



Industry profile

South Australia

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Overview

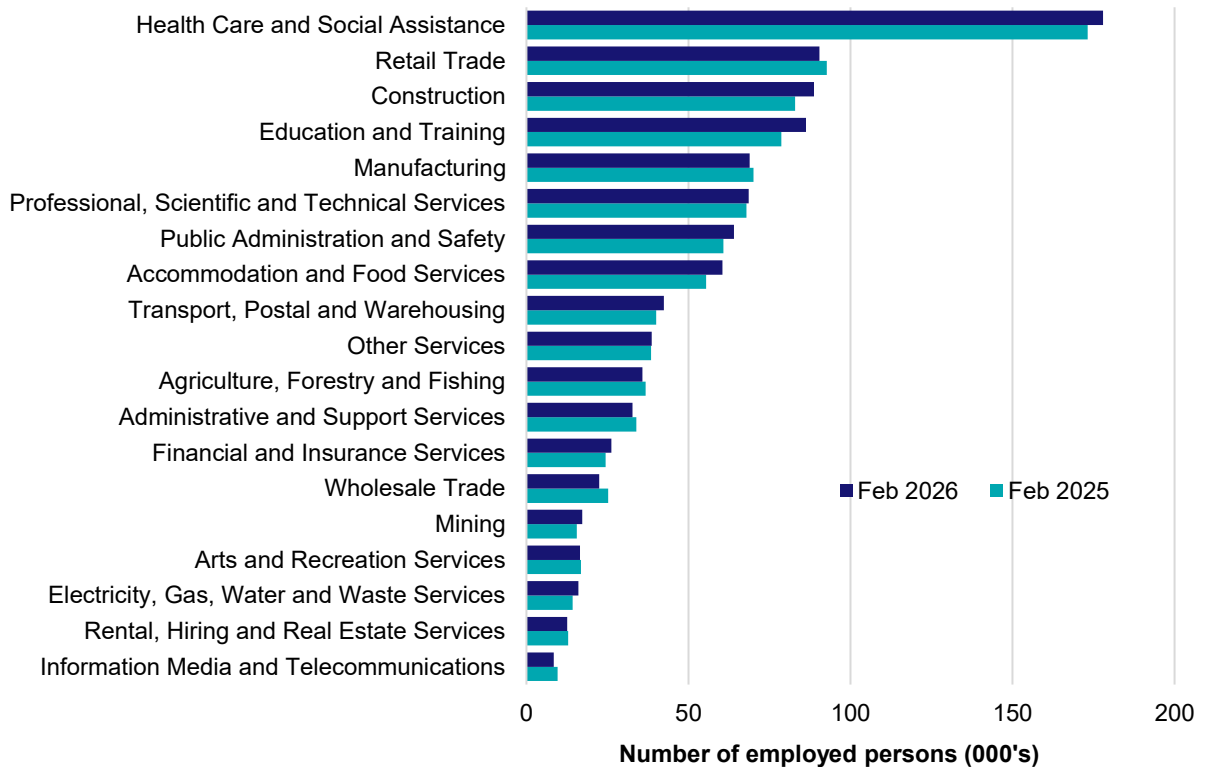
In February 2026, there were around 974,400 people employed in South Australia. The 5 largest employing industries in South Australia were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Education and Training and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of all employment.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 2.7% to stand at 177,900
- Retail Trade fell by 2.5% to stand at 90,400
- Construction rose by 7.0% to stand at 88,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in South Australia, 54% of workers were employed full-time; 75% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 42. Around 84% of employed persons in this industry were located in Greater Adelaide.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025

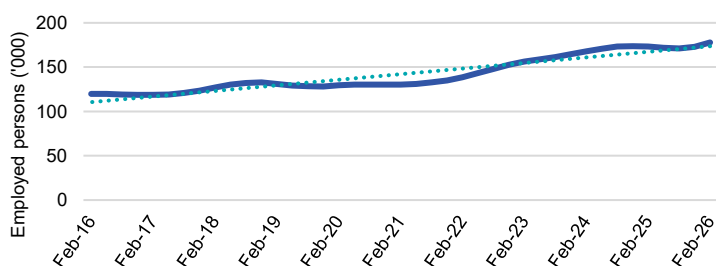


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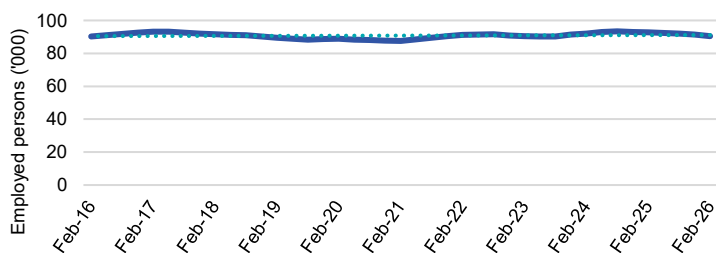
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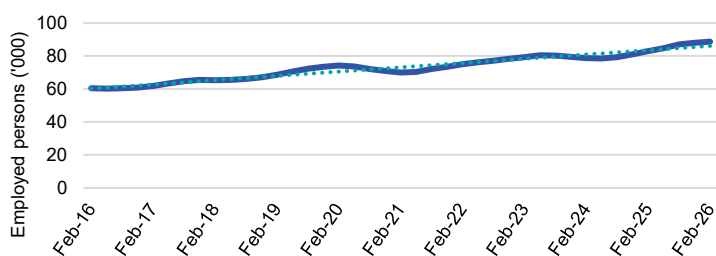
Number employed (Feb-26):	177,900
1 year employment change:	2.7%
5 year employment change:	36.5%
10 year employment change:	48.3%
Youth share of employment:	10.4%
Mature age share of employment:	18.5%

Retail Trade



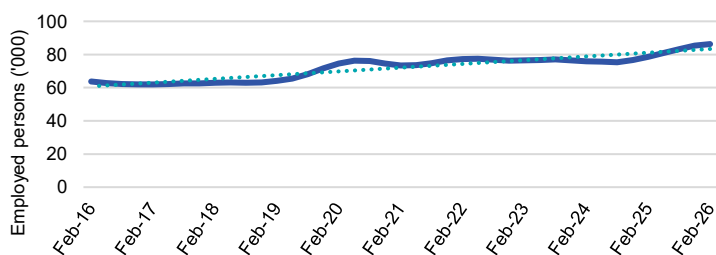
Number employed (Feb-26):	90,400
1 year employment change:	-2.5%
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Youth share of employment:	22.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.5%

Construction



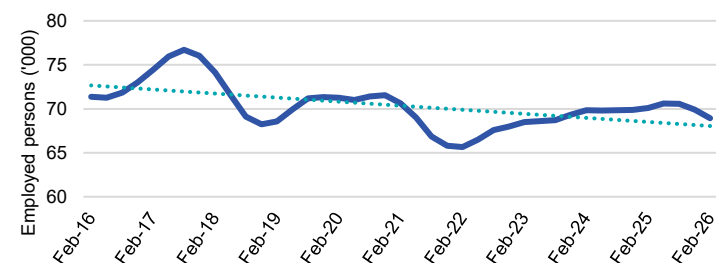
Number employed (Feb-26):	88,700
1 year employment change:	7.0%
5 year employment change:	26.7%
10 year employment change:	46.9%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	86,300
1 year employment change:	9.7%
5 year employment change:	17.5%
10 year employment change:	35.5%
Youth share of employment:	5.6%
Mature age share of employment:	9.9%

Manufacturing



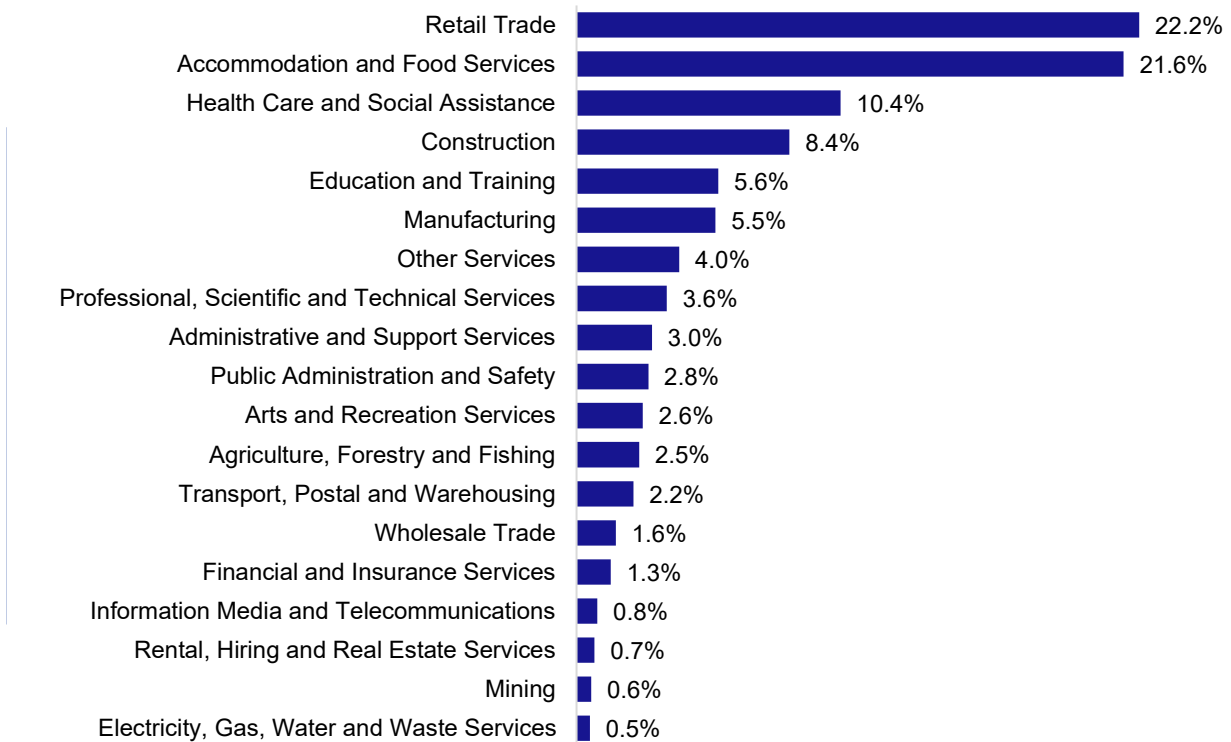
Number employed (Feb-26):	68,900
1 year employment change:	-1.7%
5 year employment change:	-2.4%
10 year employment change:	-3.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

