4	43
Manufacturing	7.2	22.9	21.9	22.4	81.5	18.5	42
Construction	6.9	21.8	22.3	18.6	87.8	12.2	38
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.5	20.6	19.9	14.7	80.6	19.4	43
Accommodation and Food Services	5.9	18.6	15.1	17.9	40.5	59.5	21
Other Services	4.3	13.7	12.0	10.1	76.3	23.7	37
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Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.5	8.1	5.1	3.3	80.8	19.2	42
Administrative and Support Services	2.4	7.5	9.8	8.2	67.7	32.3	39
Wholesale Trade	2.3	7.4	9.3	8.7	83.9	16.1	43
Mining	1.8	5.8	5.1	2.7	98.5	1.5	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.8	5.7	4.0	3.3	82.9	17.1	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	5.3	4.8	4.5	74.4	25.6	31
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Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4	1.2	2.8	2.1	56.6	43.4	38
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>316.2</b>	<b>308.2</b>	<b>258.3</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>39</b>

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