



Industry profile

Victoria

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Overview

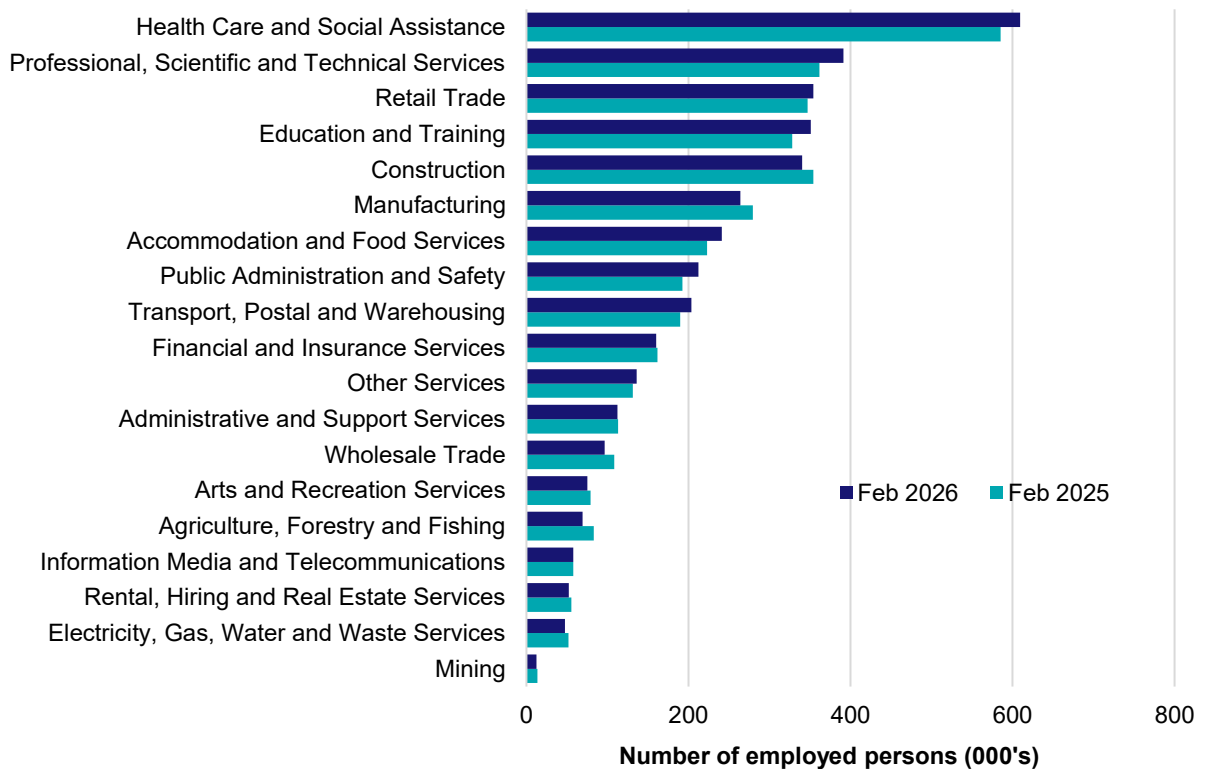
In February 2026, there were around 3,787,000 people employed in Victoria. The 5 largest employing industries in Victoria were Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Retail Trade, Education and Training and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of all employment.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 4.1% to stand at 609,300
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 8.2% to stand at 391,100
- Retail Trade rose by 2.1% to stand at 354,100.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in Victoria, 53% of workers were employed full-time; 76% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 41. Around 76% of employed persons in this industry were located in Greater Melbourne.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025

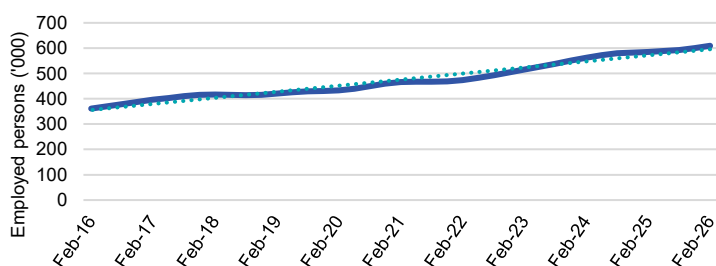


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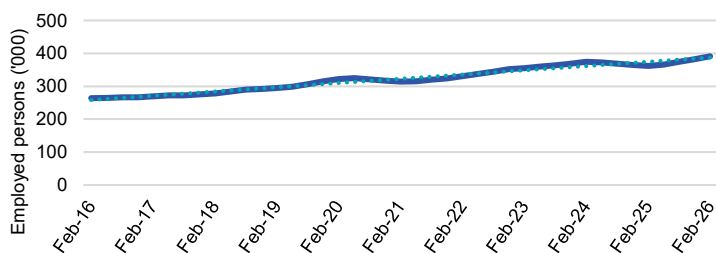
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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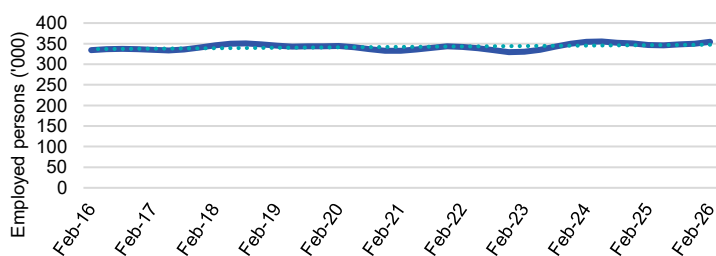
Number employed (Feb-26):	609,300
1 year employment change:	4.1%
5 year employment change:	30.7%
10 year employment change:	68.6%
Youth share of employment:	9.4%
Mature age share of employment:	16.9%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



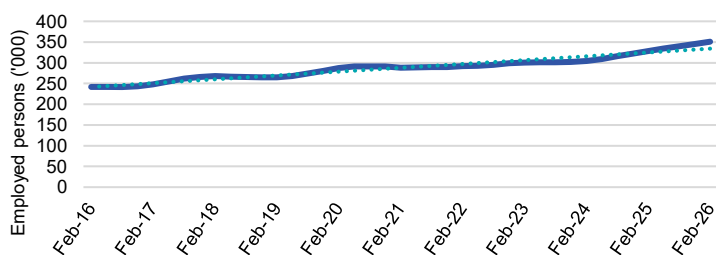
Number employed (Feb-26):	391,100
1 year employment change:	8.2%
5 year employment change:	24.3%
10 year employment change:	48.1%
Youth share of employment:	4.4%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

Retail Trade



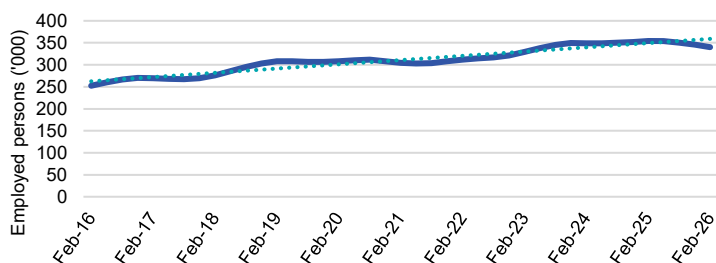
Number employed (Feb-26):	354,100
1 year employment change:	2.1%
5 year employment change:	6.4%
10 year employment change:	6.0%
Youth share of employment:	21.6%
Mature age share of employment:	7.8%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	350,900
1 year employment change:	6.9%
5 year employment change:	21.8%
10 year employment change:	44.9%
Youth share of employment:	5.8%
Mature age share of employment:	10.2%

Construction



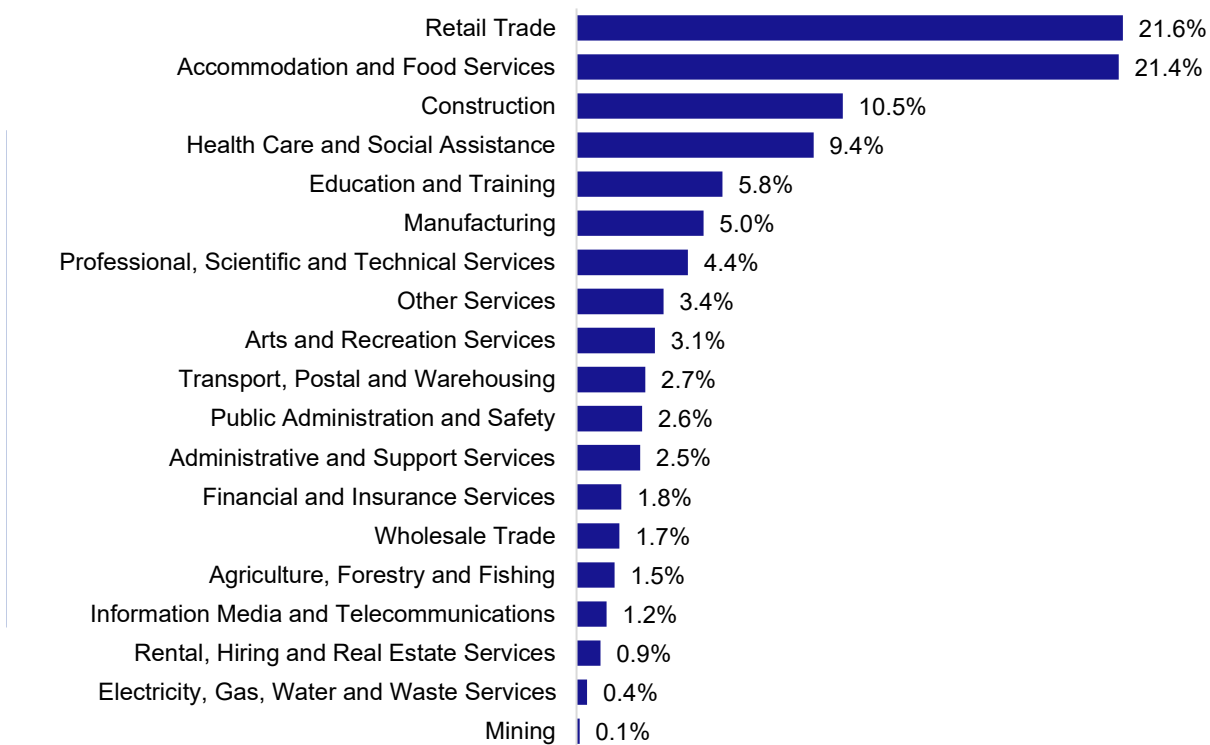
Number employed (Feb-26):	340,400
1 year employment change:	-3.9%
5 year employment change:	11.7%
10 year employment change:	34.9%
Youth share of employment:	10.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

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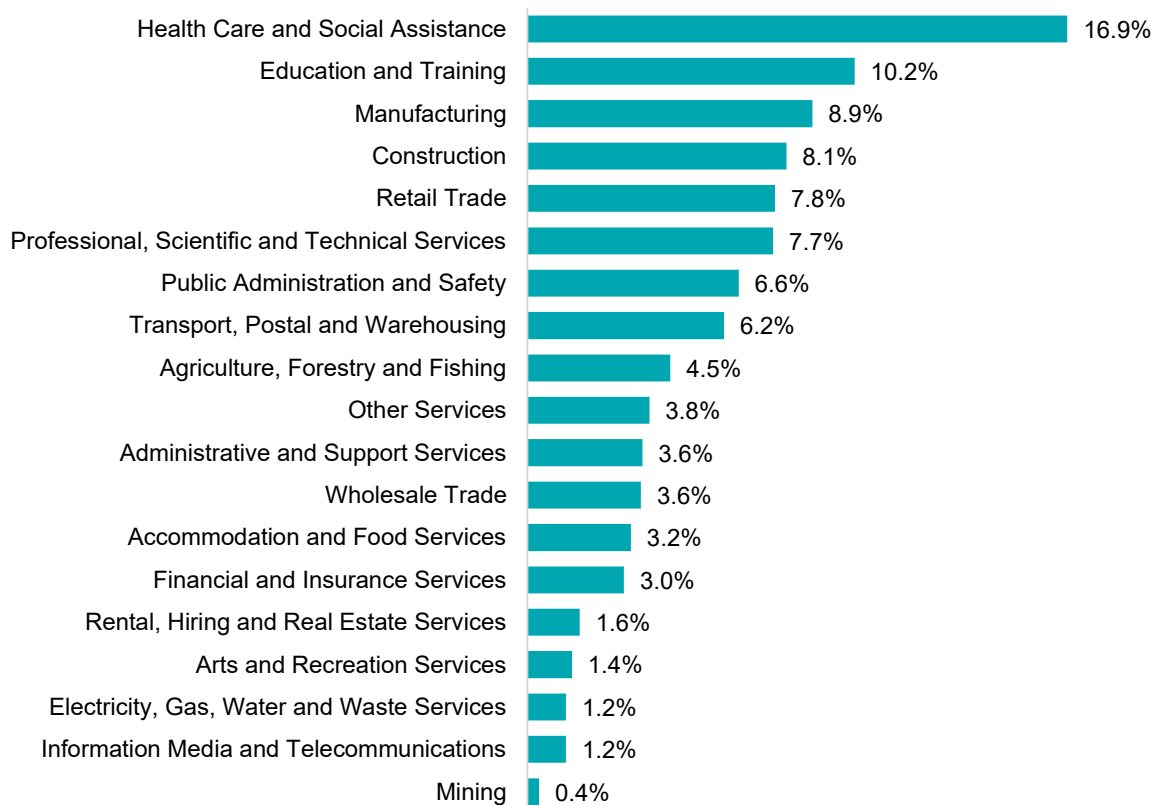
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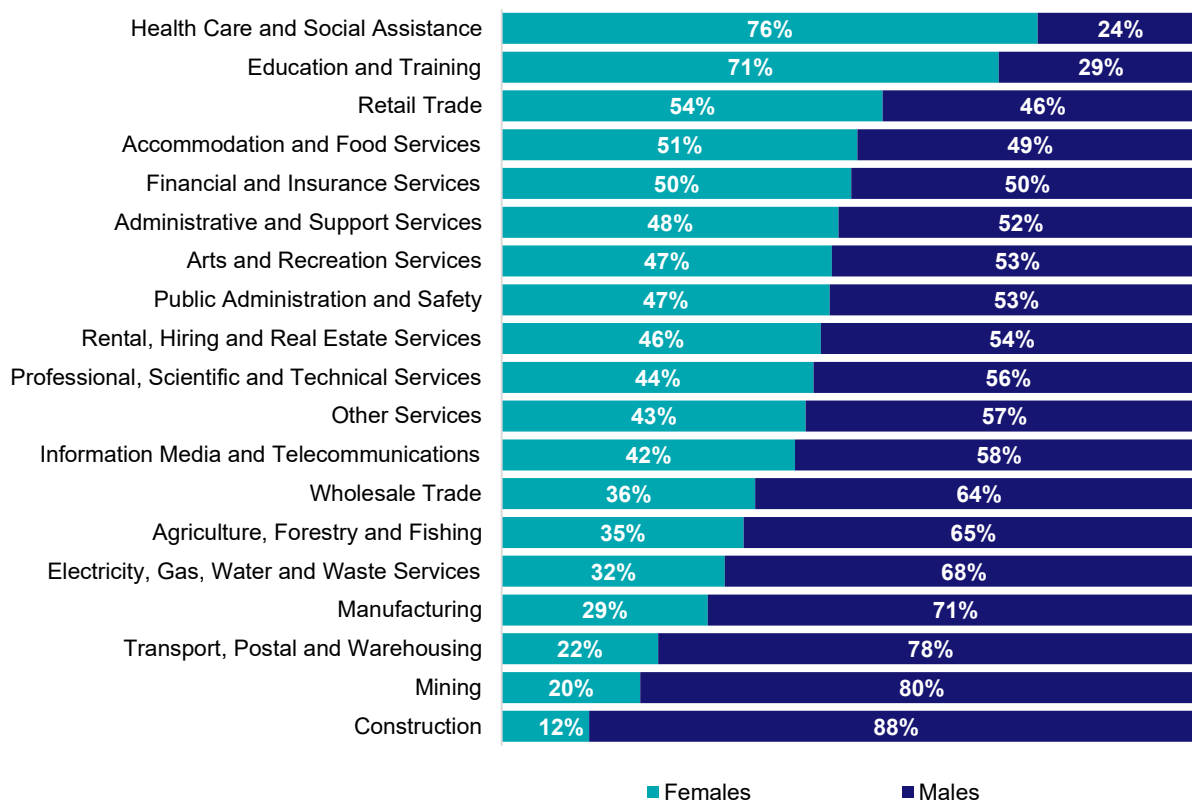
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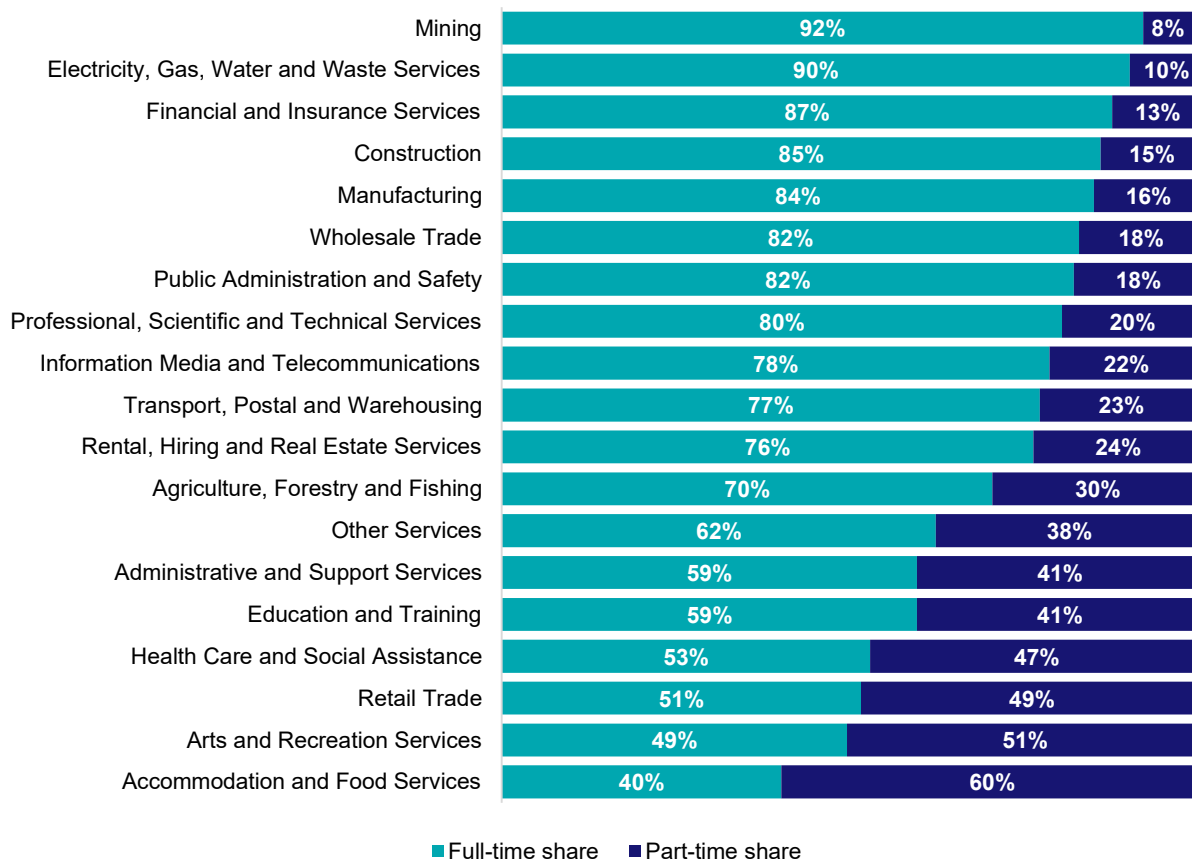
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Gender share by industry