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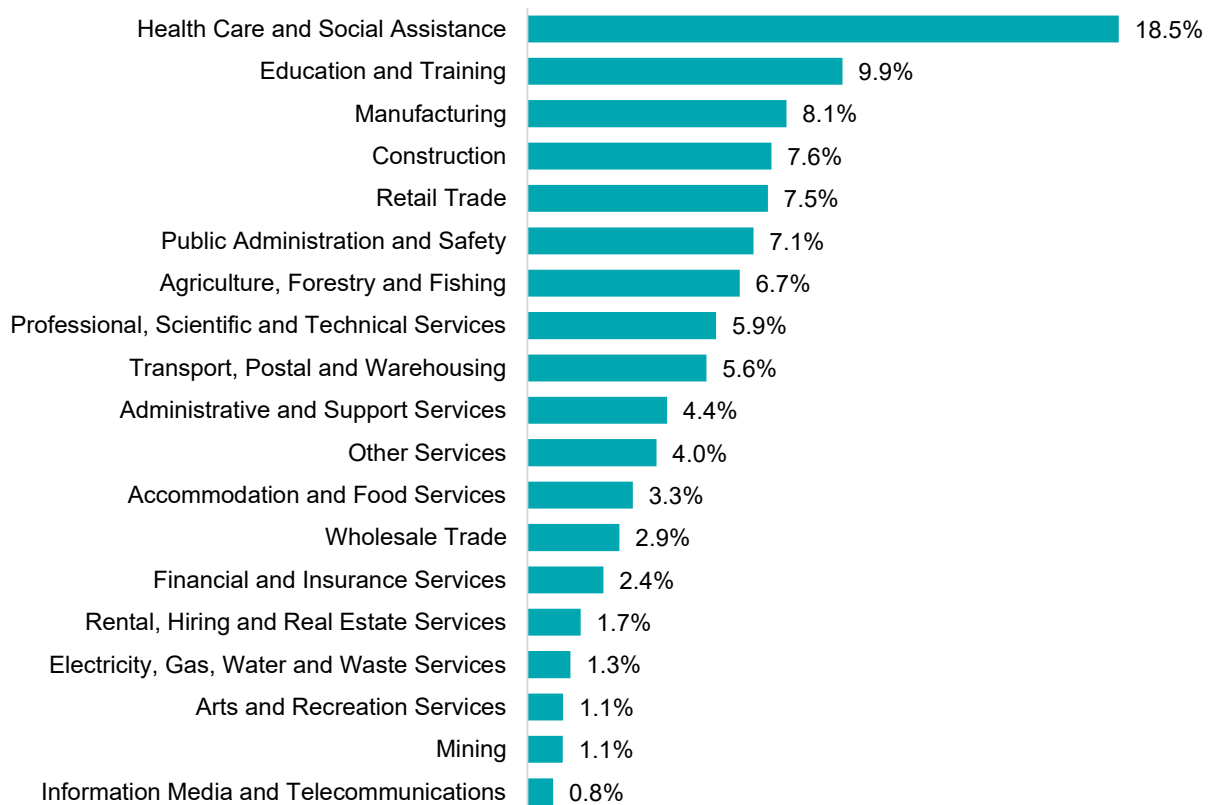
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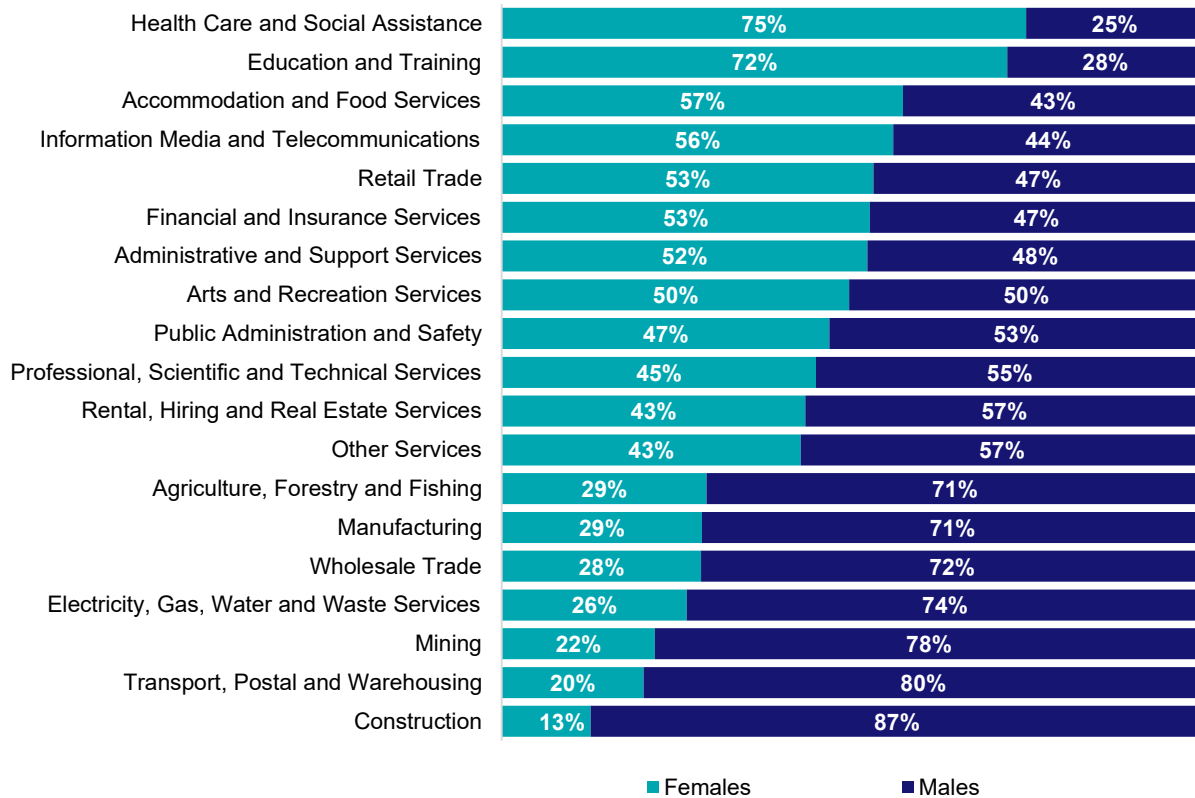
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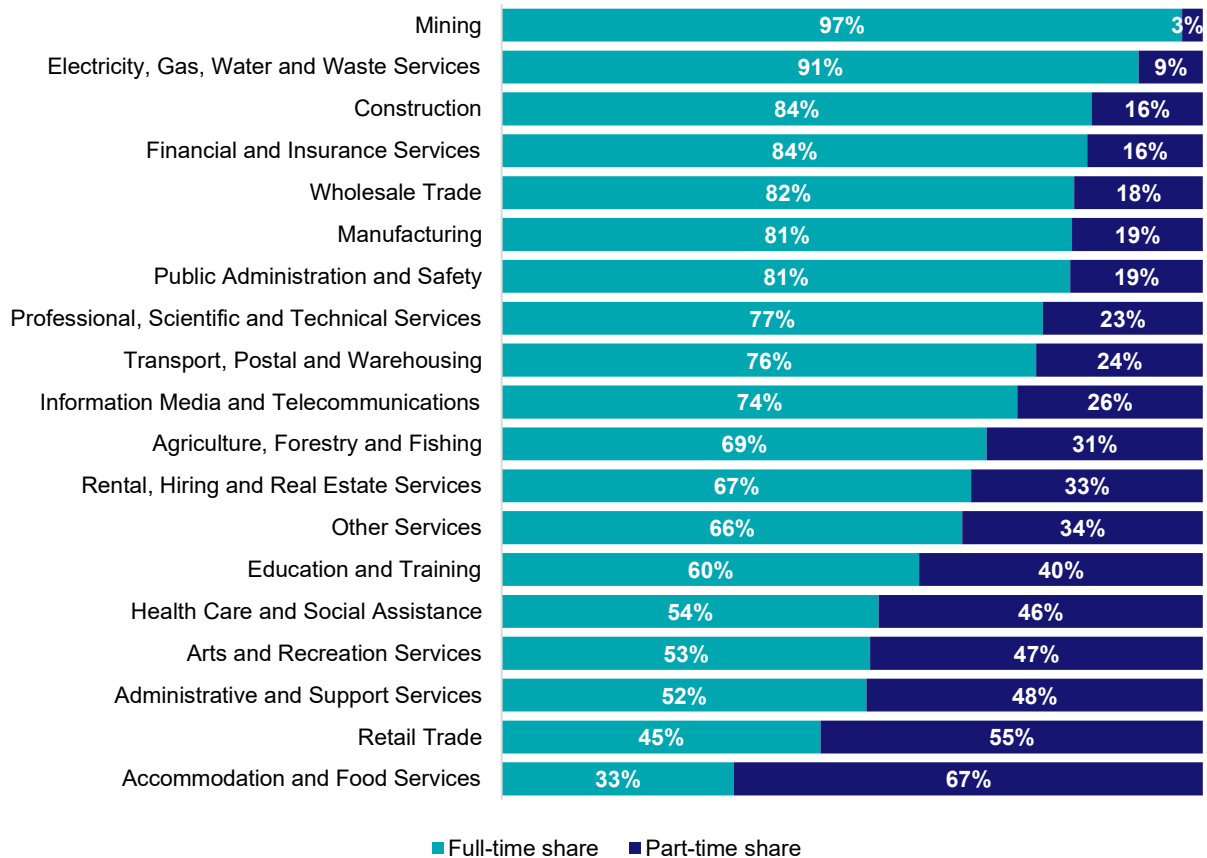
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Employment by industry, South Australia, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Feb-26 (%)	Share of emp't in Greater Adelaide (%)	Share of emp't in Rest of SA (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
				Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	18.3	84.2	15.8	177.9	173.2	130.3	4.7	2.7	47.6	36.5	42
Retail Trade	9.3	78.8	21.2	90.4	92.7	87.6	-2.3	-2.5	2.8	3.2	33
Construction	9.1	82.6	17.4	88.7	82.9	70.0	5.8	7.0	18.7	26.7	39
Education and Training	8.9	83.2	16.8	86.3	78.7	73.5	7.6	9.7	12.8	17.5	43
Manufacturing	7.1	78.4	21.6	68.9	70.1	70.6	-1.2	-1.7	-1.7	-2.4	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7.0	92.3	7.7	68.6	67.9	59.6	0.6	0.9	9.0	15.1	41
Public Administration and Safety	6.6	86.5	13.5	64.1	60.8	56.3	3.3	5.3	7.8	13.8	44
Accommodation and Food Services	6.2	79.9	20.1	60.5	55.4	56.3	5.1	9.2	4.2	7.5	26
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.4	82.9	17.1	42.4	40.0	37.8	2.4	6.0	4.7	12.3	45
Other Services	4.0	80.8	19.2	38.7	38.5	32.6	0.2	0.5	6.1	18.7	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3.7	17.6	82.4	35.8	36.8	32.0	-1.0	-2.7	3.8	12.0	48
Administrative and Support Services	3.4	83.1	16.9	32.7	33.9	34.1	-1.2	-3.5	-1.4	-4.0	43
Financial and Insurance Services	2.7	94.3	5.7	26.2	24.4	21.8	1.7	7.2	4.3	19.8	42
Wholesale Trade	2.3	84.8	15.2	22.5	25.3	24.8	-2.8	-11.0	-2.4	-9.5	45
Mining	1.8	51.0	49.0	17.2	15.5	13.4	1.7	11.2	3.8	28.7	41
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	83.4	16.6	16.5	16.9	12.9	-0.4	-2.3	3.6	28.2	35
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.7	86.0	14.0	16.1	14.2	11.2	1.8	13.0	4.9	43.8	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	84.6	15.4	12.5	12.9	11.4	-0.3	-2.6	1.2	10.3	45
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.9	90.7	9.3	8.4	9.6	12.4	-1.2	-12.0	-4.0	-32.1	39
All Industries	100.0	80.6	19.4	974.4	949.8	848.4	24.6	2.6	126.0	14.9	41

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Employment Region Industry profile

Adelaide North Employment Region

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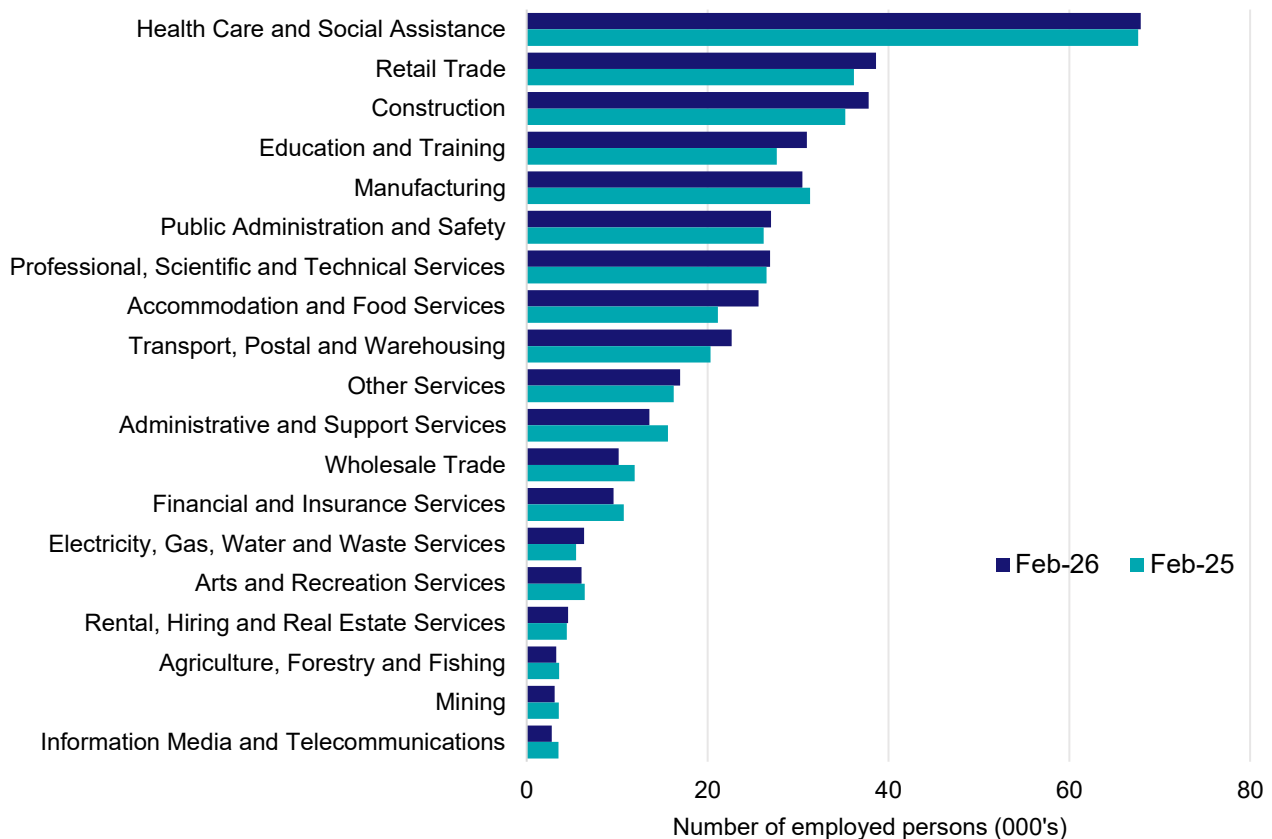
In February 2026, there were around 384,500 people employed in the Adelaide North Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Education and Training, and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 0.5% to stand at 67,900
- Retail Trade rose by 6.8% to stand at 38,600
- Construction rose by 7.4% to stand at 37,800.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Adelaide North Employment Region, 55% of workers were employed full-time; 76% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 40.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



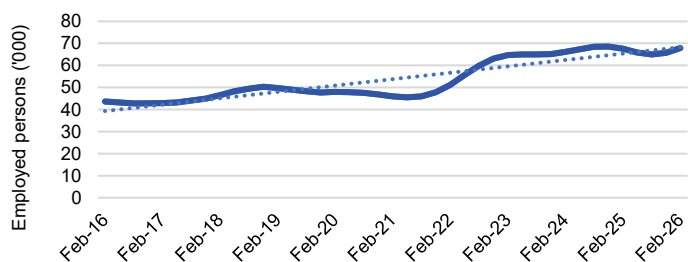
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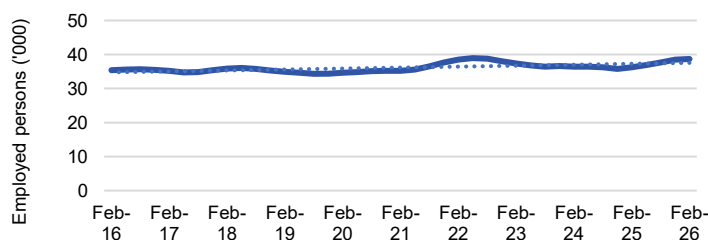
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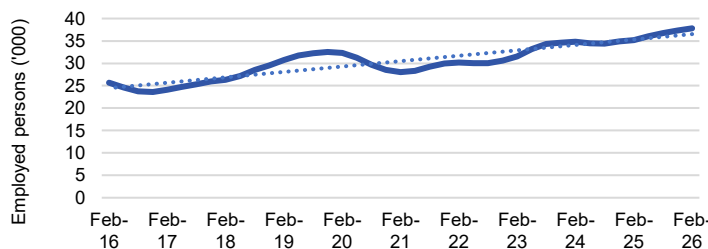
Number employed (Feb-26):	67,900
1 year employment change:	0.5%
5 year employment change:	48.0%
10 year employment change:	55.5%
Youth share of employment:	10.8%
Mature age share of employment:	18.2%

Retail Trade



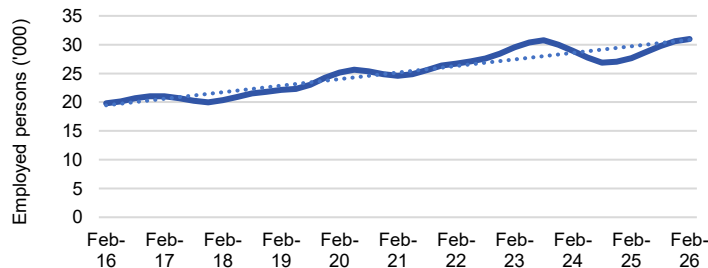
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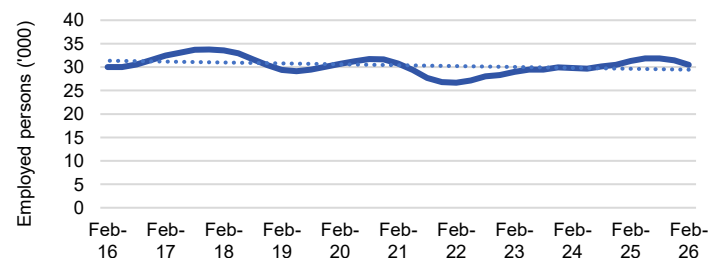
Number employed (Feb-26):	37,800
1 year employment change:	7.4%
5 year employment change:	34.8%
10 year employment change:	47.4%
Youth share of employment:	8.6%
Mature age share of employment:	8.4%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	31,000
1 year employment change:	12.0%
5 year employment change:	25.9%
10 year employment change:	56.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.3%
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Manufacturing



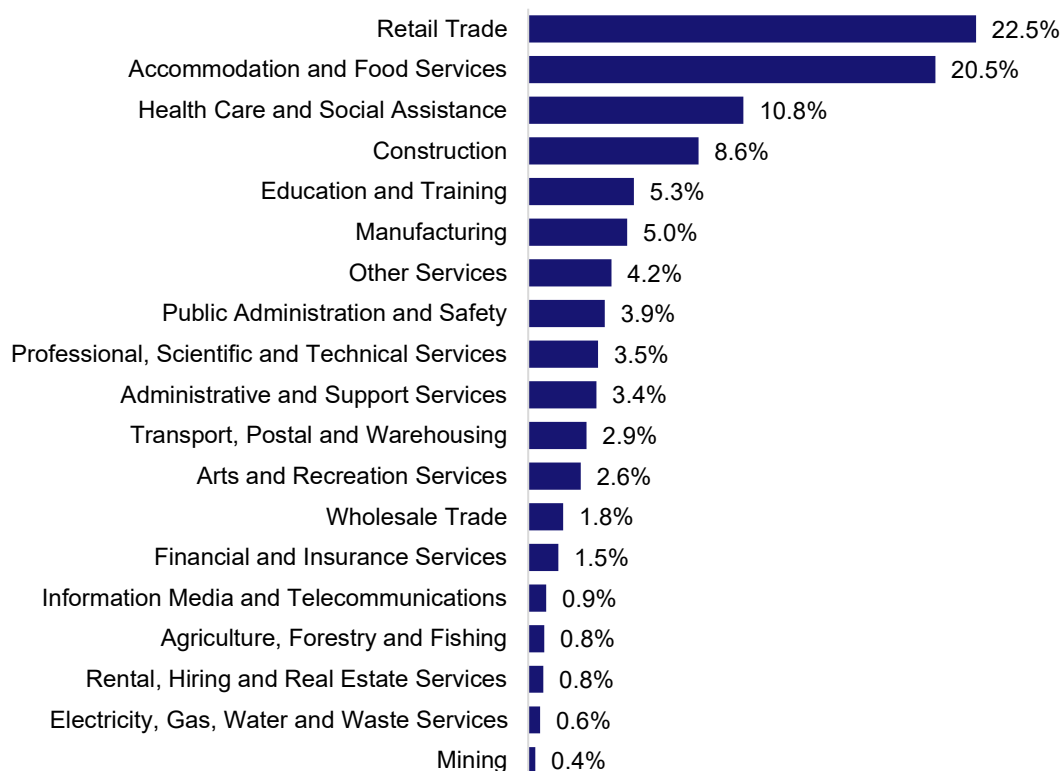
Number employed (Feb-26):	30,500
1 year employment change:	-2.7%
5 year employment change:	-1.0%
10 year employment change:	1.5%
Youth share of employment:	5.0%
Mature age share of employment:	9.8%

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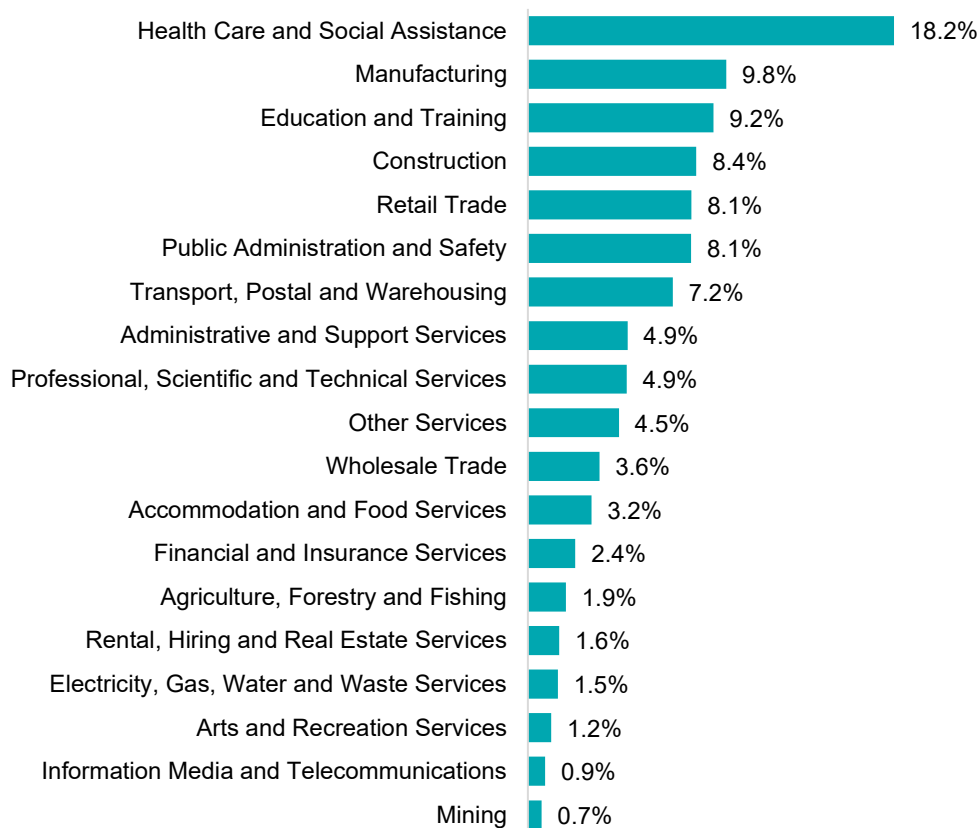
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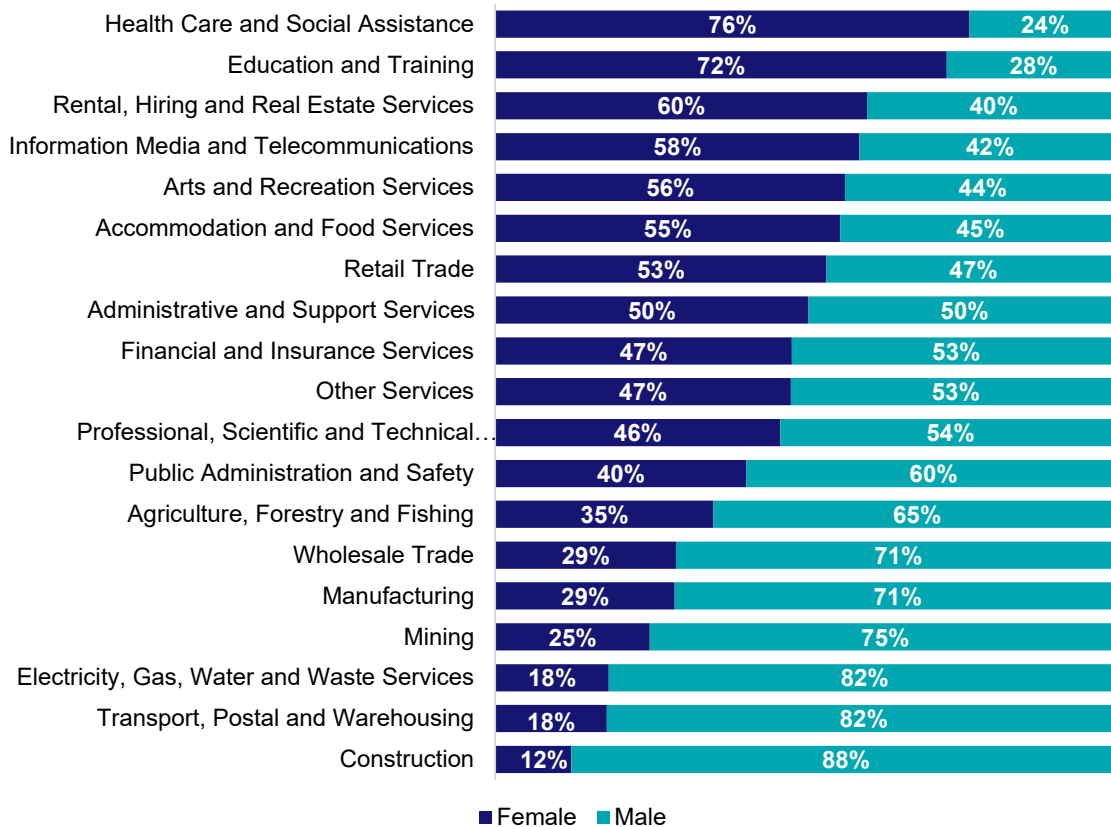
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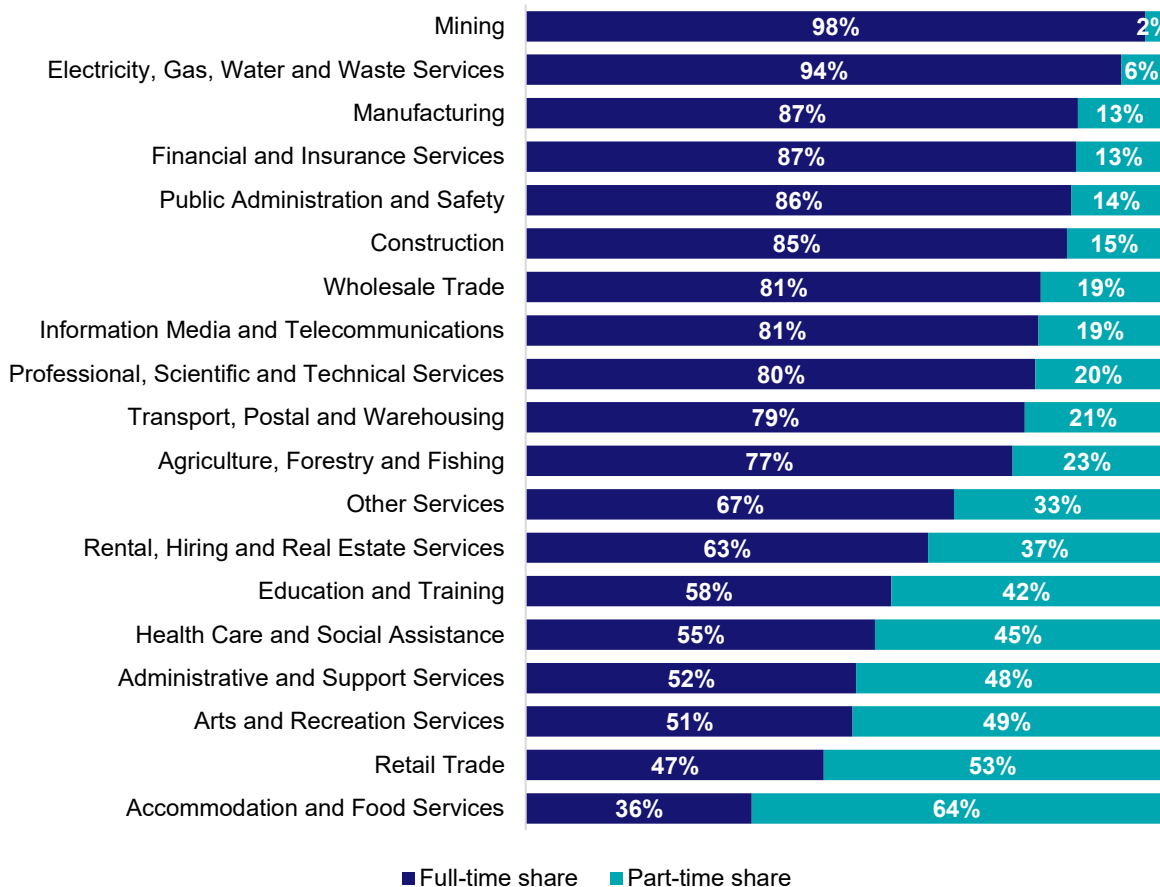
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		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	17.7	67.9	67.6	45.9	55.0	45.0	40
Retail Trade	10.1	38.6	36.2	35.2	46.9	53.1	32
Construction	9.8	37.8	35.2	28.0	85.2	14.8	38
Education and Training	8.1	31.0	27.6	24.6	57.6	42.4	41
Manufacturing	7.9	30.5	31.3	30.8	87.0	13.0	43
Public Administration and Safety	7.0	27.0	26.2	22.7	85.9	14.1	42
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7.0	26.9	26.5	22.1	80.3	19.7	38
Accommodation and Food Services	6.7	25.7	21.1	22.1	35.6	64.4	26
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.9	22.7	20.3	19.5	78.6	21.4	42
Other Services	4.4	17.0	16.2	13.5	67.5	32.5	38
Administrative and Support Services	3.5	13.6	15.6	15.0	52.0	48.0	40
Wholesale Trade	2.6	10.2	12.0	9.7	81.1	18.9	43
Financial and Insurance Services	2.5	9.6	10.7	7.8	86.6	13.4	39
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.6	6.3	5.5	4.7	93.8	6.2	41
Arts and Recreation Services	1.6	6.1	6.4	4.7	51.5	48.5	31
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.2	4.6	4.4	4.6	63.3	36.7	41
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.8	3.3	3.6	3.6	76.7	23.3	44
Mining	0.8	3.1	3.6	2.6	97.6	2.4	37
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7	2.8	3.5	4.2	80.8	19.2	38
All industries	100.0	384.5	373.7	321.3	67.3	32.7	39