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Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Victoria, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Feb-26 (%)	Share of emp't in Greater Melbourne (%)	Share of emp't in Rest of VIC (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
				Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.1	75.5	24.5	609.3	585.1	466.4	24.2	4.1	143.0	30.7	41
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	10.3	89.5	10.5	391.1	361.6	314.5	29.5	8.2	76.6	24.3	39
Retail Trade	9.4	77.8	22.2	354.1	346.8	332.9	7.3	2.1	21.2	6.4	34
Education and Training	9.3	78.0	22.0	350.9	328.2	288.2	22.6	6.9	62.7	21.8	42
Construction	9.0	77.3	22.7	340.4	354.1	304.7	-13.7	-3.9	35.8	11.7	37
Manufacturing	7.0	77.2	22.8	264.2	279.6	280.0	-15.4	-5.5	-15.8	-5.6	44
Accommodation and Food Services	6.4	79.4	20.6	241.3	222.9	179.0	18.4	8.3	62.3	34.8	26
Public Administration and Safety	5.6	76.2	23.8	212.3	192.7	178.1	19.6	10.2	34.2	19.2	43
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.4	84.6	15.4	203.8	189.8	176.3	14.0	7.4	27.5	15.6	43
Financial and Insurance Services	4.2	91.0	9.0	160.3	161.7	136.6	-1.5	-0.9	23.7	17.4	40
Other Services	3.6	76.2	23.8	136.2	131.3	110.7	4.9	3.7	25.5	23.1	40
Administrative and Support Services	3.0	80.2	19.8	112.4	113.0	109.0	-0.6	-0.5	3.4	3.1	41
Wholesale Trade	2.5	85.7	14.3	96.4	108.5	113.0	-12.1	-11.2	-16.6	-14.7	44
Arts and Recreation Services	2.0	81.7	18.3	75.3	79.0	61.4	-3.7	-4.7	13.9	22.6	35
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.8	25.1	74.9	69.2	83.0	88.2	-13.8	-16.6	-19.0	-21.6	49
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.5	89.2	10.8	57.9	57.8	54.2	0.1	0.3	3.7	6.8	39
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.4	83.2	16.8	52.1	55.5	51.5	-3.4	-6.1	0.7	1.3	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	67.5	32.5	47.4	52.0	41.3	-4.6	-8.8	6.2	14.9	42
Mining	0.3	50.0	50.0	12.3	13.6	8.6	-1.3	-9.7	3.7	43.7	44
All Industries	100.0	78.9	21.1	3787.0	3716.4	3294.4	70.7	1.9	492.6	15.0	40

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Employment Region Industry profile

Ballarat Employment Region

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Overview

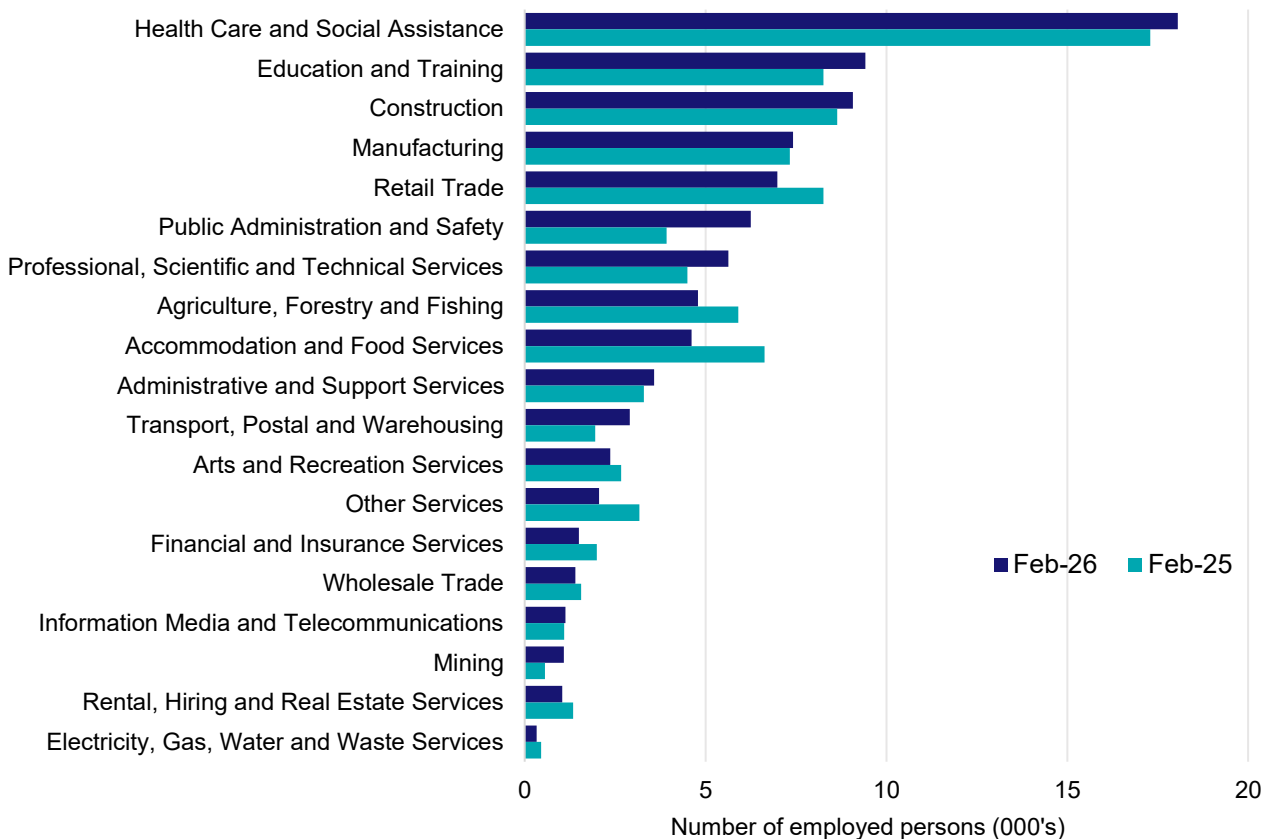
In February 2026, there were around 89,600 people employed in the Ballarat Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Construction, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 4.4% to stand at 18,100
- Education and Training rose by 14.0% to stand at 9,400
- Construction rose by 5.1% to stand at 9,100.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Ballarat Employment Region, 55% of workers were employed full-time; 77% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 44.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



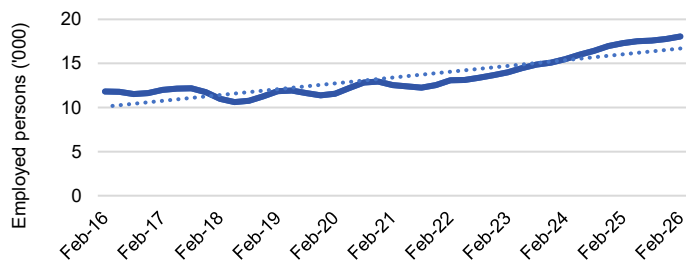
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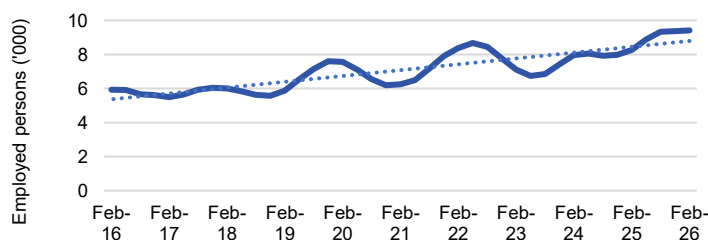
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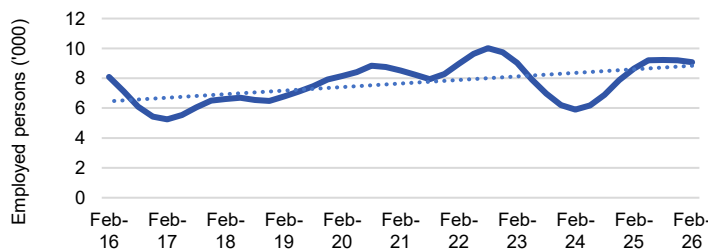
Number employed (Feb-26):	18,100
1 year employment change:	4.4%
5 year employment change:	43.9%
10 year employment change:	52.7%
Youth share of employment:	11.0%
Mature age share of employment:	19.9%

Education and Training



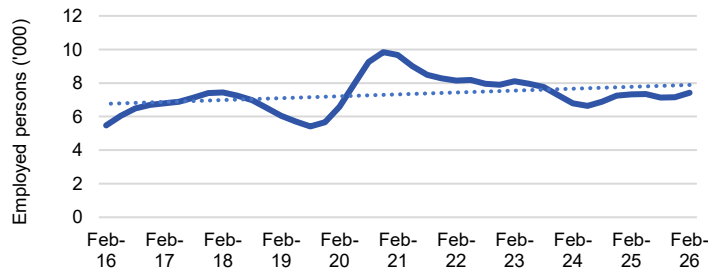
Number employed (Feb-26):	9,400
1 year employment change:	14.0%
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10 year employment change:	58.6%
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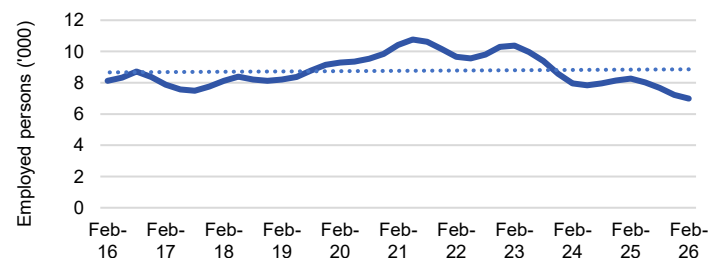
Number employed (Feb-26):	9,100
1 year employment change:	5.1%
5 year employment change:	6.5%
10 year employment change:	12.4%
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Mature age share of employment:	8.0%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Feb-26):	7,400
1 year employment change:	1.3%
5 year employment change:	-23.2%
10 year employment change:	35.7%
Youth share of employment:	6.1%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

Retail Trade



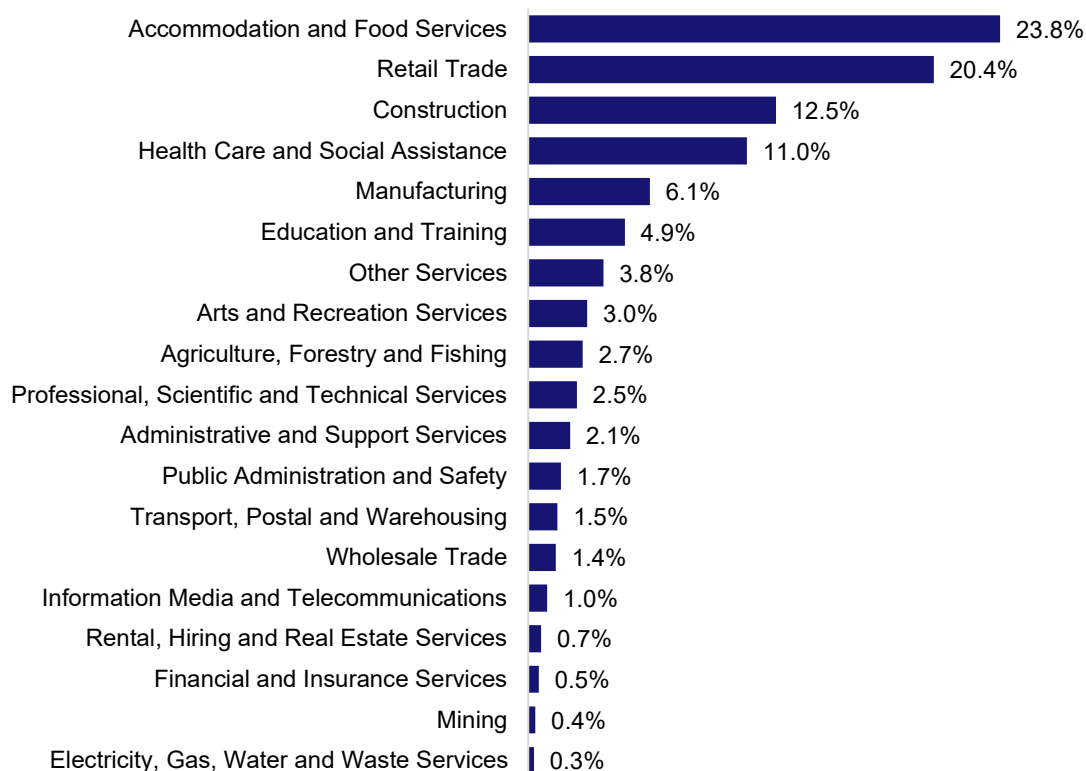
Number employed (Feb-26):	7,000
1 year employment change:	-15.4%
5 year employment change:	-33.0%
10 year employment change:	-14.0%
Youth share of employment:	20.4%
Mature age share of employment:	7.9%