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



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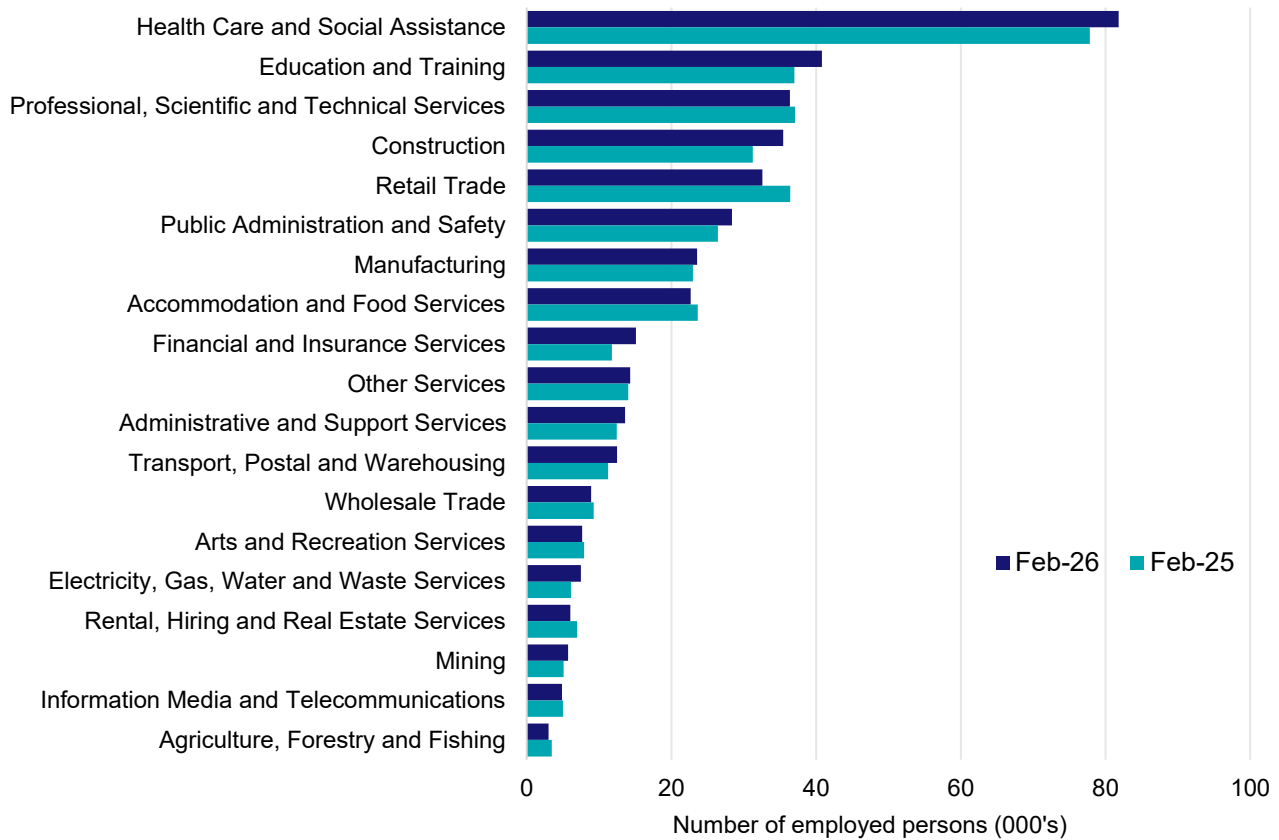
In February 2026, there were around 400,900 people employed in the Adelaide South Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Construction, and Retail Trade. Together 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 5.1% to stand at 81,800
- Education and Training rose by 10.3% to stand at 40,800
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services fell by 1.8% to stand at 36,400.

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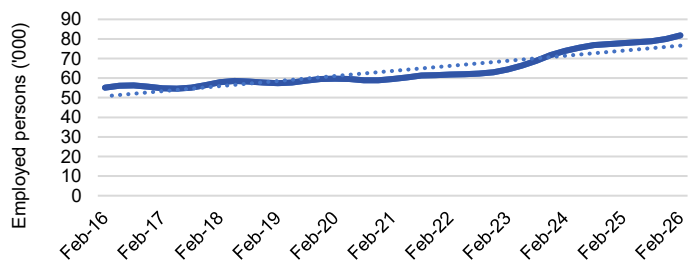
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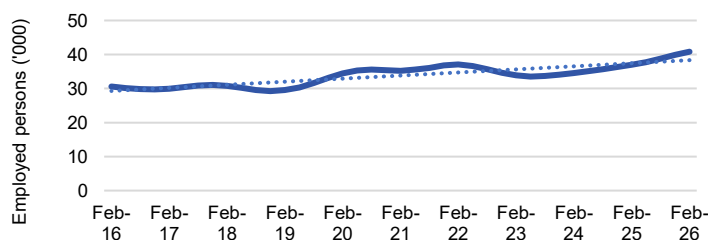
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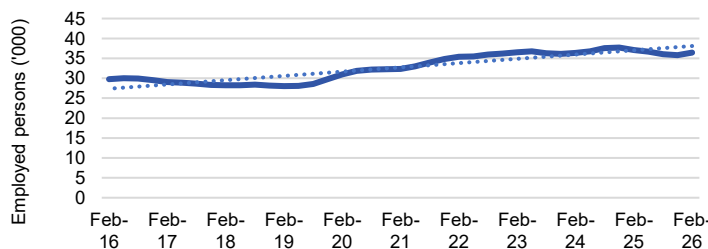
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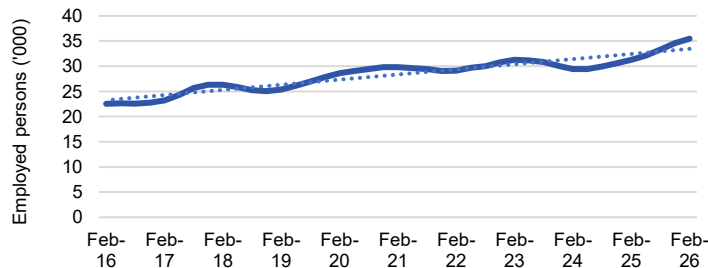
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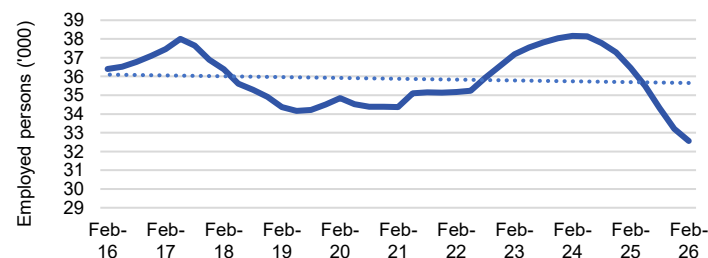
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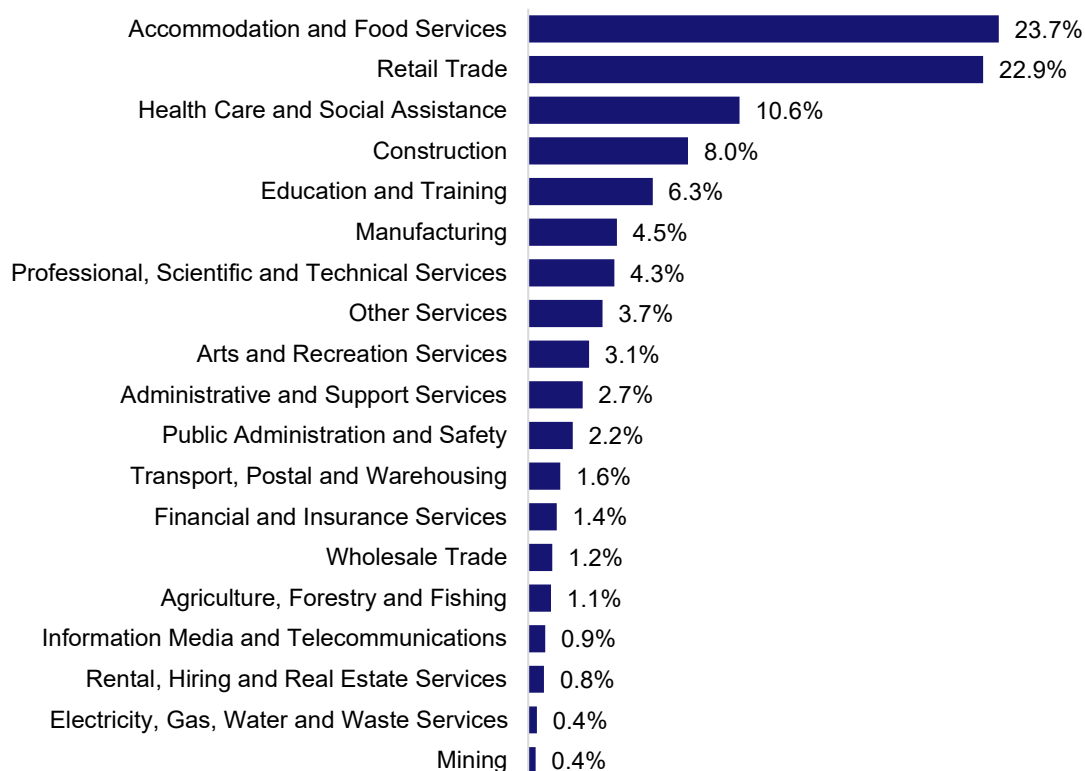
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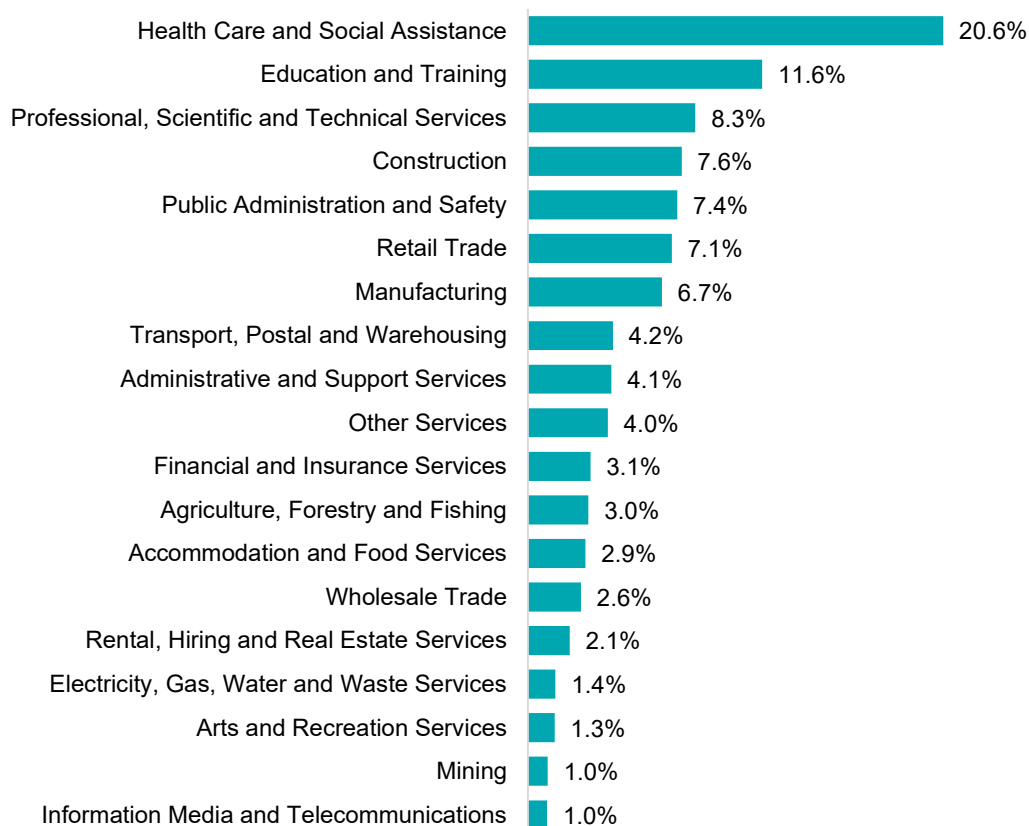
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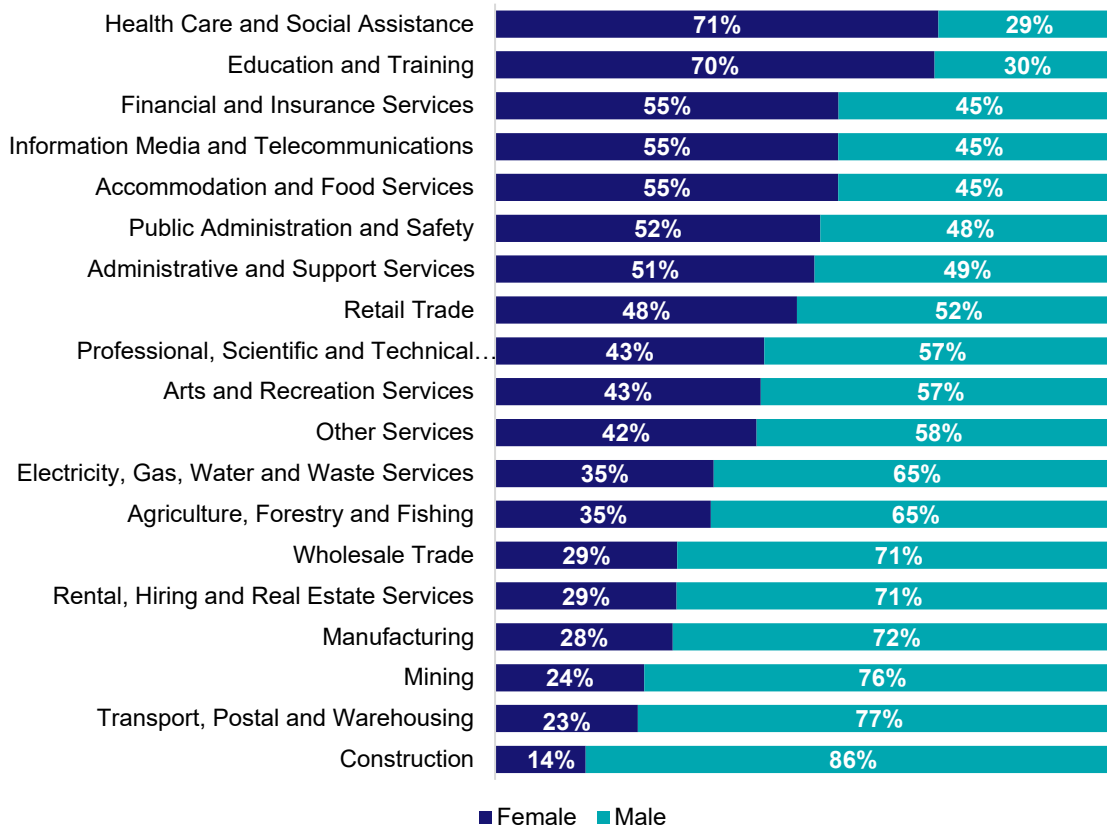
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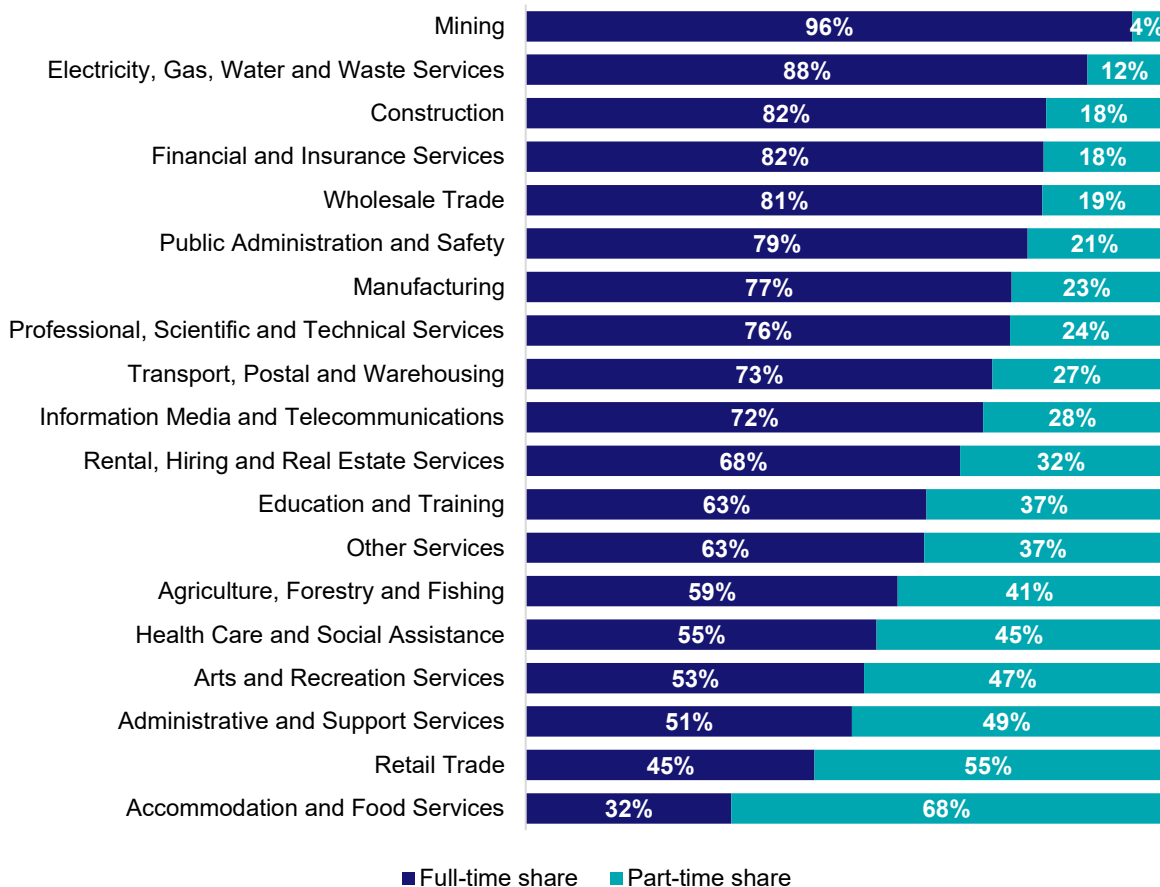
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Construction	8.8	35.5	31.3	29.8	81.9	18.1	40
Retail Trade	8.1	32.6	36.4	34.4	45.5	54.5	32
Public Administration and Safety	7.1	28.4	26.4	22.9	79.0	21.0	45
Manufacturing	5.9	23.5	23.0	22.3	76.5	23.5	45
Accommodation and Food Services	5.7	22.7	23.6	22.1	32.4	67.6	24
Financial and Insurance Services	3.8	15.1	11.8	11.9	81.6	18.4	42
Other Services	3.6	14.3	14.0	12.7	62.8	37.2	41
Administrative and Support Services	3.4	13.6	12.5	12.2	51.4	48.6	43
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.1	12.5	11.3	10.8	73.5	26.5	46
Wholesale Trade	2.2	8.9	9.3	9.9	81.4	18.6	46
Arts and Recreation Services	1.9	7.7	7.9	6.3	53.3	46.7	33
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.9	7.5	6.1	4.5	88.5	11.5	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.5	6.0	7.0	5.9	68.4	31.6	46
Mining	1.4	5.7	5.1	4.8	95.5	4.5	41
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.2	4.9	5.0	6.9	72.0	28.0	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.8	3.0	3.4	3.2	58.6	41.4	50
All industries	100.0	400.9	386.1	347.6	65.0	35.0	41

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Employment Region Industry profile

Mid North SA Employment Region

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Overview

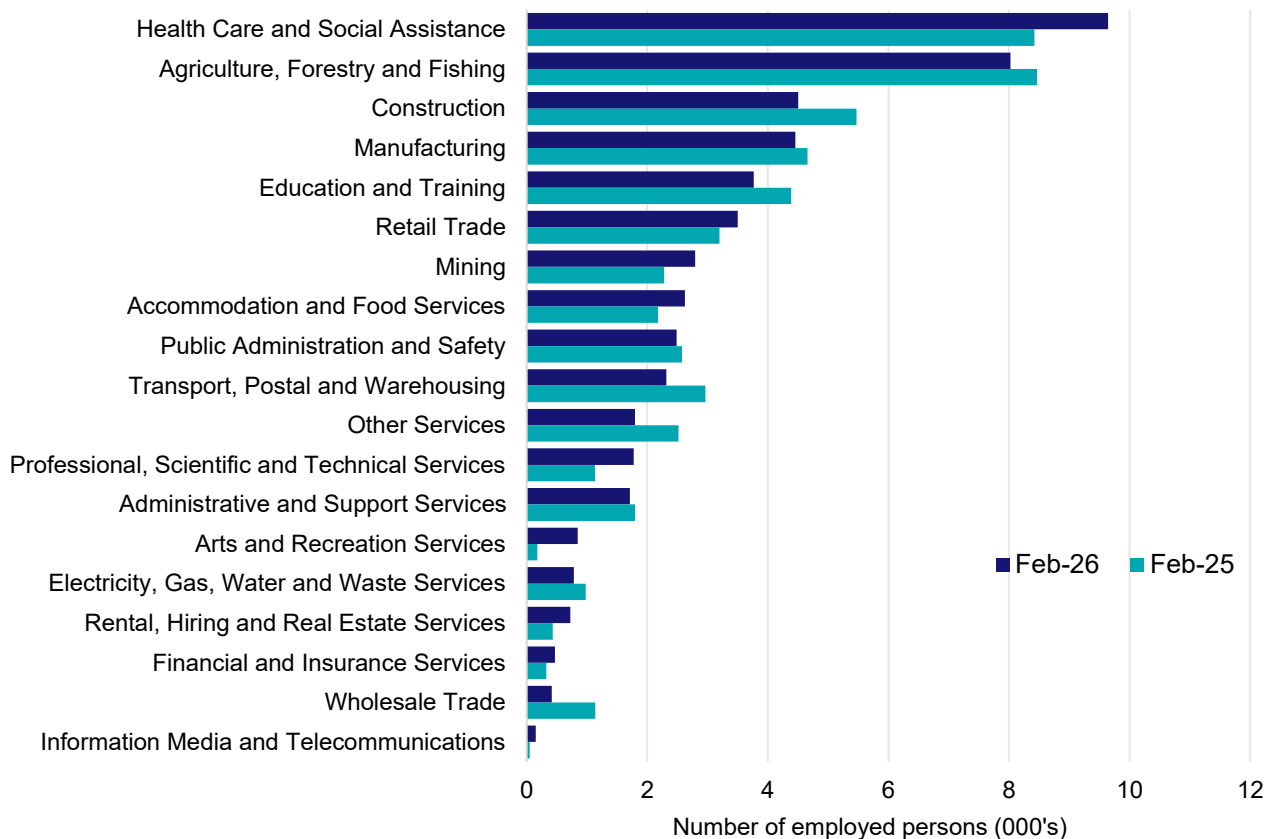
In February 2026, there were around 52,800 people employed in the Mid North SA Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Construction, Manufacturing, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 58% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 14.5% to stand at 9,600
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing fell by 5.2% to stand at 8,000
- Construction fell by 17.6% to stand at 4,500.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Mid North SA Employment Region, 53% of workers were employed part-time; 82% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 48.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



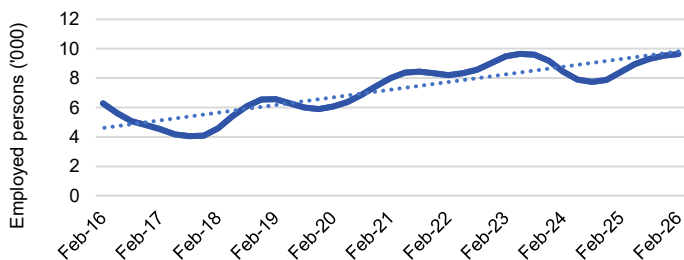
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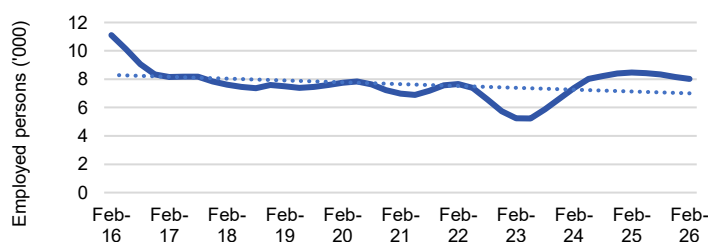
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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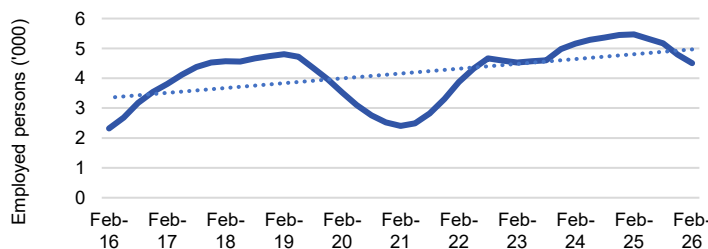
Number employed (Feb-26):	9,600
1 year employment change:	14.5%
5 year employment change:	20.4%
10 year employment change:	53.6%
Youth share of employment:	9.0%
Mature age share of employment:	15.1%

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



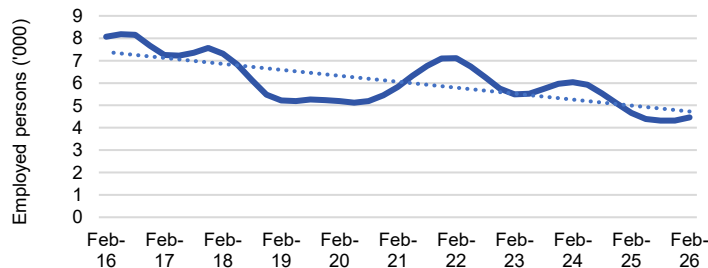
Number employed (Feb-26):	8,000
1 year employment change:	-5.2%
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Mature age share of employment:	20.0%

Construction



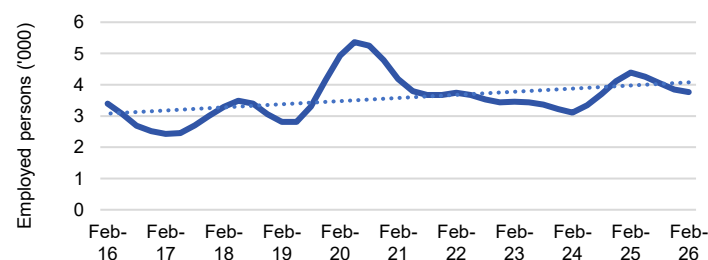
Number employed (Feb-26):	4,500
1 year employment change:	-17.6%
5 year employment change:	87.5%
10 year employment change:	94.2%
Youth share of employment:	9.4%
Mature age share of employment:	6.2%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Feb-26):	4,500
1 year employment change:	-4.3%
5 year employment change:	-23.4%
10 year employment change:	-44.7%
Youth share of employment:	11.6%
Mature age share of employment:	9.8%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	3,800
1 year employment change:	-14.1%
5 year employment change:	-9.9%
10 year employment change:	11.0%
Youth share of employment:	4.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.0%

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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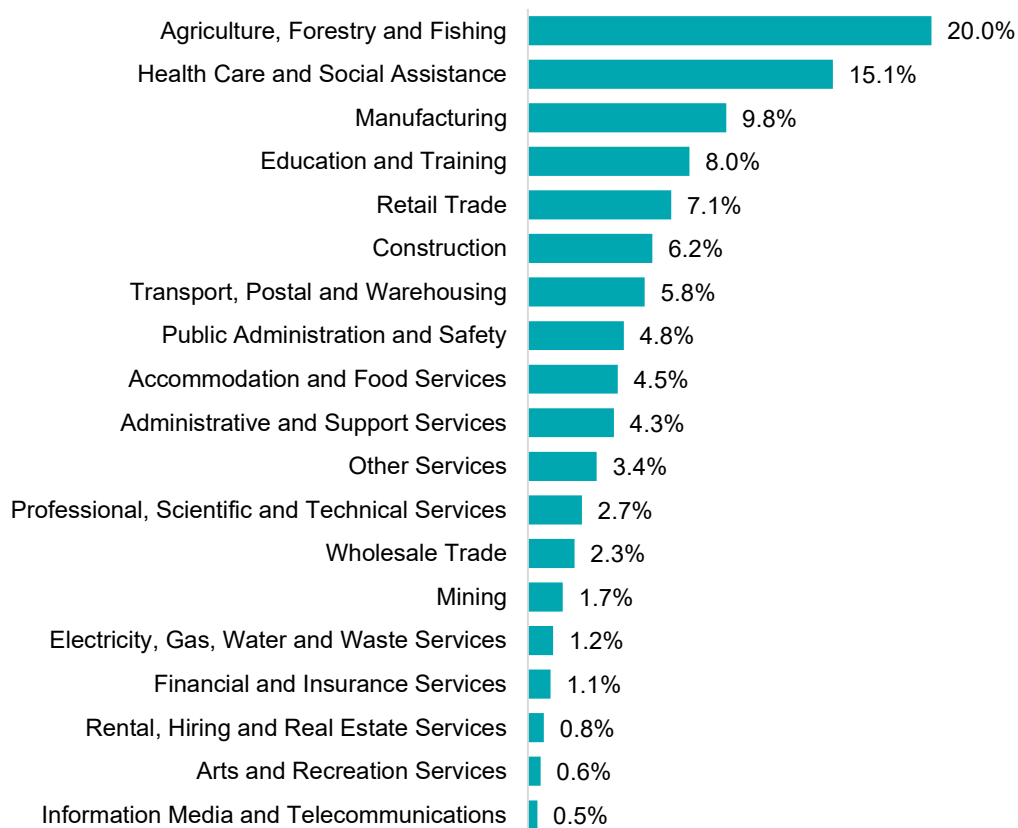
Employment characteristics by Industry