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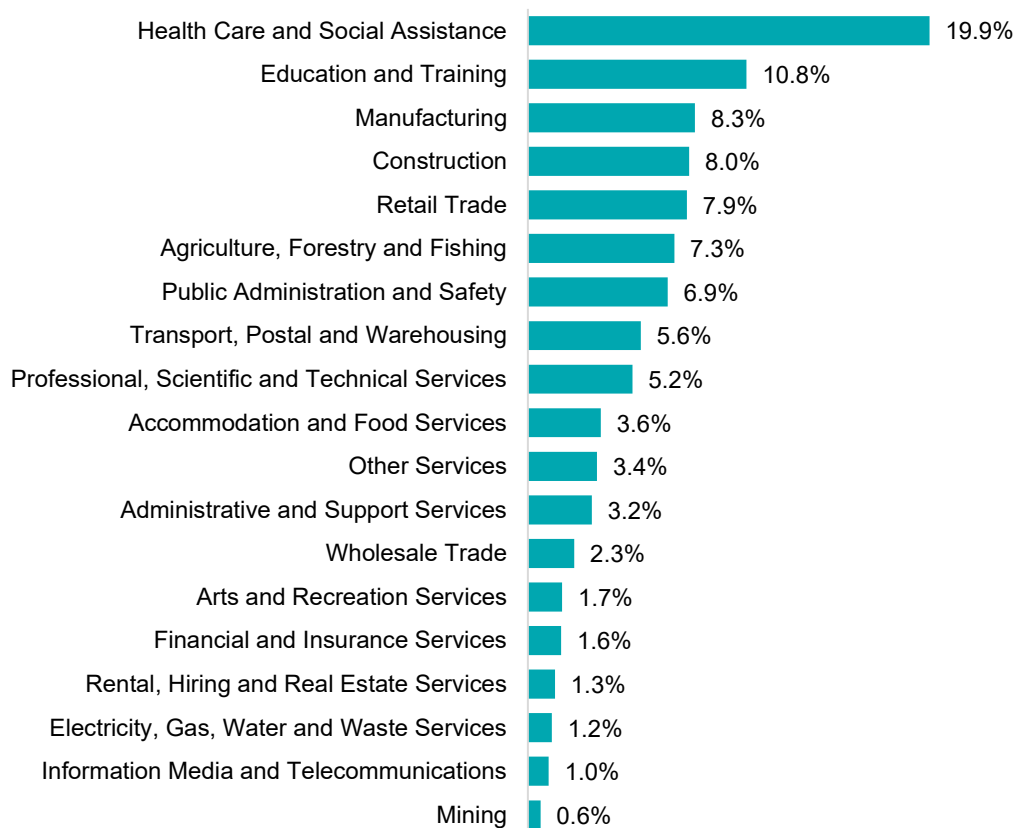
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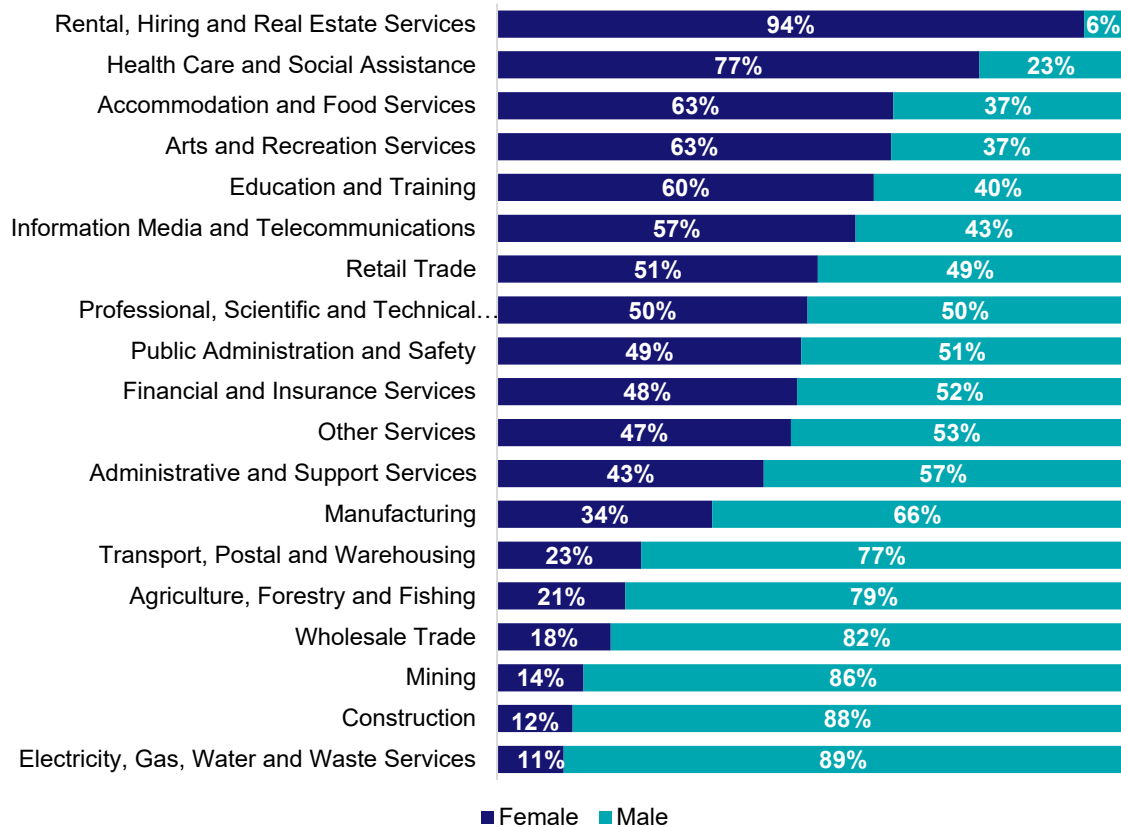
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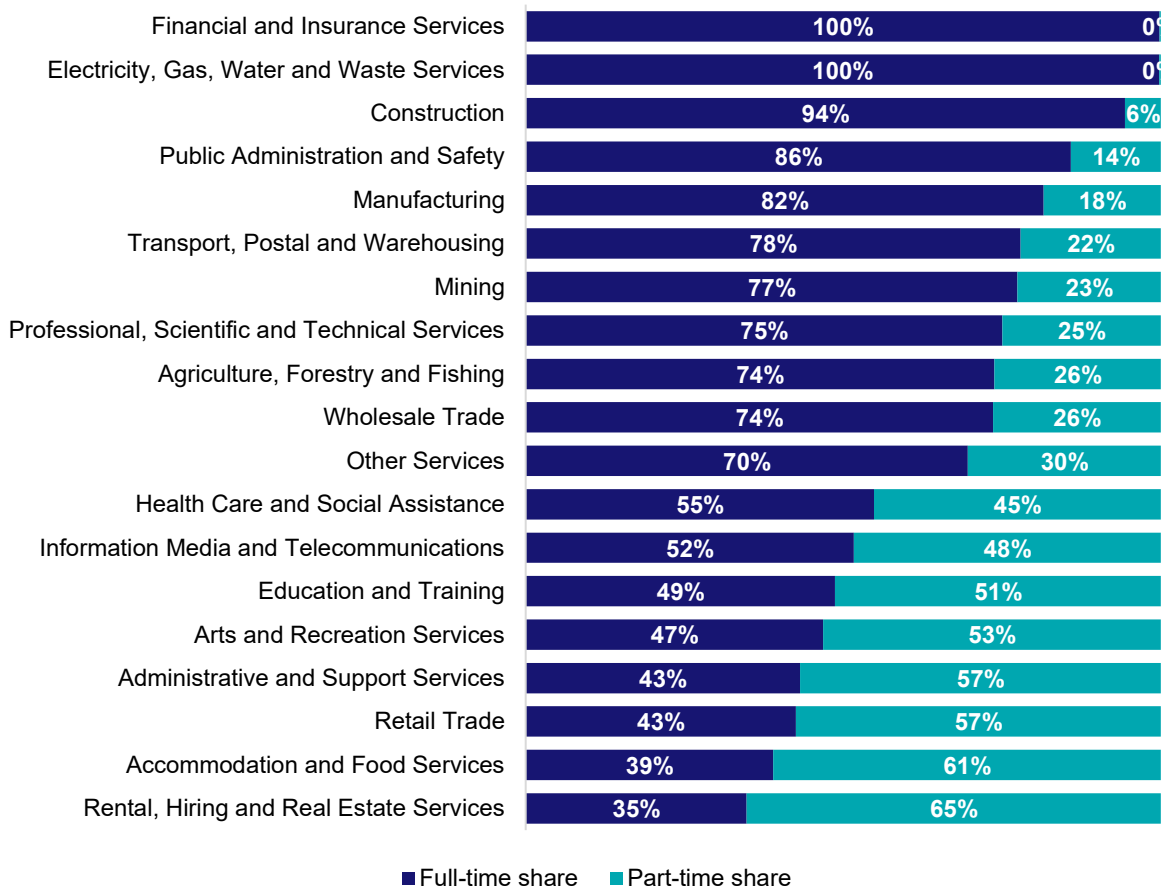
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Gender share by industry



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Employment by industry, Ballarat, 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	20.1	18.1	17.3	12.5	54.8	45.2	44
Education and Training	10.5	9.4	8.3	6.2	48.7	51.3	44
Construction	10.1	9.1	8.6	8.5	94.4	5.6	37
Manufacturing	8.3	7.4	7.3	9.7	81.6	18.4	45
Retail Trade	7.8	7.0	8.3	10.4	42.5	57.5	35
Public Administration and Safety	7.0	6.3	3.9	4.9	85.9	14.1	45
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.3	5.6	4.5	4.6	75.1	24.9	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.3	4.8	5.9	2.8	73.8	26.2	51
Accommodation and Food Services	5.1	4.6	6.6	4.9	39.0	61.0	24
Administrative and Support Services	4.0	3.6	3.3	2.3	43.2	56.8	44
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.2	2.9	1.9	2.4	78.0	22.0	48
Arts and Recreation Services	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.2	46.8	53.2	37
Other Services	2.3	2.1	3.2	2.8	69.6	30.4	39
Financial and Insurance Services	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.4	99.8	0.2	45
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.1	73.6	26.4	46
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	51.7	48.3	41
Mining	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.4	77.4	22.6	38
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.2	1.0	1.3	2.1	34.8	65.2	42
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	99.8	0.2	45
All industries	100.0	89.6	88.8	81.0	64.7	35.3	42

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



Employment Region Industry profile

Barwon Employment Region

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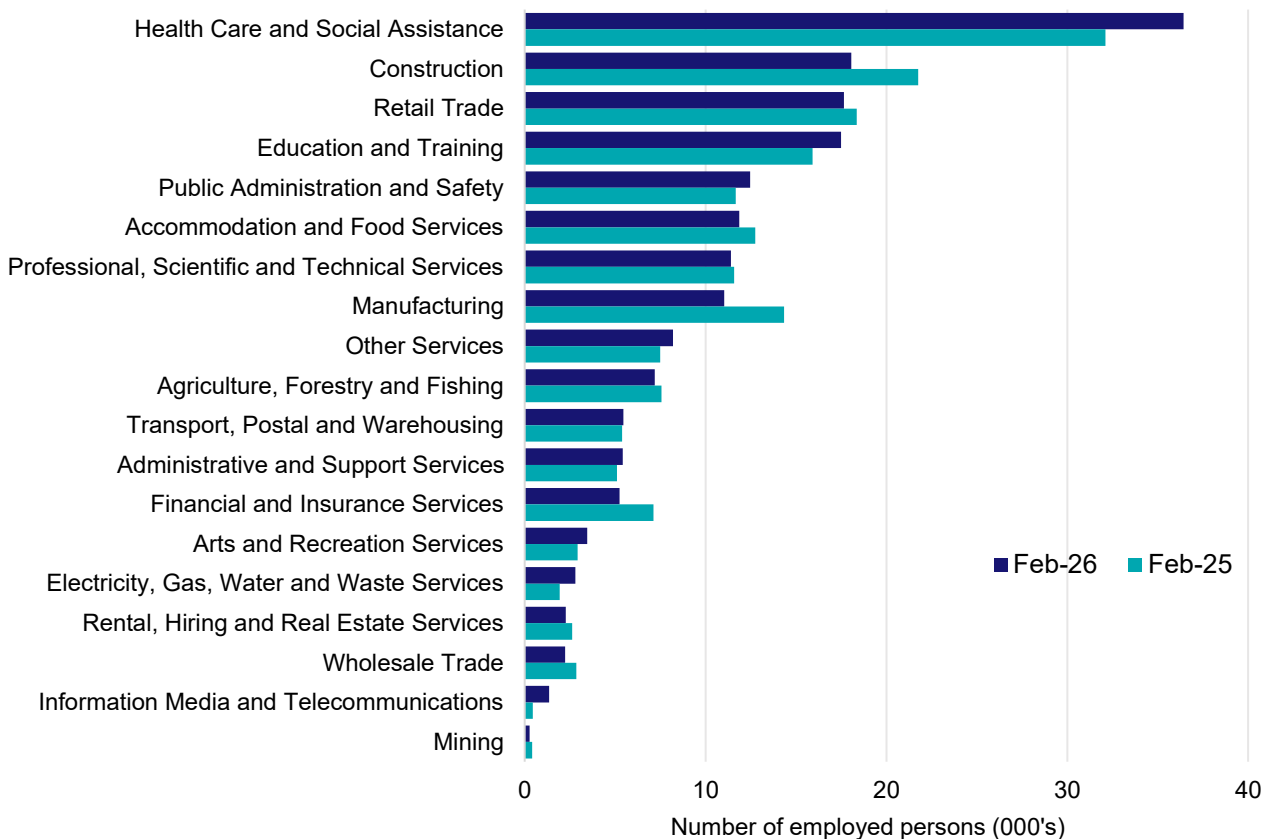
In February 2026, there were around 180,300 people employed in the Barwon Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Education and Training, and Public Administration and Safety. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 13.5% to stand at 36,400
- Construction fell by 17.0% to stand at 18,100
- Retail Trade fell by 3.8% to stand at 17,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Barwon Employment Region, 52% of workers were employed part-time; 81% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 42.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



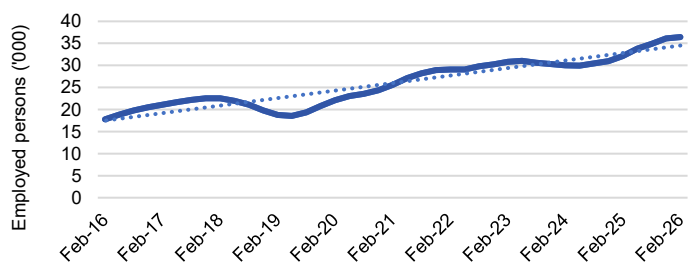
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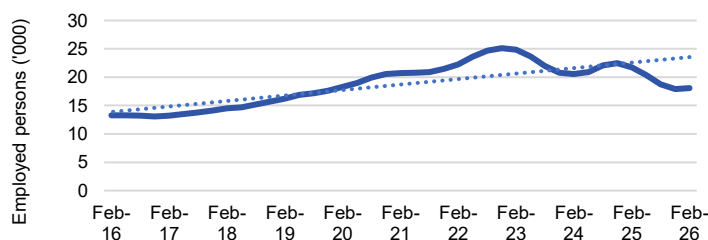
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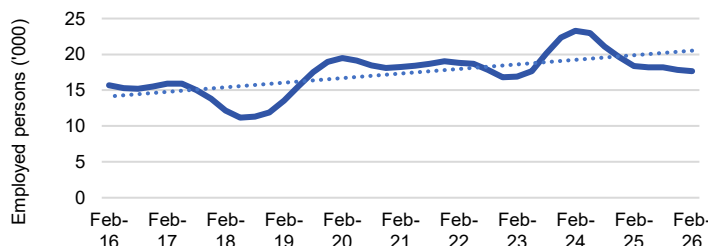
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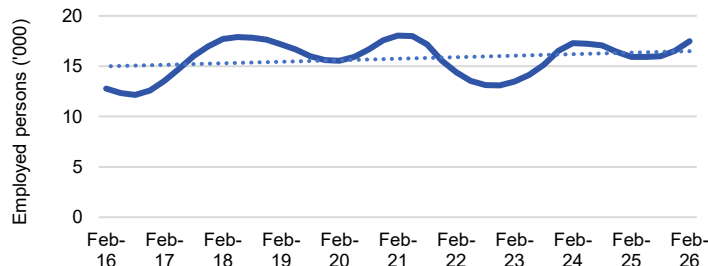
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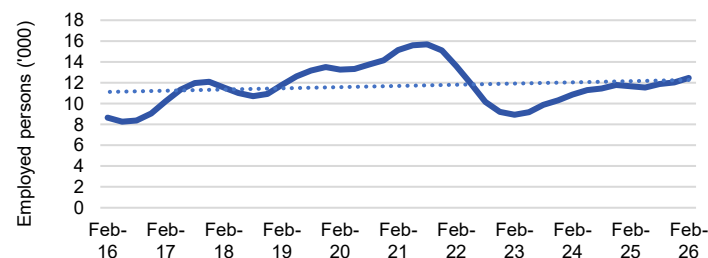
Number employed (Feb-26):	17,700
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Youth share of employment:	22.6%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	17,500
1 year employment change:	9.8%
5 year employment change:	-3.1%
10 year employment change:	36.8%
Youth share of employment:	4.9%
Mature age share of employment:	11.3%

Public Administration and Safety



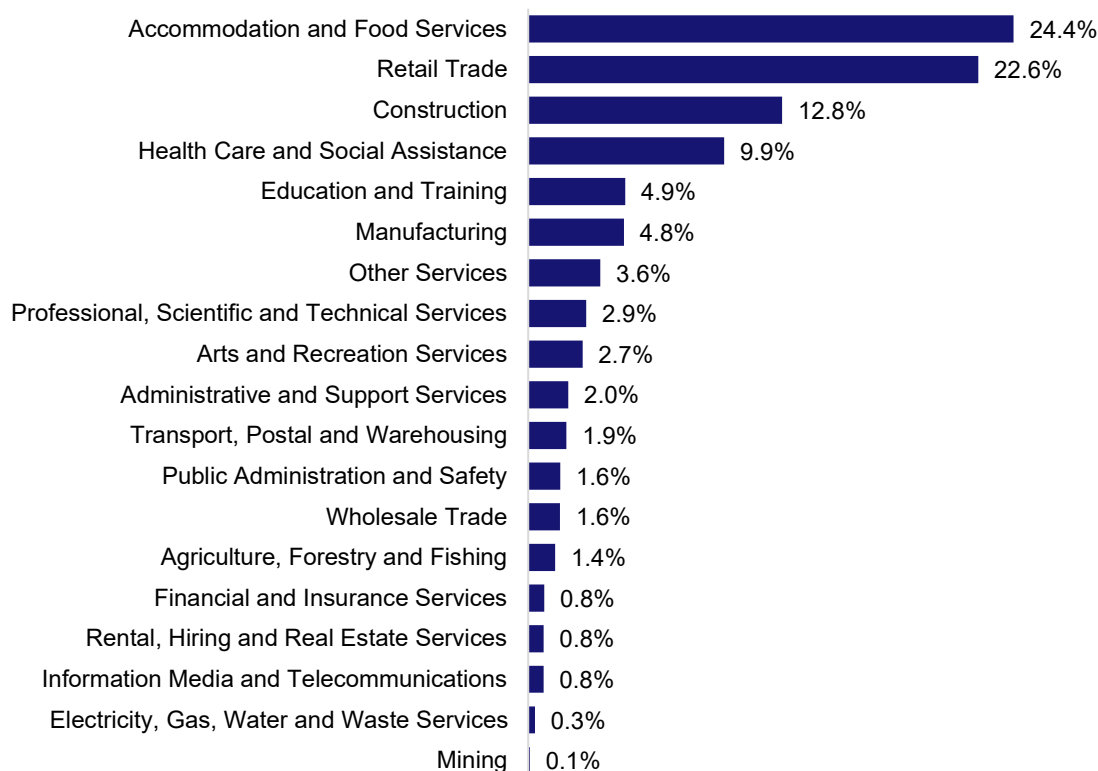
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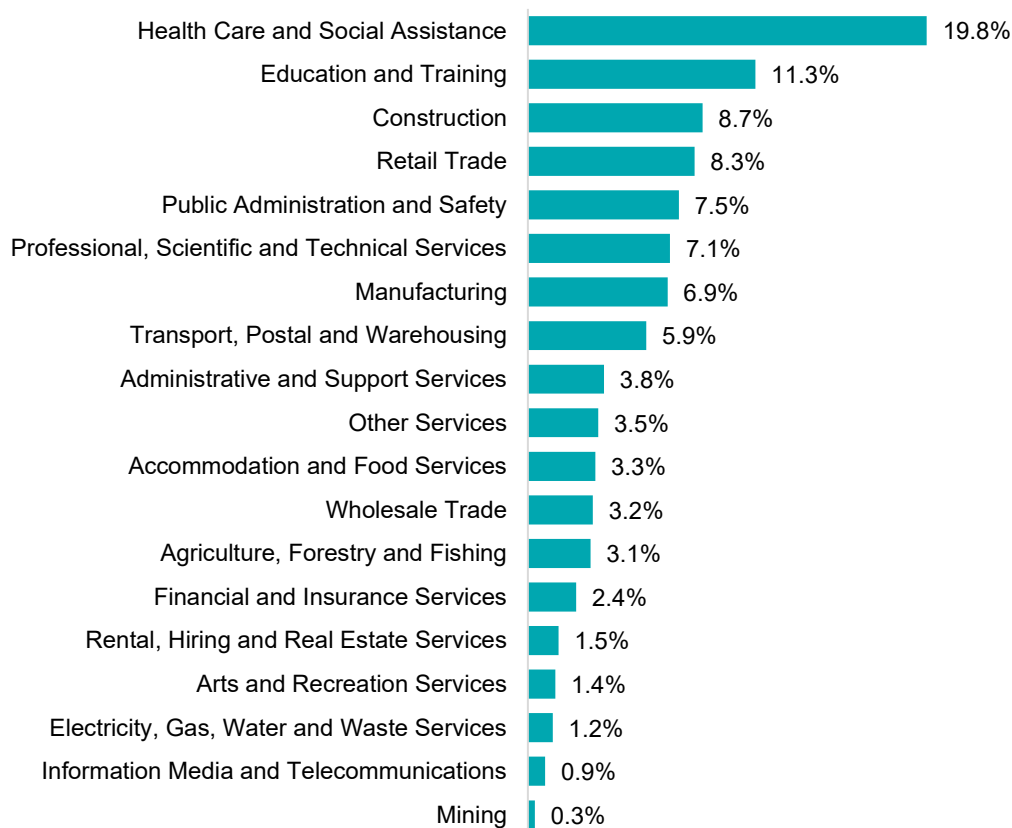
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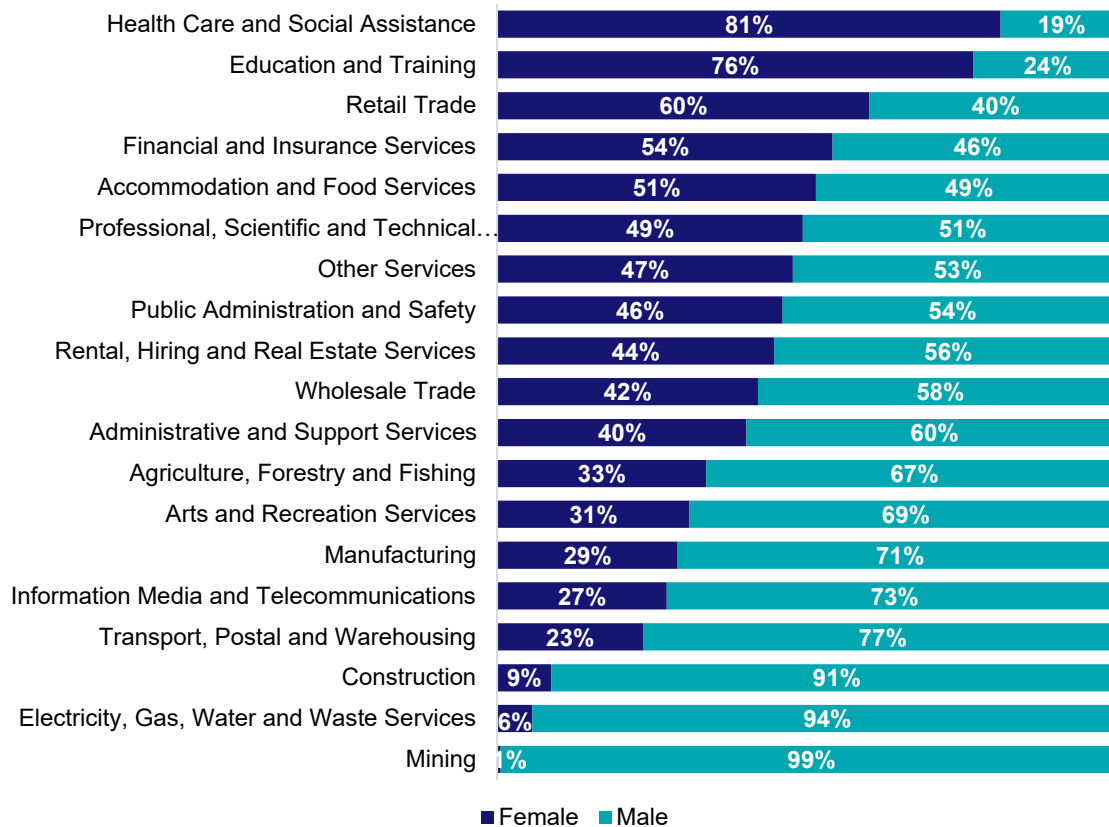
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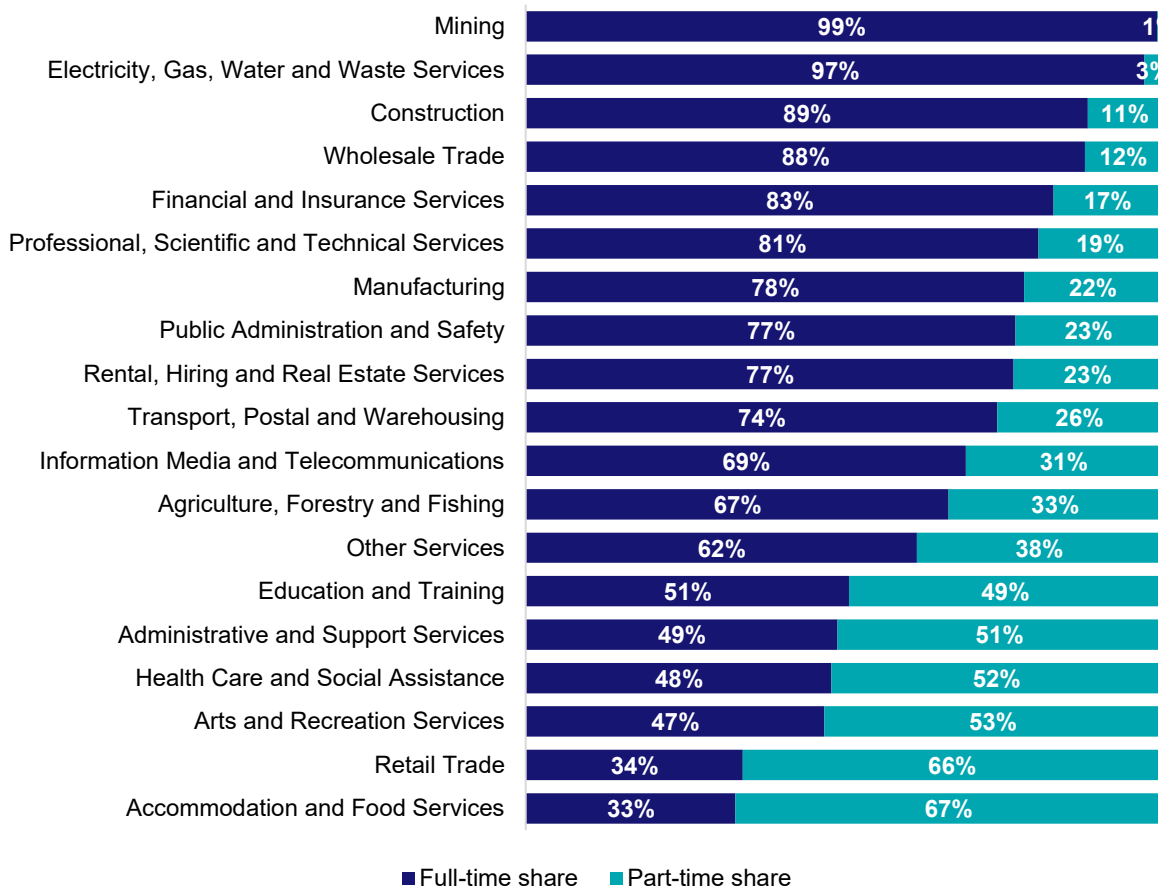
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Health Care and Social Assistance	20.2	36.4	32.1	25.6	48.2	51.8	42
Construction	10.0	18.1	21.8	20.7	88.5	11.5	37
Retail Trade	9.8	17.7	18.4	18.2	34.2	65.8	33
Education and Training	9.7	17.5	15.9	18.0	50.9	49.1	43
Public Administration and Safety	6.9	12.5	11.7	15.1	77.1	22.9	44
Accommodation and Food Services	6.6	11.9	12.7	10.5	33.0	67.0	24
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.3	11.4	11.6	9.2	80.7	19.3	42
Manufacturing	6.1	11.0	14.3	10.3	78.5	21.5	43
Other Services	4.5	8.2	7.5	5.9	61.6	38.4	39
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4.0	7.2	7.6	2.9	66.6	33.4	49
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.0	5.5	5.4	6.1	74.3	25.7	45
Administrative and Support Services	3.0	5.4	5.1	4.1	49.1	50.9	44
Financial and Insurance Services	2.9	5.3	7.1	3.4	83.1	16.9	41
Arts and Recreation Services	1.9	3.5	2.9	2.4	47.0	53.0	34
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.6	2.8	1.9	2.0	97.4	2.6	42
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	2.3	2.6	2.3	76.9	23.1	42
Wholesale Trade	1.2	2.2	2.9	4.7	88.0	12.0	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.9	69.3	30.7	40
Mining	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	99.4	0.6	45
All industries	100.0	180.3	182.3	162.8	61.0	39.0	40

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Employment Region Industry profile

Bendigo Employment Region

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Overview

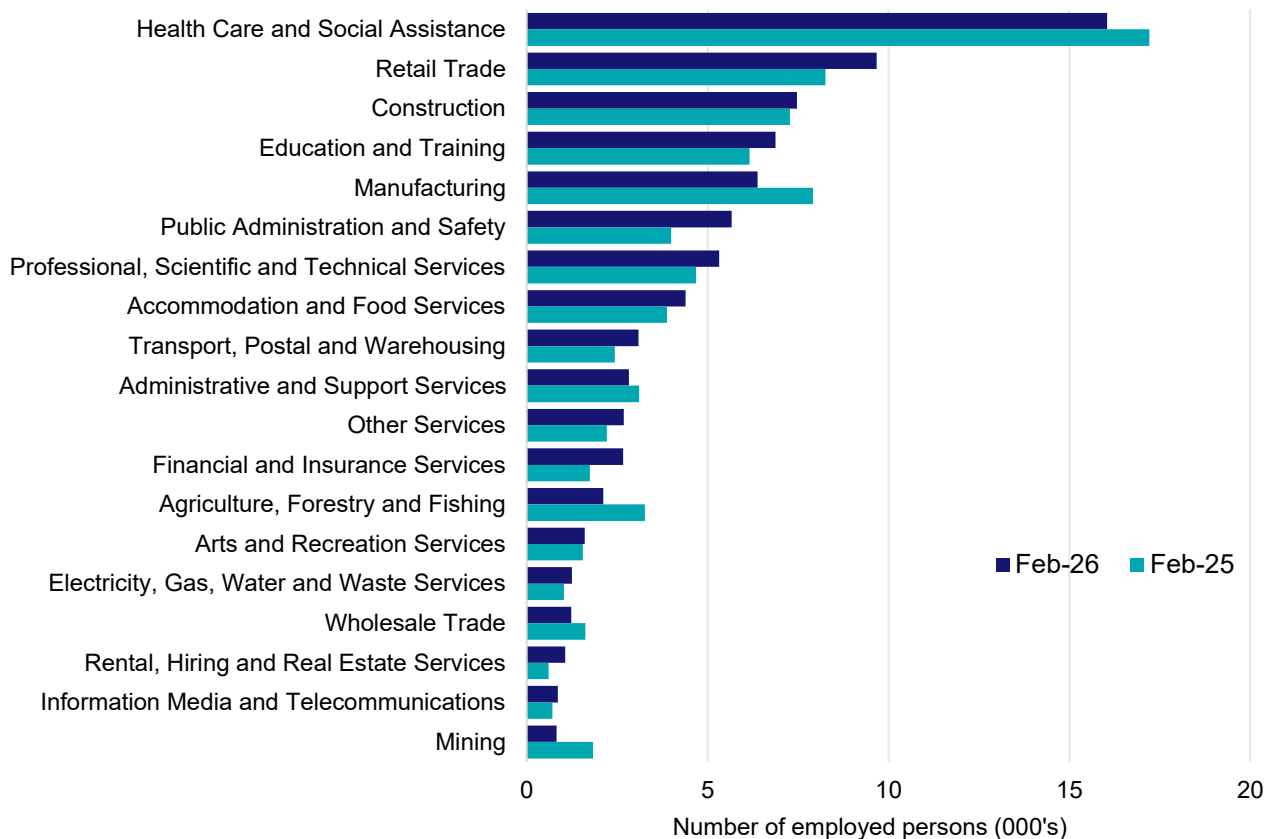
In February 2026, there were around 82,100 people employed in the Bendigo Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Education and Training, and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 6.8% to stand at 16,000
- Retail Trade rose by 17.2% to stand at 9,700
- Construction rose by 2.7% to stand at 7,500.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Bendigo Employment Region, 54% of workers were employed part-time; 81% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 44.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