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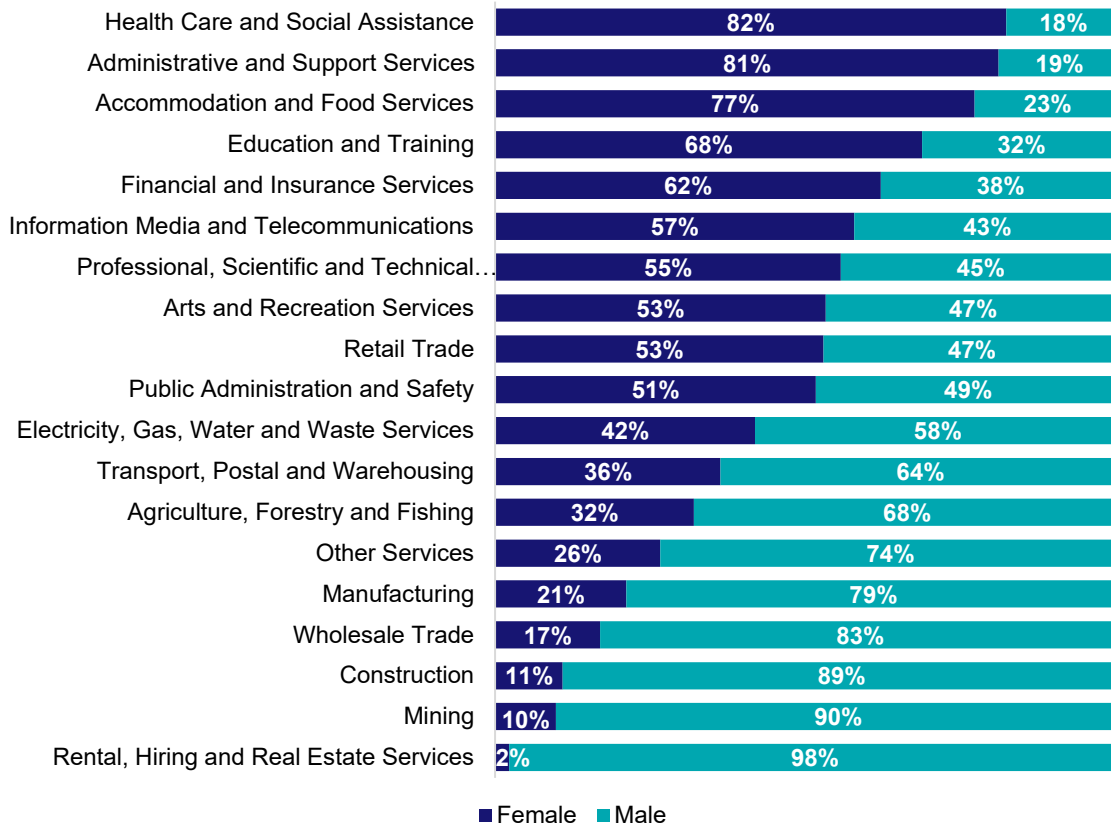
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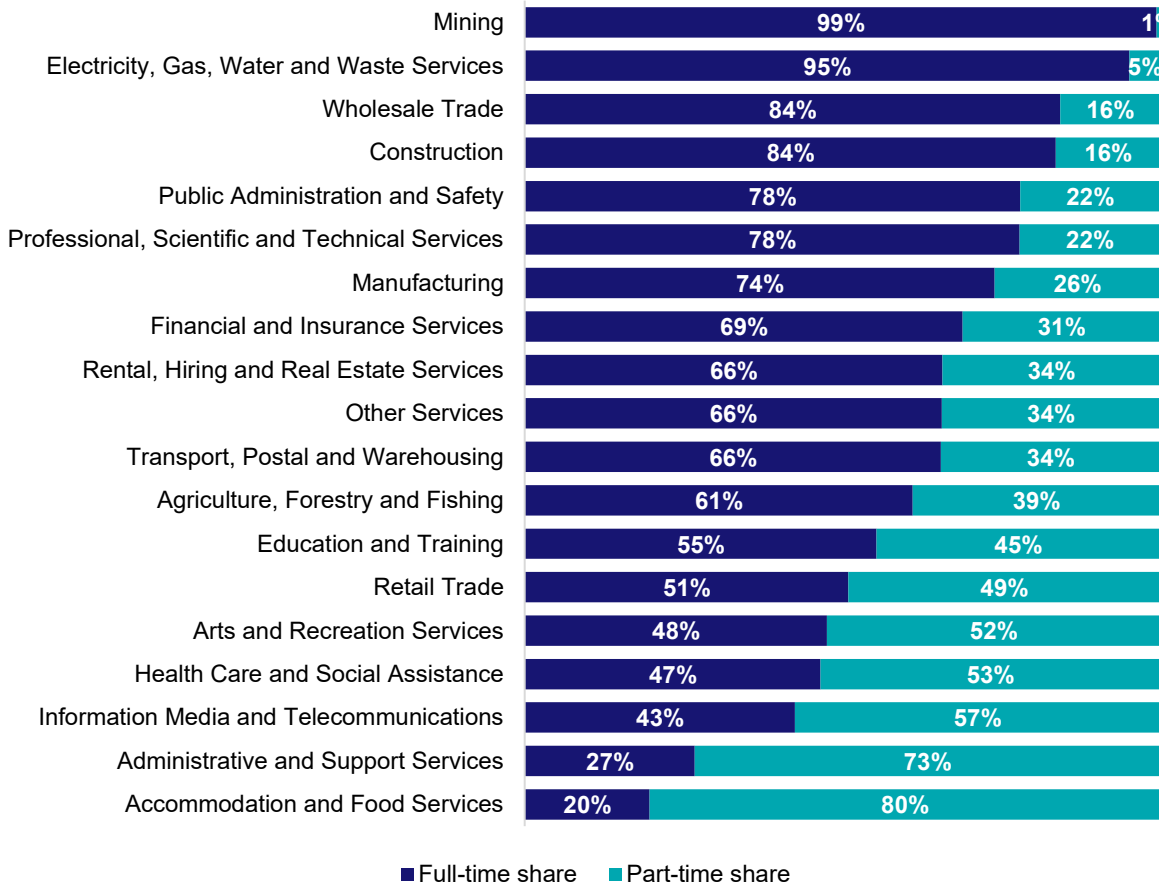
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Gender share by industry



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Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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

Appendix

Employment by industry, Mid North SA, 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	18.3	9.6	8.4	8.0	46.6	53.4	48
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	15.2	8.0	8.5	7.0	61.1	38.9	52
Construction	8.5	4.5	5.5	2.4	83.6	16.4	40
Manufacturing	8.4	4.5	4.7	5.8	74.0	26.0	44
Education and Training	7.1	3.8	4.4	4.2	55.4	44.6	46
Retail Trade	6.6	3.5	3.2	5.3	51.0	49.0	37
Mining	5.3	2.8	2.3	1.1	99.5	0.5	43
Accommodation and Food Services	5.0	2.6	2.2	3.1	19.7	80.3	32
Public Administration and Safety	4.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	78.0	22.0	49
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.4	2.3	3.0	2.2	65.5	34.5	51
Other Services	3.4	1.8	2.5	2.3	65.7	34.3	43
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3.4	1.8	1.1	1.2	78.0	22.0	44
Administrative and Support Services	3.2	1.7	1.8	2.3	26.8	73.2	48
Arts and Recreation Services	1.6	0.8	0.2	0.4	47.6	52.4	28
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.0	95.2	4.8	42
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	65.8	34.2	51
Financial and Insurance Services	0.9	0.5	0.3	1.1	69.0	31.0	43
Wholesale Trade	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.9	84.3	15.7	49
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	42.5	57.5	38
All industries	100.0	52.8	53.2	52.4	61.5	38.5	45

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

Murray and South East Employment Region

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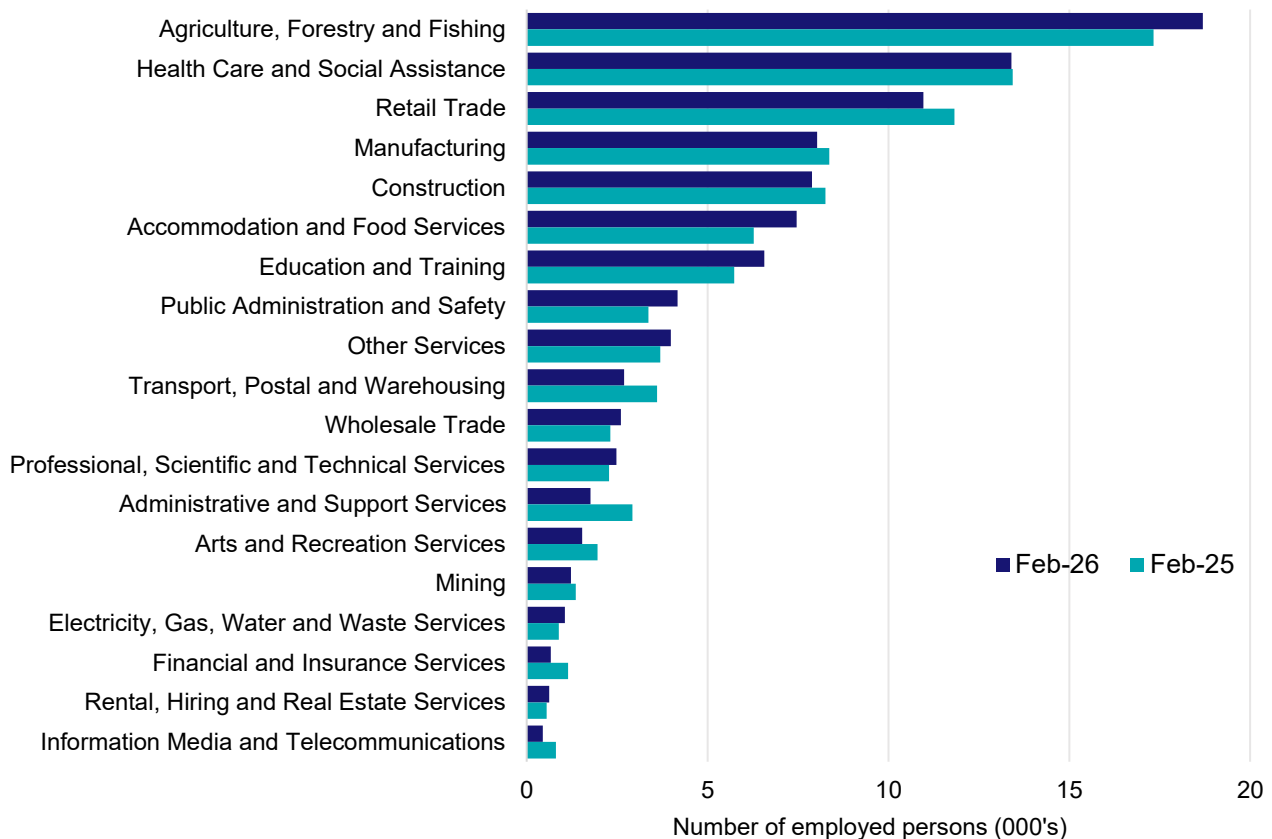
In February 2026, there were around 96,300 people employed in the Murray and South East Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 61% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 7.8% to stand at 18,700
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 0.3% to stand at 13,400
- Retail Trade fell by 7.3% to stand at 11,000.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Murray and South East Employment Region, 73% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 48.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



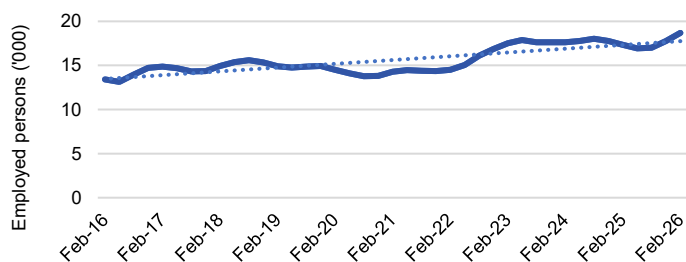
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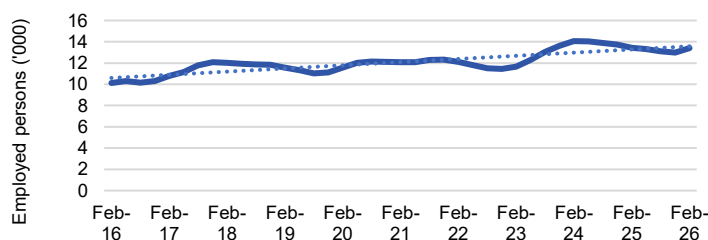
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Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



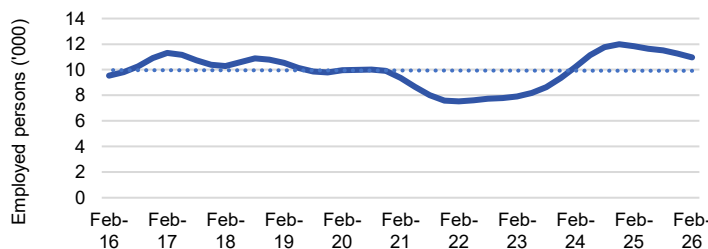
Number employed (Feb-26):	18,700
1 year employment change:	7.8%
5 year employment change:	30.9%
10 year employment change:	39.5%
Youth share of employment:	12.6%
Mature age share of employment:	25.3%

Health Care and Social Assistance



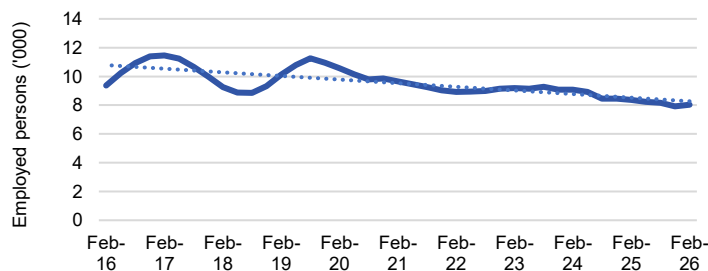
Number employed (Feb-26):	13,400
1 year employment change:	-0.3%
5 year employment change:	10.9%
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Youth share of employment:	8.6%
Mature age share of employment:	14.2%