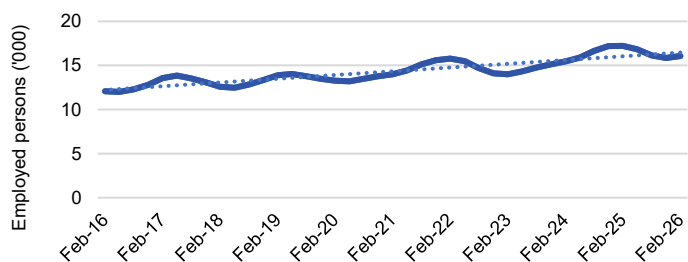
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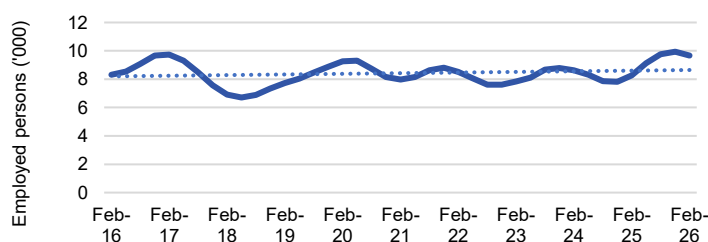
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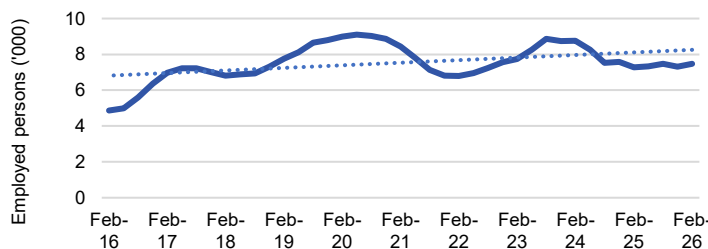
Number employed (Feb-26):	16,000
1 year employment change:	-6.8%
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Youth share of employment:	10.9%
Mature age share of employment:	19.9%

Retail Trade



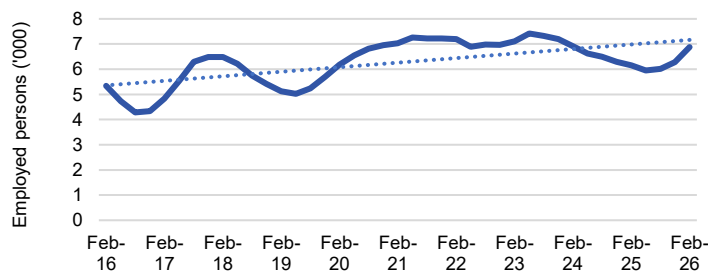
Number employed (Feb-26):	9,700
1 year employment change:	17.2%
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Youth share of employment:	22.3%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

Construction



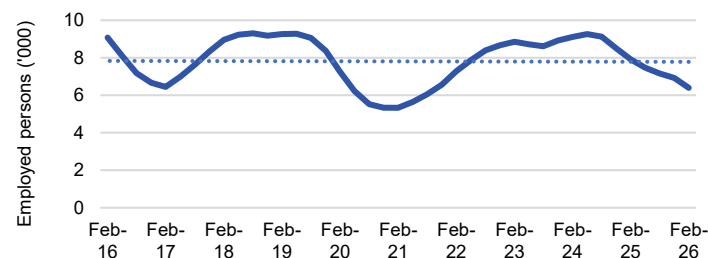
Number employed (Feb-26):	7,500
1 year employment change:	2.7%
5 year employment change:	-11.4%
10 year employment change:	53.6%
Youth share of employment:	11.6%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	6,900
1 year employment change:	11.7%
5 year employment change:	-2.3%
10 year employment change:	28.7%
Youth share of employment:	4.5%
Mature age share of employment:	9.8%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Feb-26):	6,400
1 year employment change:	-19.3%
5 year employment change:	19.8%
10 year employment change:	-29.7%
Youth share of employment:	8.0%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

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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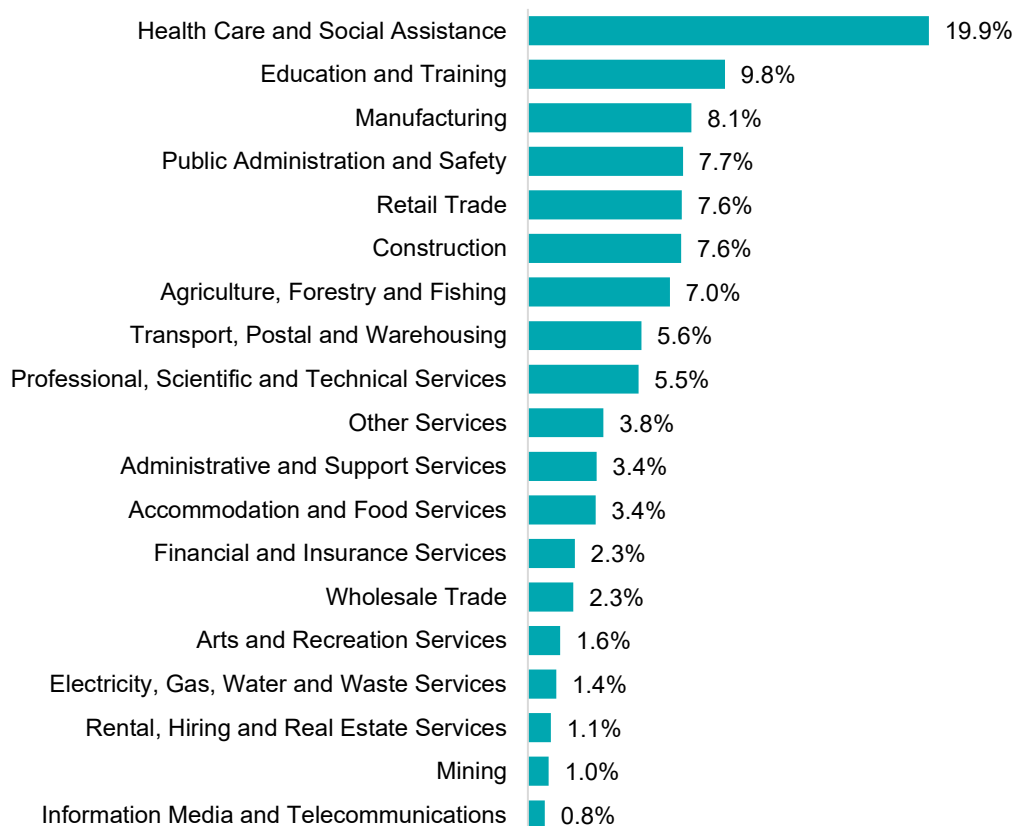
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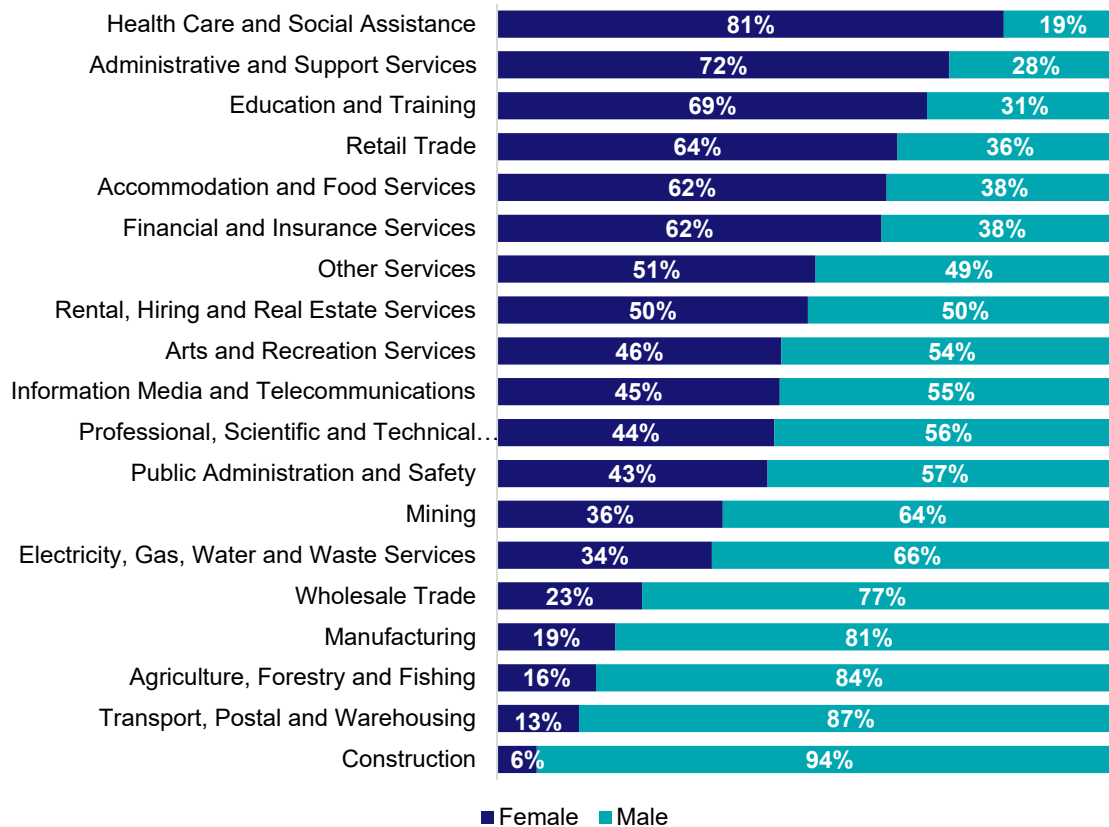
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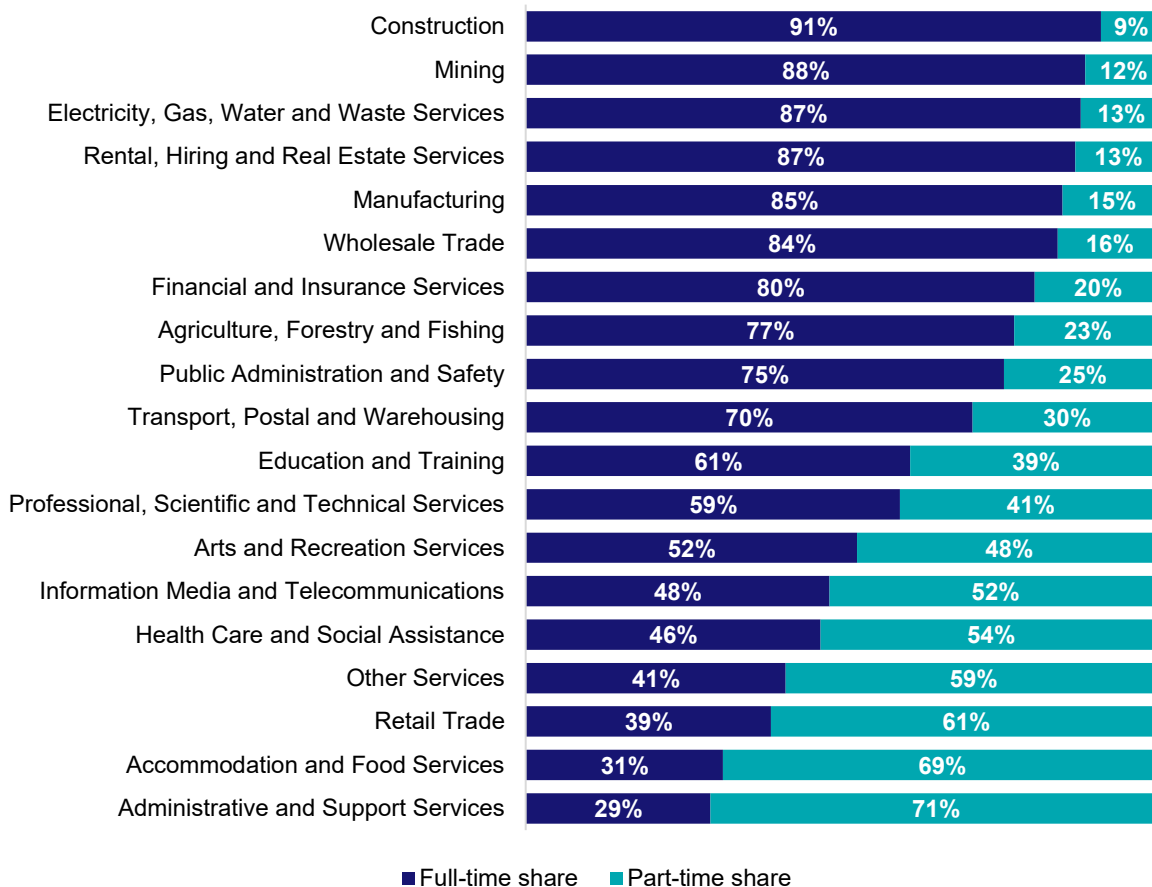
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Gender share by industry



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, Bendigo, 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	19.6	16.0	17.2	14.0	46.4	53.6	44
Retail Trade	11.8	9.7	8.3	8.0	38.6	61.4	34
Construction	9.1	7.5	7.3	8.4	90.6	9.4	38
Education and Training	8.4	6.9	6.2	7.0	60.5	39.5	45
Manufacturing	7.8	6.4	7.9	5.3	84.6	15.4	42
Public Administration and Safety	6.9	5.7	4.0	5.5	75.3	24.7	46
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6.5	5.3	4.7	3.5	59.0	41.0	44
Accommodation and Food Services	5.3	4.4	3.9	5.5	31.0	69.0	24
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.8	3.1	2.4	2.4	70.4	29.6	51
Administrative and Support Services	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.0	29.1	70.9	46
Other Services	3.3	2.7	2.2	3.1	40.9	59.1	42
Financial and Insurance Services	3.2	2.7	1.7	3.1	80.1	19.9	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.6	2.1	3.3	4.2	76.9	23.1	51
Arts and Recreation Services	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.9	52.2	47.8	40
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.5	87.4	12.6	46
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.1	83.8	16.2	46
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.9	86.6	13.4	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4	47.8	52.2	44
Mining	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.6	88.1	11.9	37
All industries	100.0	82.1	79.5	77.4	59.9	40.1	42

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

Gippsland Employment Region

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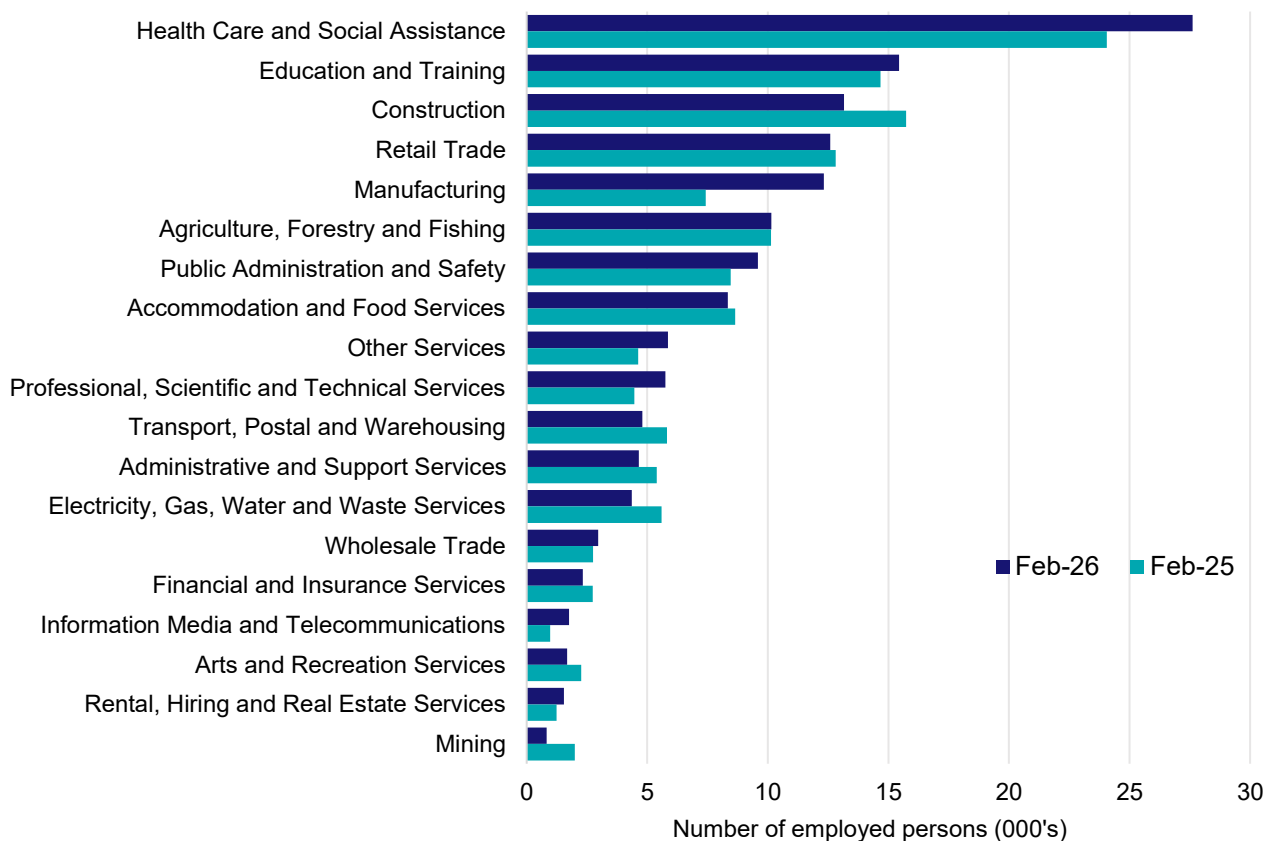
In February 2026, there were around 145,700 people employed in the Gippsland Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Construction, Retail Trade, and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 56% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 14.8% to stand at 27,600
- Education and Training rose by 5.3% to stand at 15,400
- Construction fell by 16.3% to stand at 13,200.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Gippsland Employment Region, 54% of workers were employed full-time; 79% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 45.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



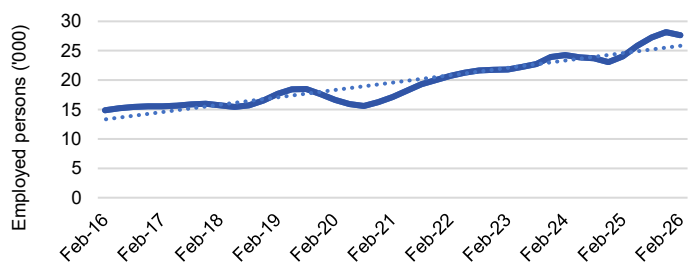
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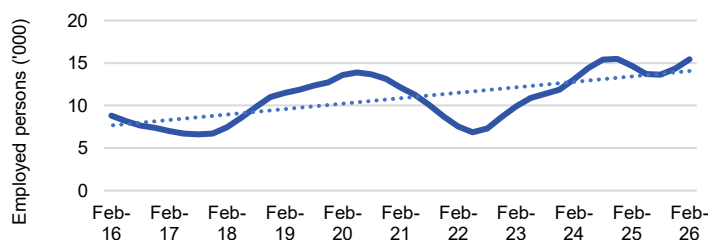
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance



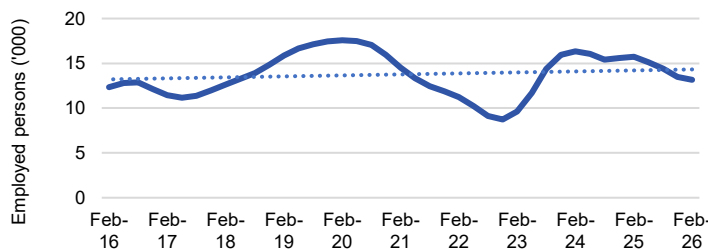
Number employed (Feb-26):	27,600
1 year employment change:	14.8%
5 year employment change:	61.0%
10 year employment change:	85.7%
Youth share of employment:	9.5%
Mature age share of employment:	17.3%

Education and Training



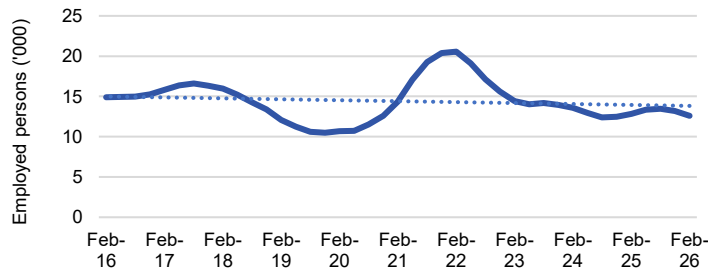
Number employed (Feb-26):	15,400
1 year employment change:	5.3%
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10 year employment change:	75.5%
Youth share of employment:	4.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.8%

Construction



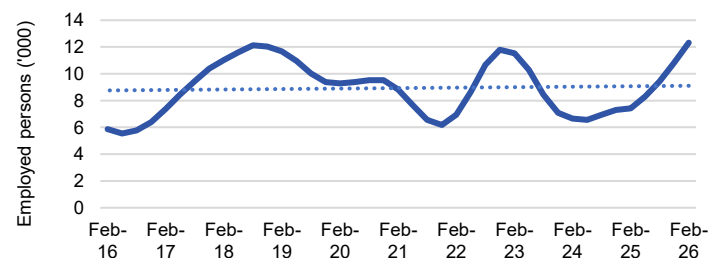
Number employed (Feb-26):	13,200
1 year employment change:	-16.3%
5 year employment change:	-9.3%
10 year employment change:	6.7%
Youth share of employment:	12.7%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	12,600
1 year employment change:	-1.7%
5 year employment change:	-12.2%
10 year employment change:	-15.6%
Youth share of employment:	20.1%
Mature age share of employment:	7.7%

Manufacturing



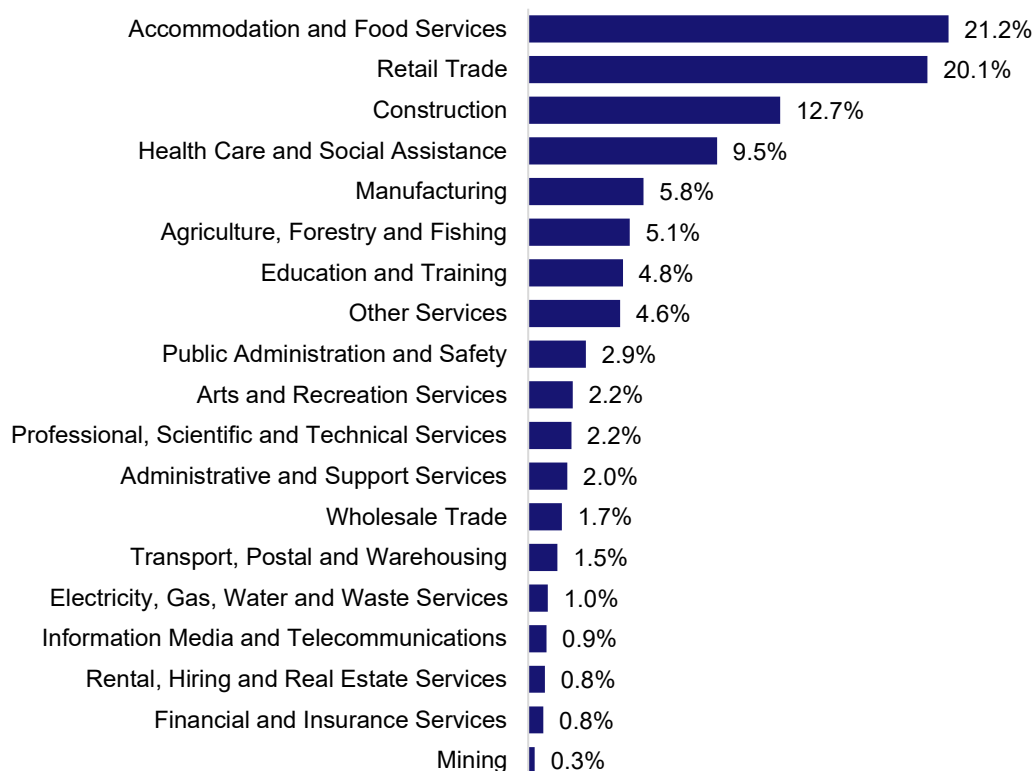
Number employed (Feb-26):	12,300
1 year employment change:	65.9%
5 year employment change:	39.7%
10 year employment change:	110.1%
Youth share of employment:	5.8%
Mature age share of employment:	6.4%

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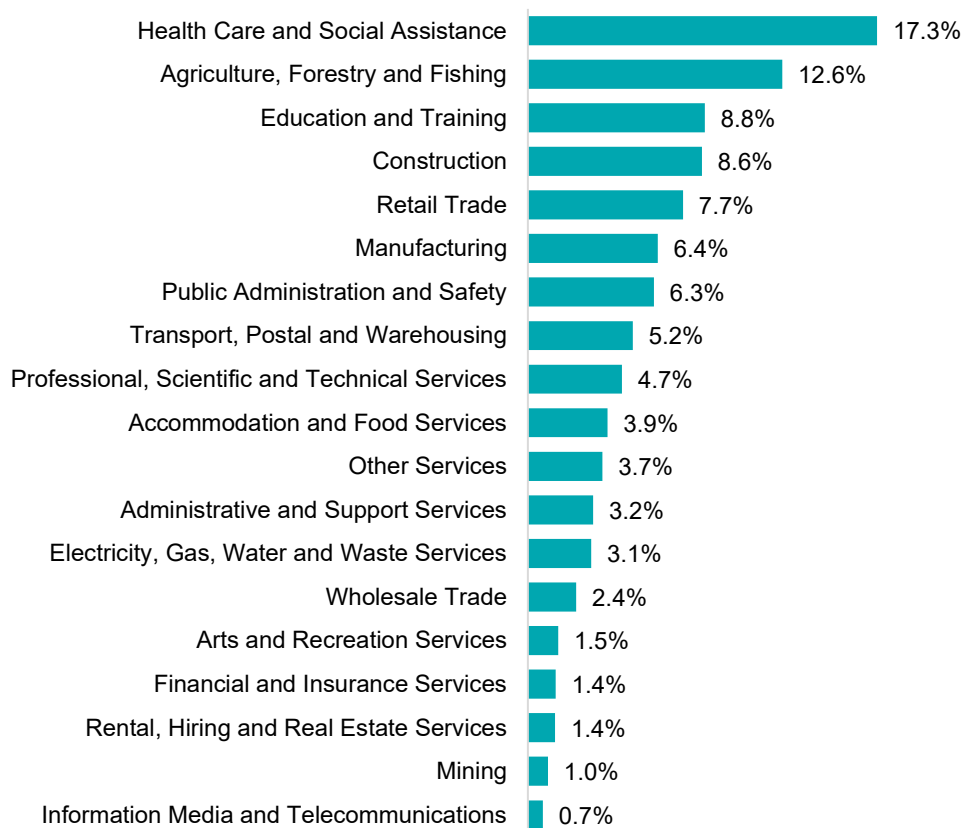
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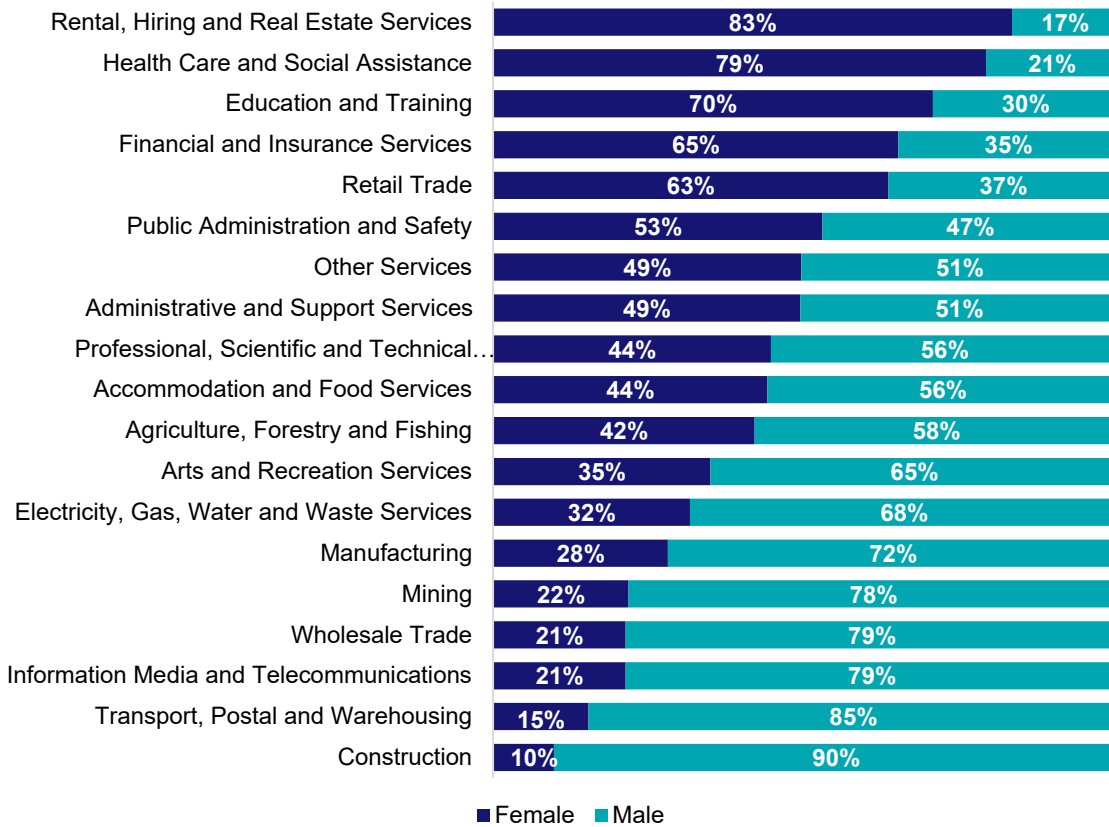
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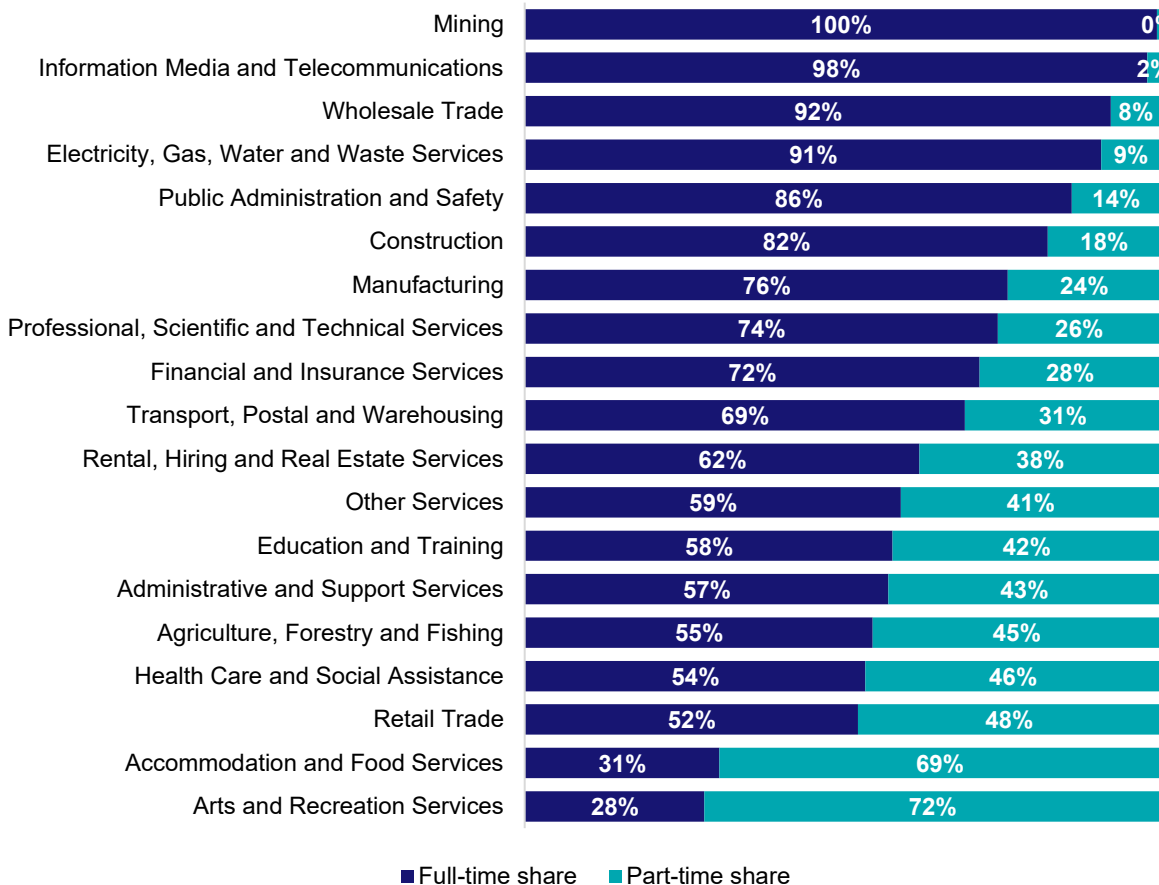
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Gender share by industry