Retail Trade



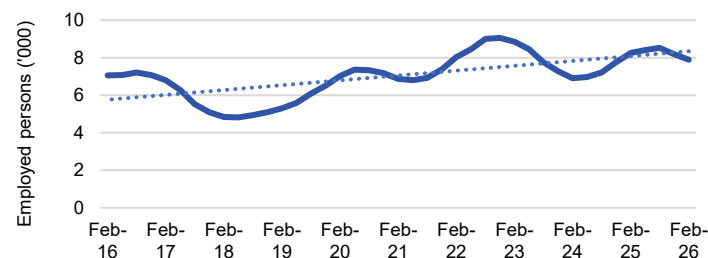
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,000
1 year employment change:	-7.3%
5 year employment change:	17.3%
10 year employment change:	14.9%
Youth share of employment:	19.8%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Feb-26):	8,000
1 year employment change:	-4.0%
5 year employment change:	-16.8%
10 year employment change:	-14.4%
Youth share of employment:	9.6%
Mature age share of employment:	8.9%

Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	7,900
1 year employment change:	-4.5%
5 year employment change:	14.9%
10 year employment change:	11.7%
Youth share of employment:	9.1%
Mature age share of employment:	6.6%

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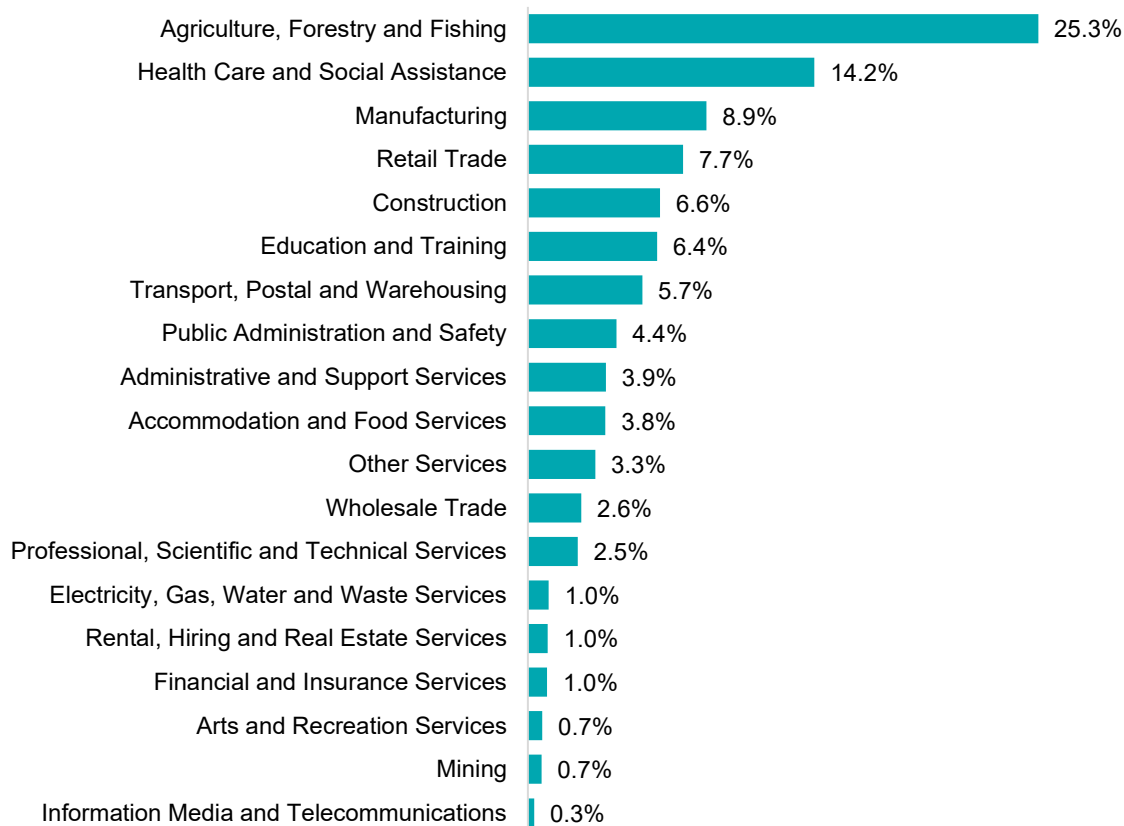
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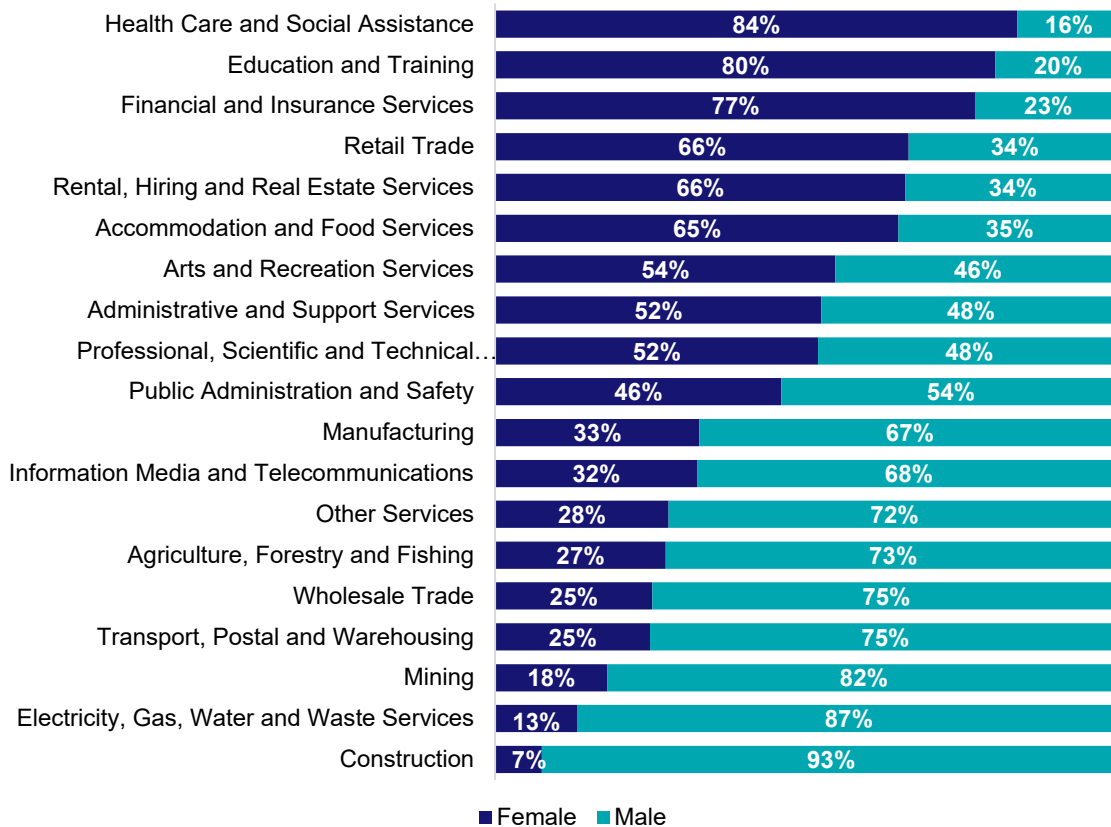
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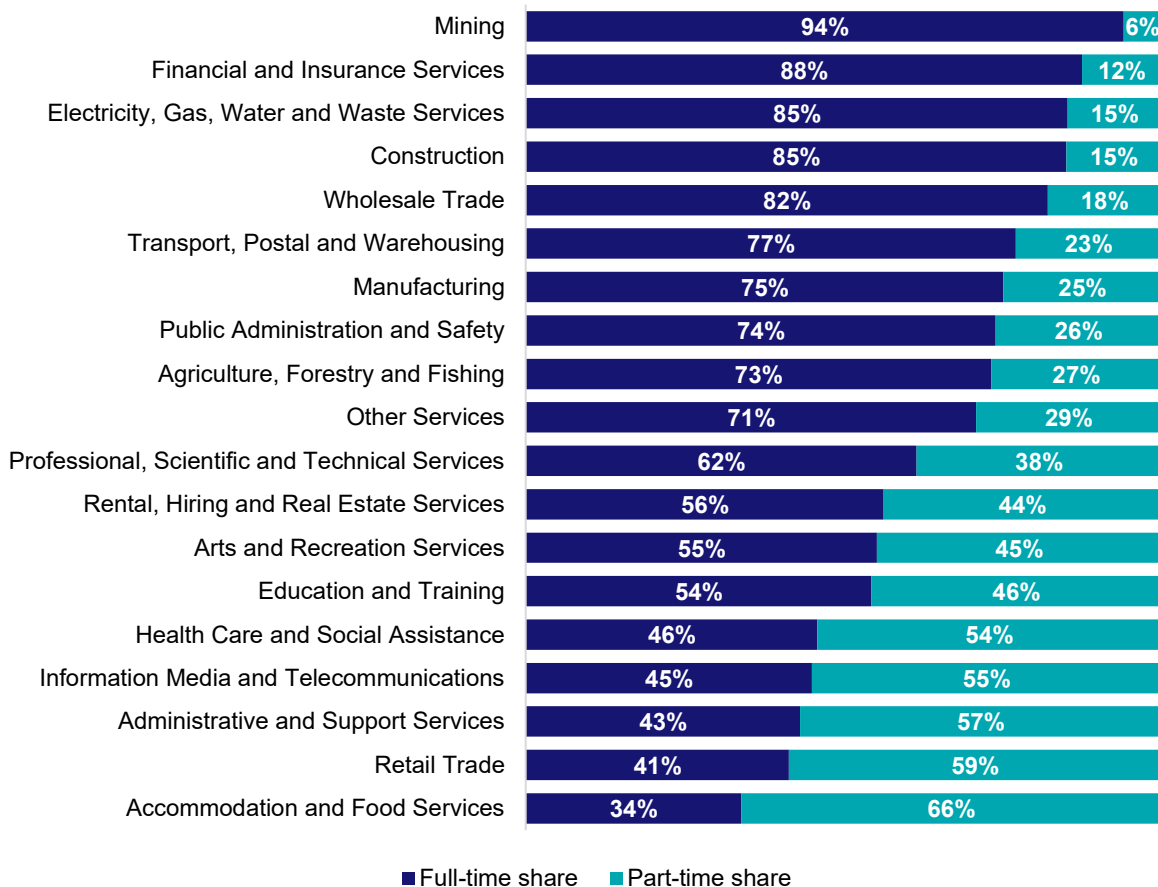
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Gender share by industry



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Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Murray and 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			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	19.4	18.7	17.3	14.3	73.3	26.7	48
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.9	13.4	13.4	12.1	45.9	54.1	46
Retail Trade	11.4	11.0	11.8	9.4	41.5	58.5	36
Manufacturing	8.3	8.0	8.4	9.7	75.2	24.8	43
Construction	8.2	7.9	8.3	6.9	85.2	14.8	40
Accommodation and Food Services	7.8	7.5	6.3	5.9	33.9	66.1	27
Education and Training	6.8	6.6	5.7	6.1	54.4	45.6	44
Public Administration and Safety	4.3	4.2	3.4	4.3	74.0	26.0	47
Other Services	4.1	4.0	3.7	2.5	71.0	29.0	39
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2.8	2.7	3.6	3.6	77.2	22.8	52
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.2	82.2	17.8	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.1	61.6	38.4	42
Administrative and Support Services	1.8	1.8	2.9	3.0	43.2	56.8	47
Arts and Recreation Services	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.3	55.3	44.7	34
Mining	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.4	94.1	5.9	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.6	85.4	14.6	49
Financial and Insurance Services	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.7	87.6	12.4	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	56.4	43.6	46
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	45.1	54.9	32
All industries	100.0	96.3	96.1	87.2	62.1	37.9	44

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Employment Region Industry profile

North West Country SA Employment Region

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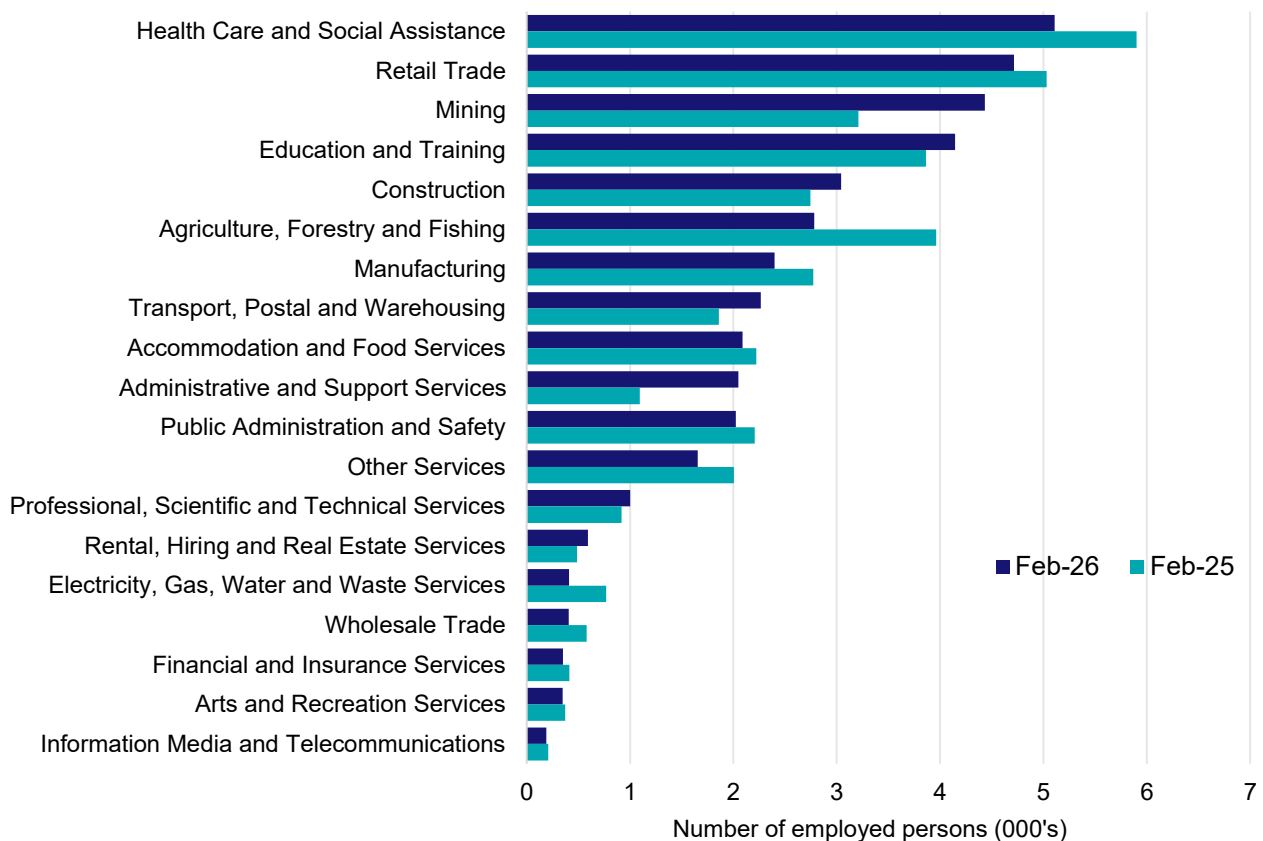
In February 2026, there were around 40,000 people employed in the North West Country SA Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Mining, Education and Training, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 13.4% to stand at 5,100
- Retail Trade fell by 6.3% to stand at 4,700
- Mining rose by 38.1% to stand at 4,400.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the North West Country SA Employment Region, 53% of workers were employed part-time; 86% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 43.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