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Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Gippsland, 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	18.9	27.6	24.1	17.2	53.7	46.3	45
Education and Training	10.6	15.4	14.7	12.1	58.0	42.0	45
Construction	9.0	13.2	15.7	14.5	82.4	17.6	39
Retail Trade	8.6	12.6	12.8	14.3	52.5	47.5	37
Manufacturing	8.5	12.3	7.4	8.8	76.1	23.9	44
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	7.0	10.1	10.1	12.0	54.8	45.2	51
Public Administration and Safety	6.6	9.6	8.5	6.4	86.2	13.8	44
Accommodation and Food Services	5.7	8.3	8.6	5.9	30.6	69.4	27
Other Services	4.0	5.9	4.6	5.2	59.2	40.8	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.0	5.8	4.5	6.8	74.5	25.5	45
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.3	4.8	5.8	4.7	69.3	30.7	51
Administrative and Support Services	3.2	4.6	5.4	5.2	57.2	42.8	46
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	3.0	4.4	5.6	3.8	90.8	9.2	47
Wholesale Trade	2.0	3.0	2.8	3.3	92.3	7.7	47
Financial and Insurance Services	1.6	2.3	2.7	1.4	71.6	28.4	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.2	1.8	1.0	0.2	98.1	1.9	38
Arts and Recreation Services	1.2	1.7	2.3	3.0	28.3	71.7	40
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.7	62.2	37.8	46
Mining	0.6	0.8	2.0	1.9	99.6	0.4	46
All industries	100.0	145.7	139.8	128.5	63.9	36.1	43

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Employment Region Industry profile

Goulburn/Murray Employment Region

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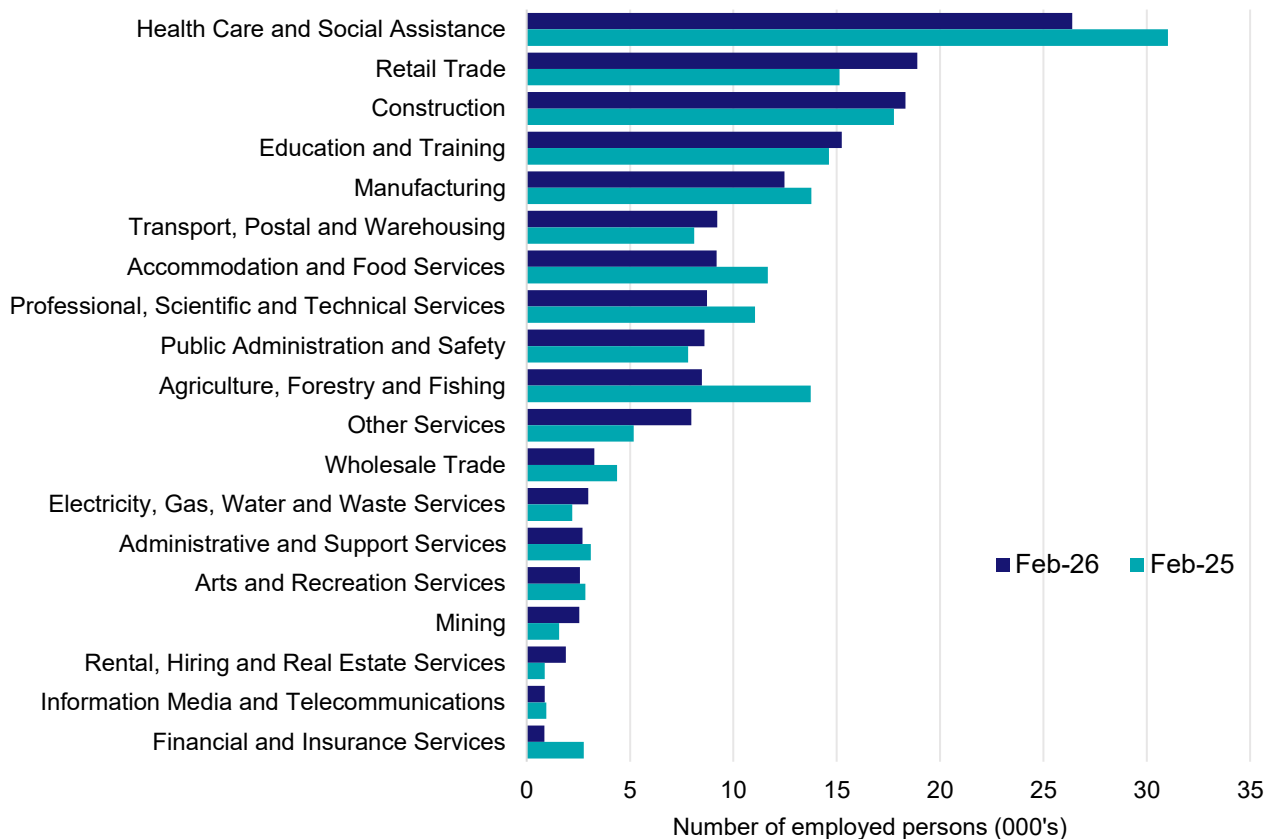
In February 2026, there were around 161,200 people employed in the Goulburn/Murray Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Education and Training, and Manufacturing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 57% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 14.9% to stand at 26,400
- Retail Trade rose by 24.9% to stand at 18,900
- Construction rose by 3.2% to stand at 18,300.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Goulburn/Murray Employment Region, 50% of workers were employed part-time; 85% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 45.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



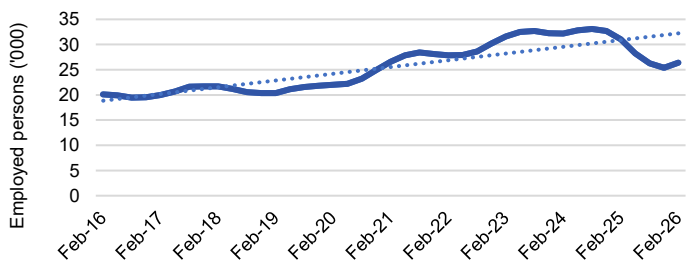
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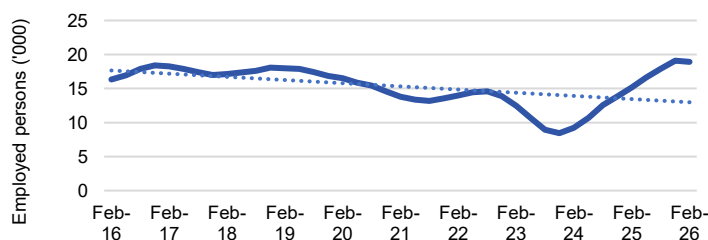
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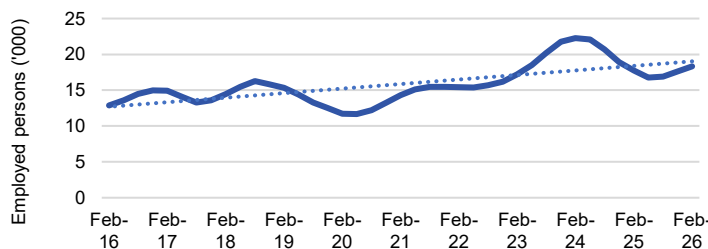
Number employed (Feb-26):	26,400
1 year employment change:	-14.9%
5 year employment change:	-0.8%
10 year employment change:	31.1%
Youth share of employment:	9.7%
Mature age share of employment:	17.3%

Retail Trade



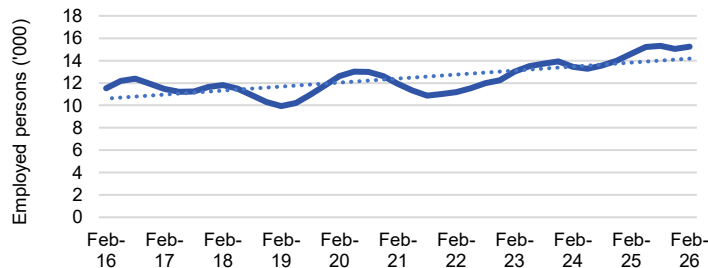
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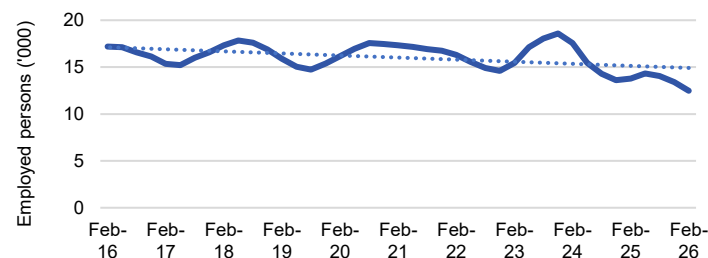
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5 year employment change:	28.2%
10 year employment change:	42.1%
Youth share of employment:	12.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.2%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	15,200
1 year employment change:	4.3%
5 year employment change:	27.8%
10 year employment change:	32.2%
Youth share of employment:	4.4%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

Manufacturing



Number employed (Feb-26):	12,500
1 year employment change:	-9.4%
5 year employment change:	-28.1%
10 year employment change:	-27.5%
Youth share of employment:	7.7%
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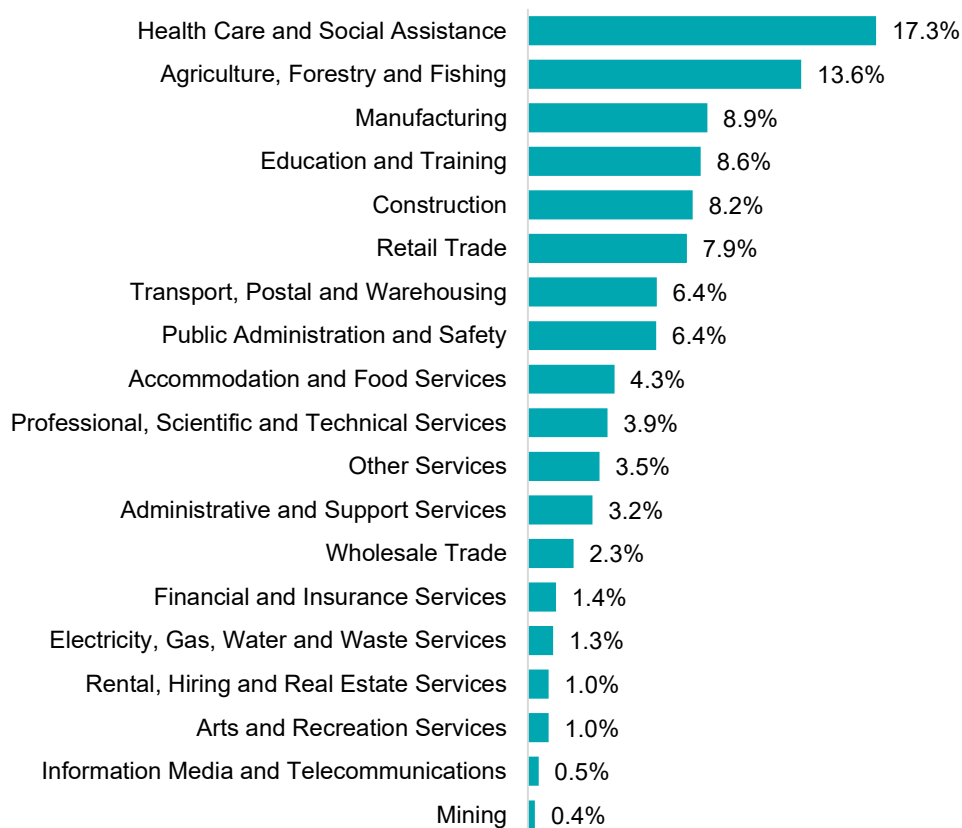
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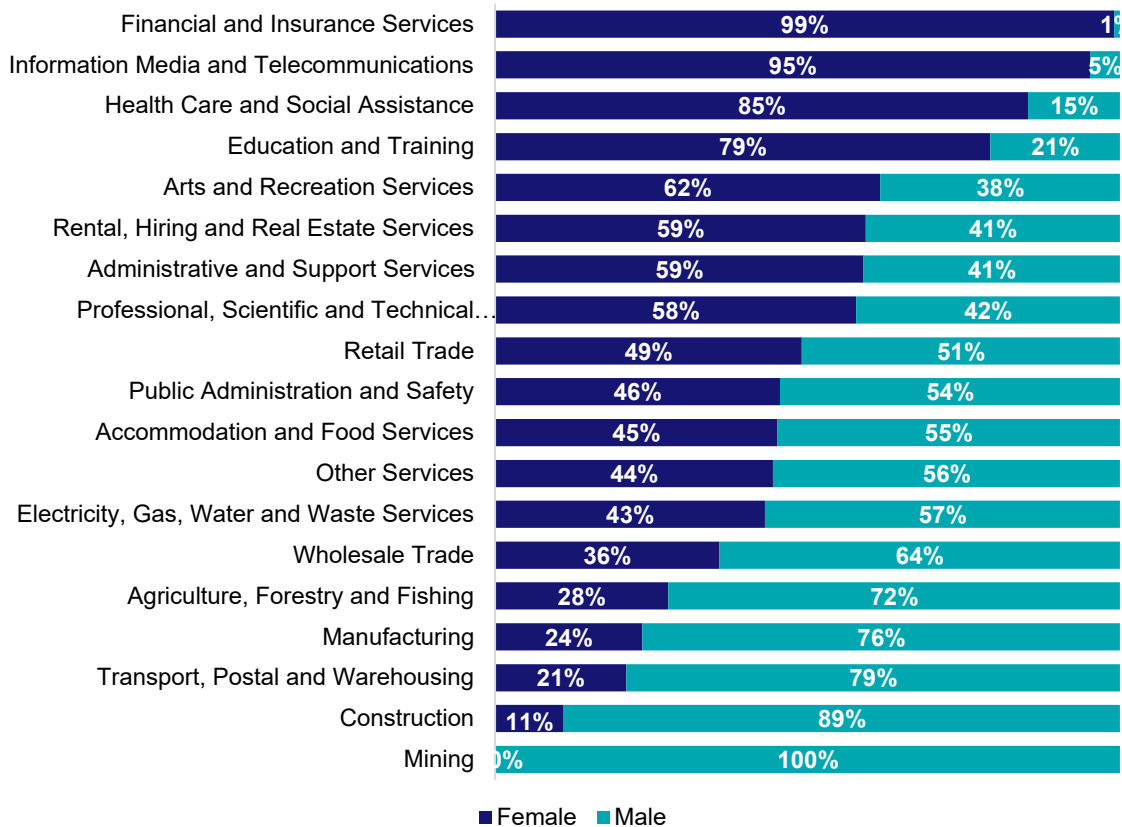
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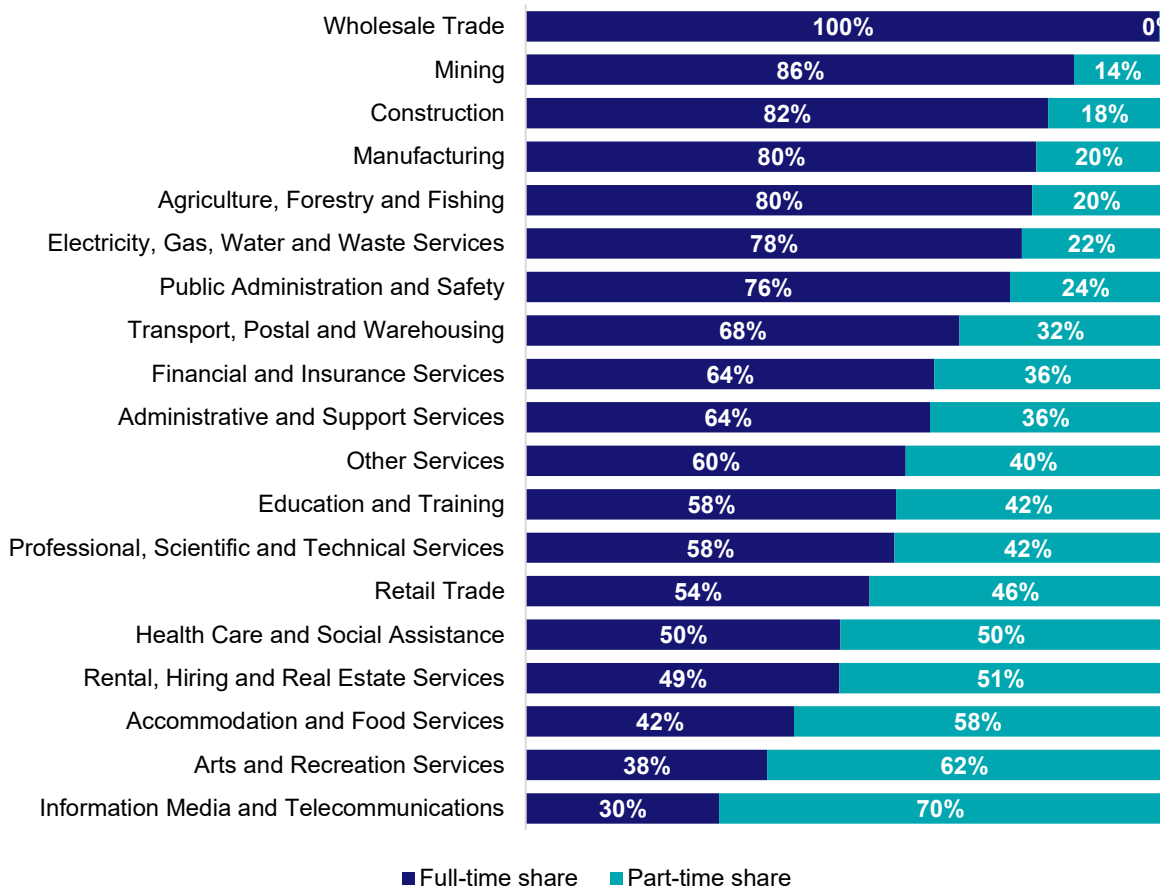
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Gender share by industry