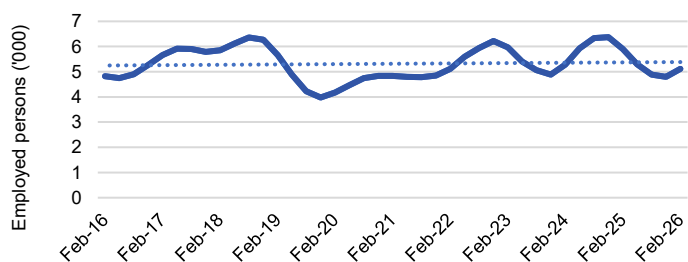
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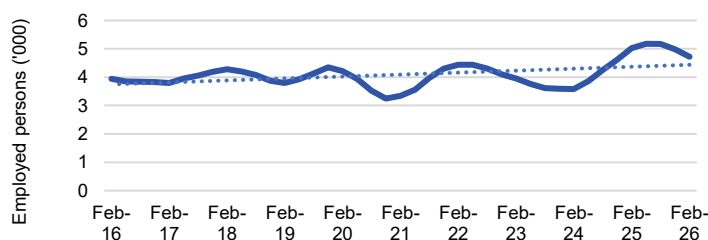
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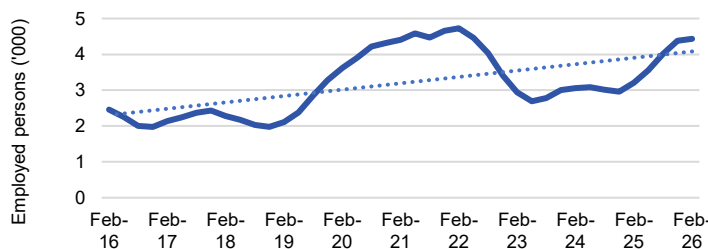
Number employed (Feb-26):	5,100
1 year employment change:	-13.4%
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Youth share of employment:	11.1%
Mature age share of employment:	18.1%

Retail Trade



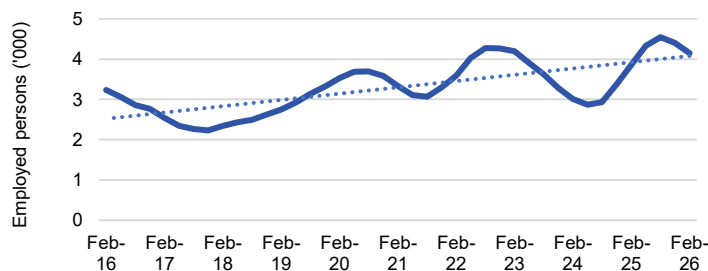
Number employed (Feb-26):	4,700
1 year employment change:	-6.3%
5 year employment change:	41.2%
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Youth share of employment:	22.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.7%

Mining



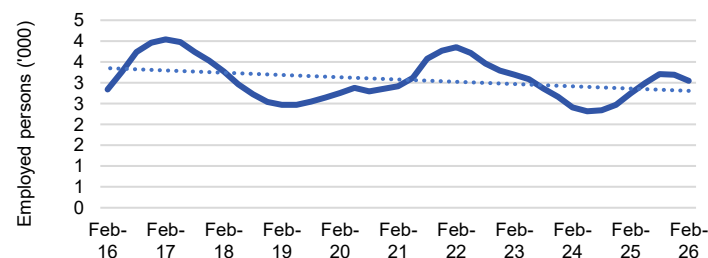
Number employed (Feb-26):	4,400
1 year employment change:	38.1%
5 year employment change:	0.6%
10 year employment change:	80.4%
Youth share of employment:	2.2%
Mature age share of employment:	4.0%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	4,100
1 year employment change:	7.3%
5 year employment change:	24.1%
10 year employment change:	28.2%
Youth share of employment:	4.5%
Mature age share of employment:	9.2%

Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	3,000
1 year employment change:	10.9%
5 year employment change:	4.4%
10 year employment change:	7.2%
Youth share of employment:	8.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.9%

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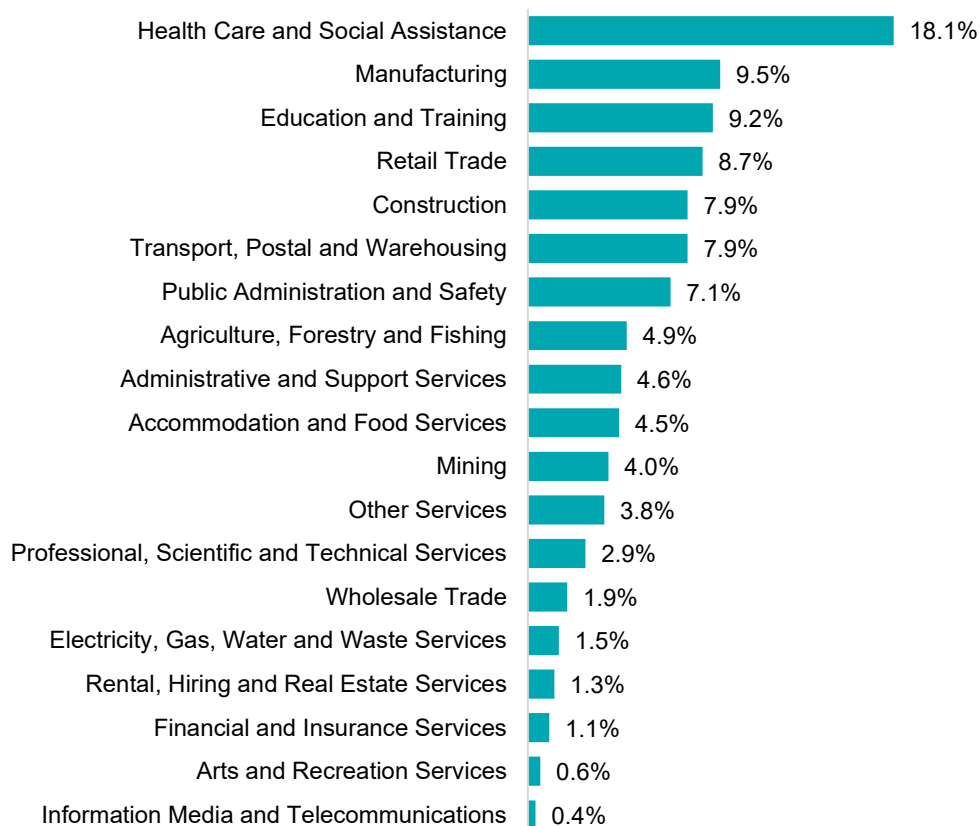
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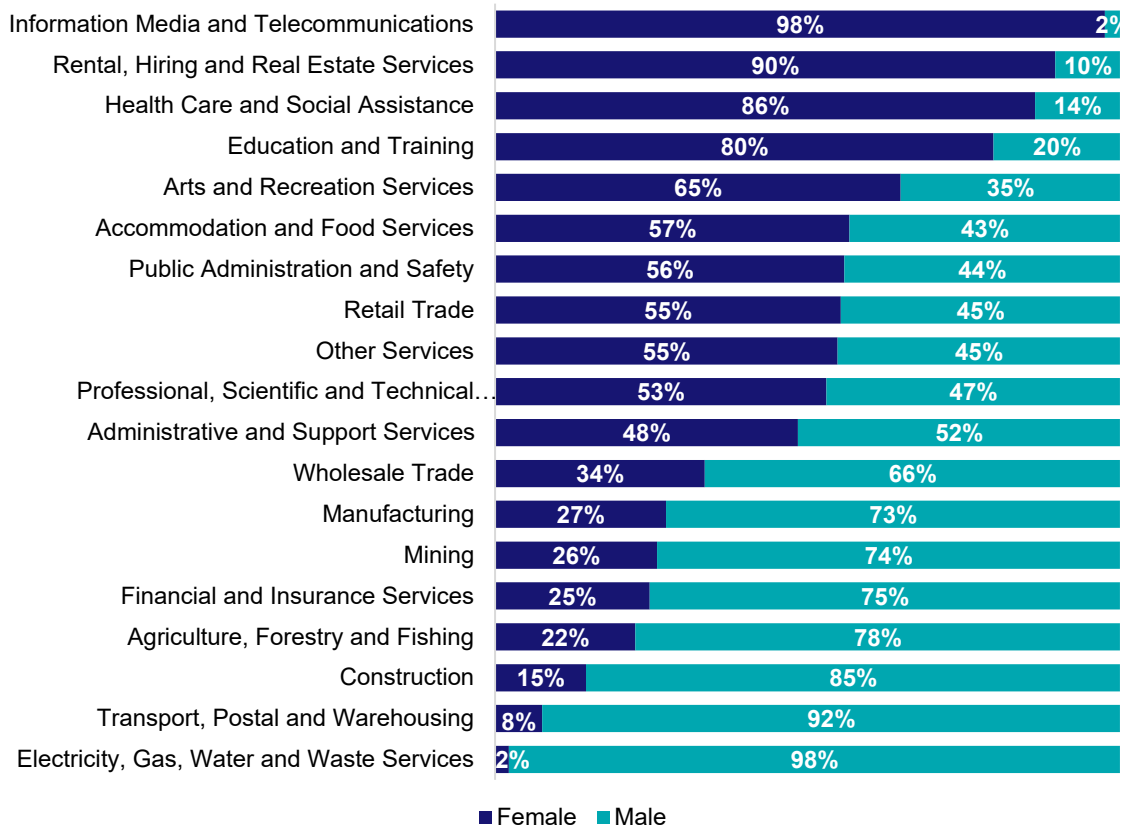
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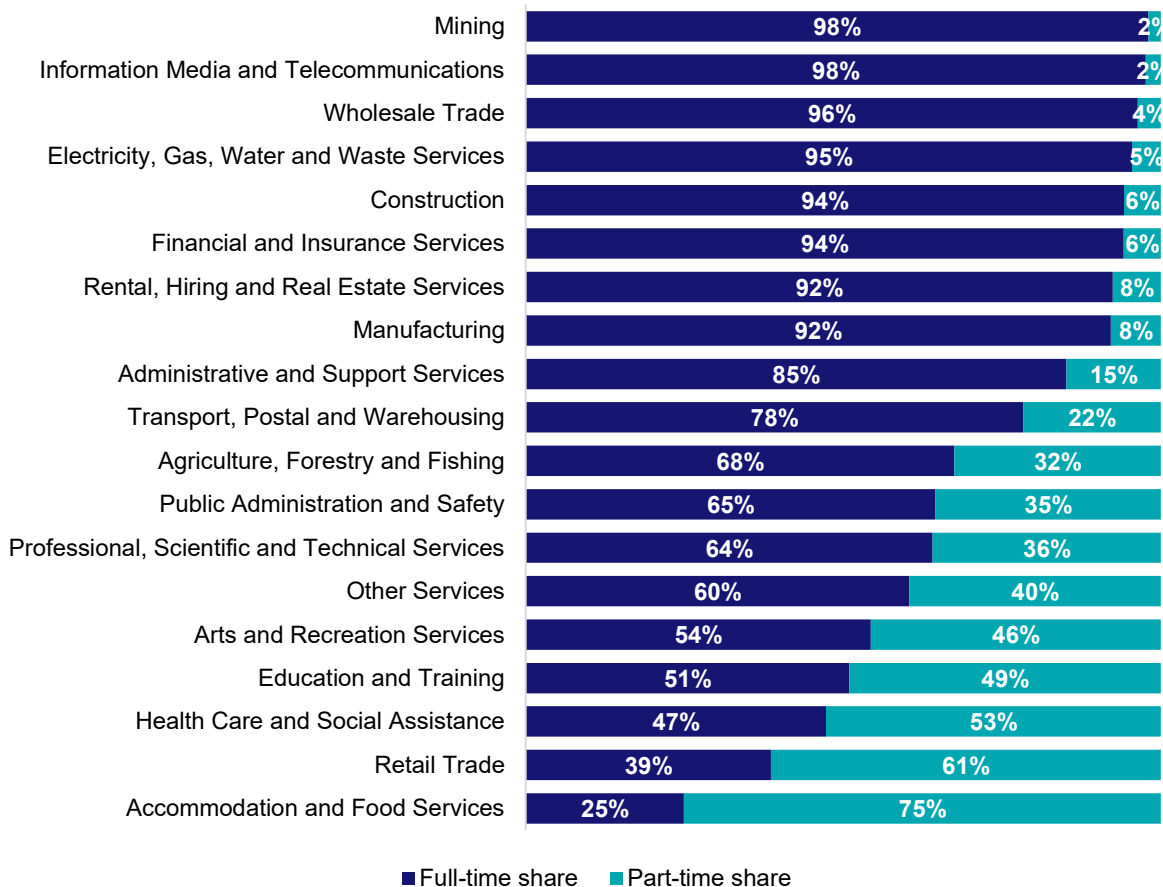
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Health Care and Social Assistance	12.8	5.1	5.9	4.8	47.3	52.7	43
Retail Trade	11.8	4.7	5.0	3.3	38.6	61.4	35
Mining	11.1	4.4	3.2	4.4	98.0	2.0	41
Education and Training	10.4	4.1	3.9	3.3	51.0	49.0	43
Construction	7.6	3.0	2.7	2.9	94.2	5.8	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	7.0	2.8	4.0	3.9	67.5	32.5	41
Manufacturing	6.0	2.4	2.8	2.0	92.1	7.9	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	78.3	21.7	49
Accommodation and Food Services	5.2	2.1	2.2	3.1	24.9	75.1	28
Administrative and Support Services	5.1	2.0	1.1	1.6	85.1	14.9	43
Public Administration and Safety	5.1	2.0	2.2	3.9	64.5	35.5	45
Other Services	4.1	1.7	2.0	1.6	60.4	39.6	38
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.8	64.1	35.9	41
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	92.4	7.6	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.3	95.5	4.5	44
Wholesale Trade	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.2	96.4	3.6	44
Financial and Insurance Services	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	94.2	5.8	36
Arts and Recreation Services	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.1	54.3	45.7	46
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	97.6	2.4	43
All industries	100.0	40.0	40.6	39.9	66.7	33.3	41

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