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Employment by industry, Goulburn/Murray, February 2026

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		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.4	26.4	31.0	26.6	49.6	50.4	45
Retail Trade	11.7	18.9	15.1	13.8	54.2	45.8	37
Construction	11.4	18.3	17.8	14.3	82.3	17.7	38
Education and Training	9.5	15.2	14.6	11.9	58.4	41.6	44
Manufacturing	7.7	12.5	13.8	17.3	80.4	19.6	44
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.7	9.2	8.1	8.3	68.3	31.7	50
Accommodation and Food Services	5.7	9.2	11.7	9.2	42.2	57.8	29
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5.4	8.7	11.0	6.5	58.1	41.9	44
Public Administration and Safety	5.3	8.6	7.8	7.0	76.3	23.7	44
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.3	8.5	13.7	17.3	79.8	20.2	52
Other Services	4.9	8.0	5.2	6.4	59.8	40.2	41
Wholesale Trade	2.0	3.3	4.4	3.0	99.8	0.2	47
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.8	3.0	2.2	2.2	78.1	21.9	47
Administrative and Support Services	1.7	2.7	3.1	5.1	63.7	36.3	45
Arts and Recreation Services	1.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	38.0	62.0	38
Mining	1.6	2.5	1.6	0.7	86.4	13.6	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.2	1.9	0.9	2.0	49.4	50.6	43
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.8	30.4	69.6	40
Financial and Insurance Services	0.5	0.9	2.8	1.2	64.3	35.7	44
All industries	100.0	161.2	168.5	156.4	63.8	36.2	43

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Inner Metropolitan Melbourne Employment Region

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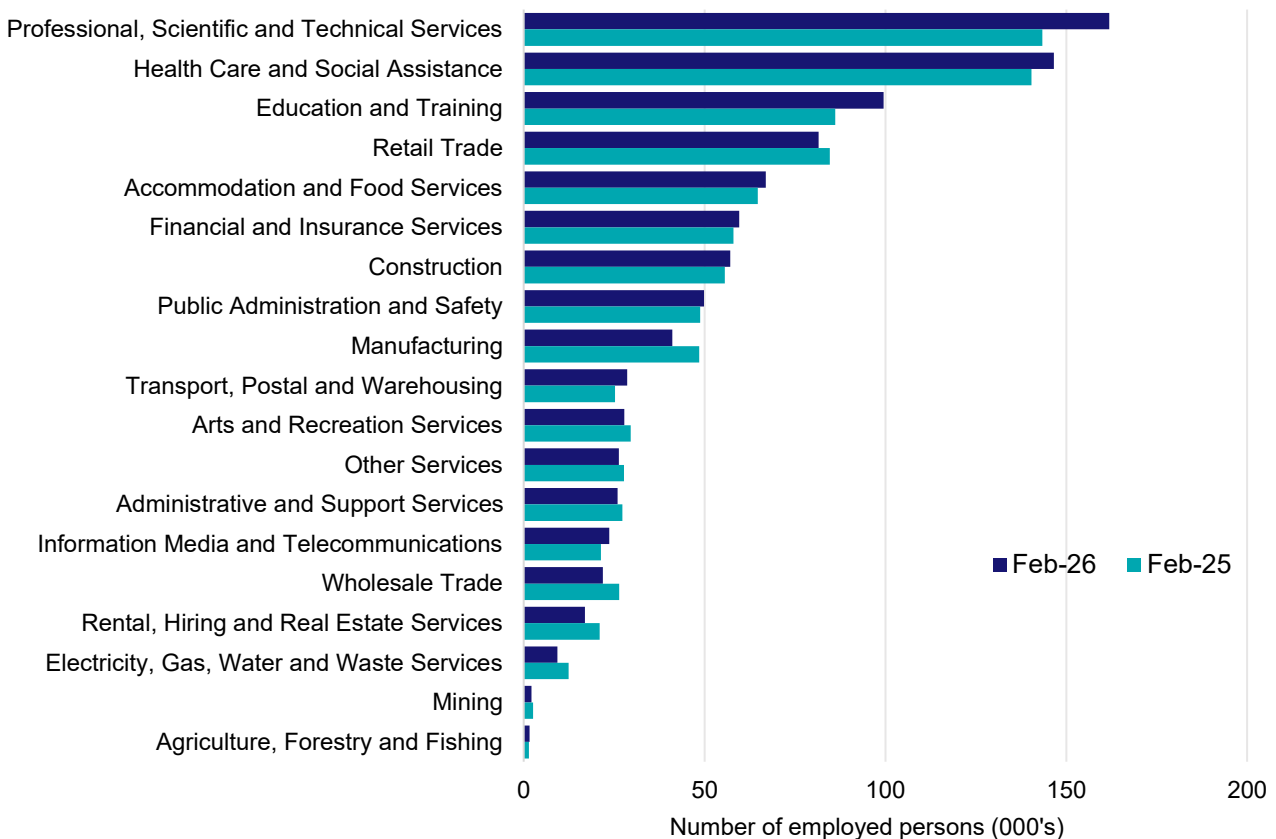
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Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 12.9% to stand at 161,800
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 4.4% to stand at 146,600
- Education and Training rose by 15.5% to stand at 99,500.

In Professional, Scientific and Technical Services in the Inner Metropolitan Melbourne Employment Region, 82% of workers were employed full-time; 56% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 38.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



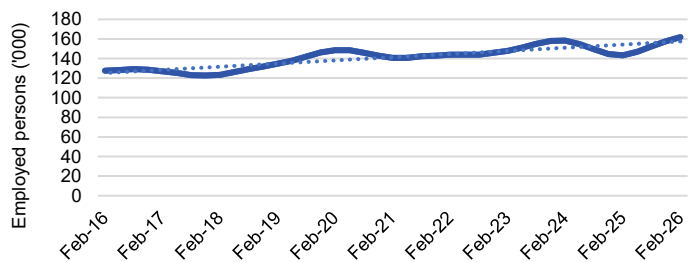
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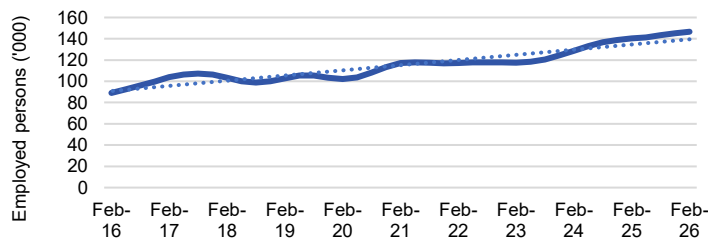
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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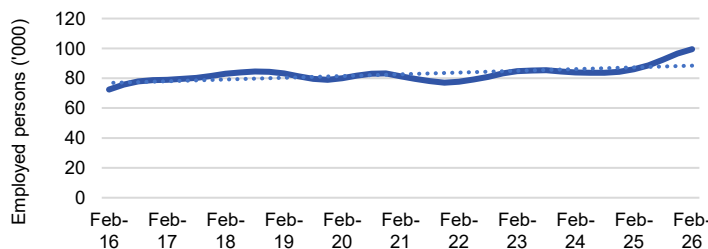
Number employed (Feb-26):	161,800
1 year employment change:	12.9%
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Youth share of employment:	8.2%
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Health Care and Social Assistance



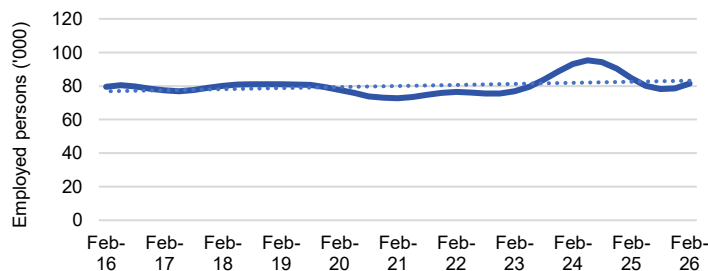
Number employed (Feb-26):	146,600
1 year employment change:	4.4%
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Mature age share of employment:	17.7%

Education and Training



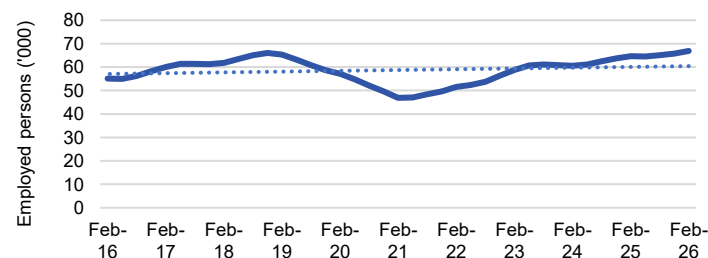
Number employed (Feb-26):	99,500
1 year employment change:	15.5%
5 year employment change:	22.4%
10 year employment change:	37.3%
Youth share of employment:	7.9%
Mature age share of employment:	12.9%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	81,500
1 year employment change:	-3.7%
5 year employment change:	12.1%
10 year employment change:	2.6%
Youth share of employment:	20.9%
Mature age share of employment:	6.9%

Accommodation and Food Services



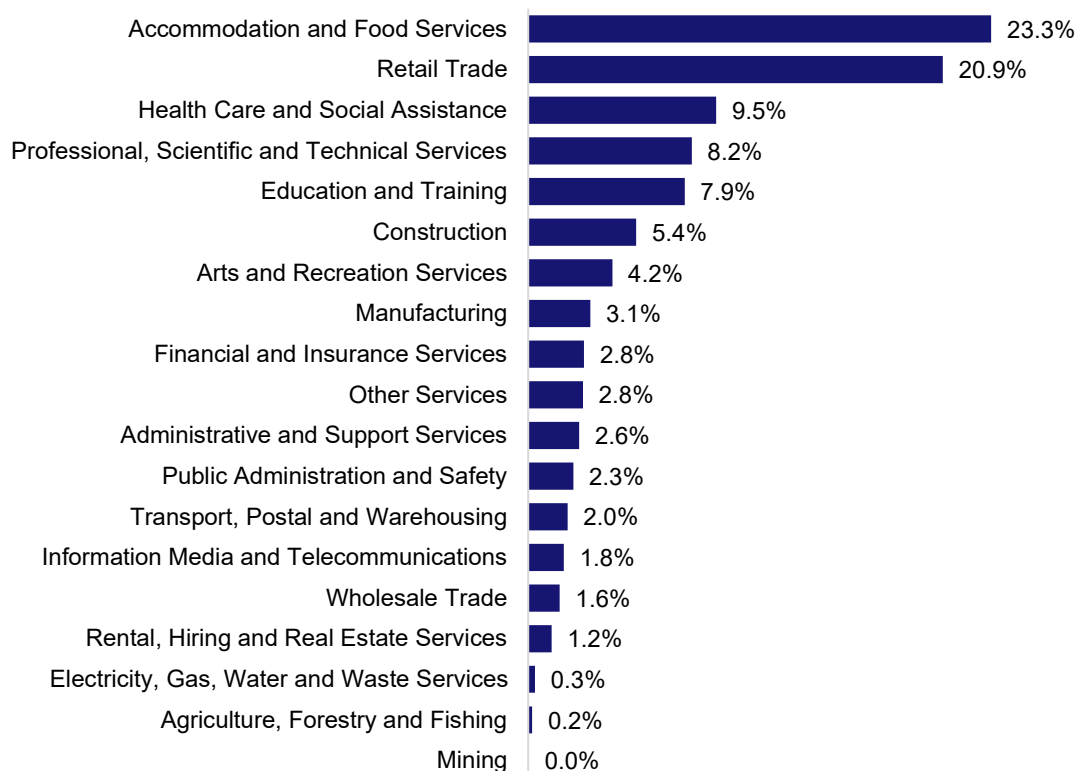
Number employed (Feb-26):	66,900
1 year employment change:	3.4%
5 year employment change:	42.7%
10 year employment change:	21.5%
Youth share of employment:	23.3%
Mature age share of employment:	2.9%

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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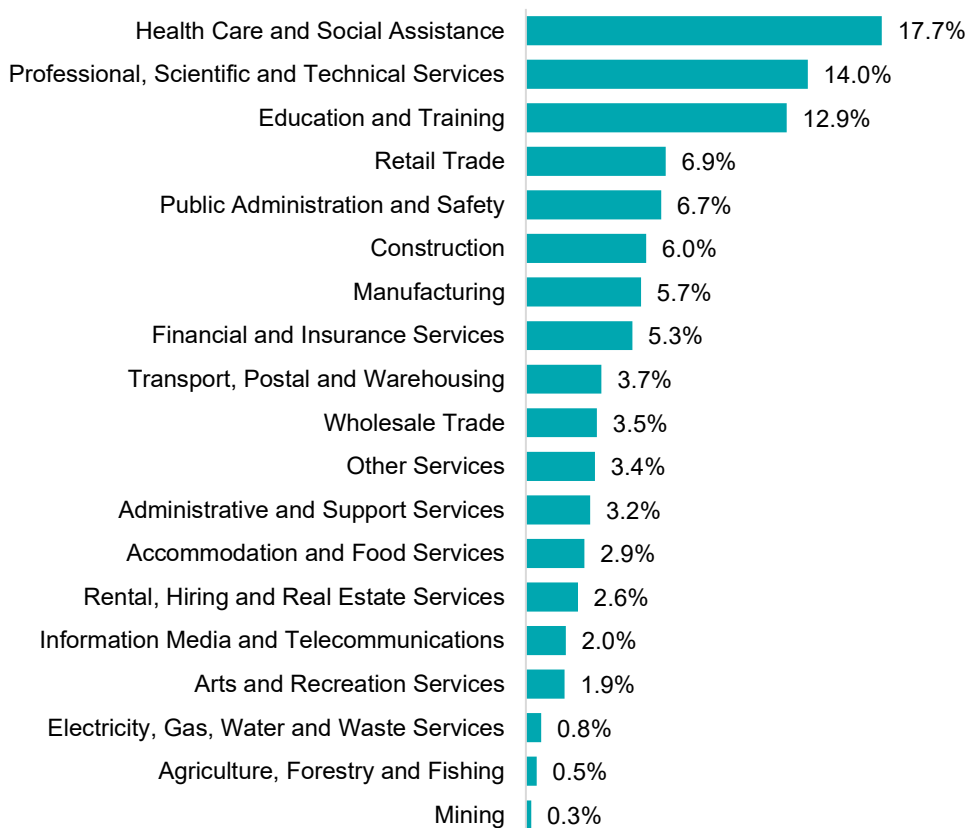
Employment characteristics by Industry

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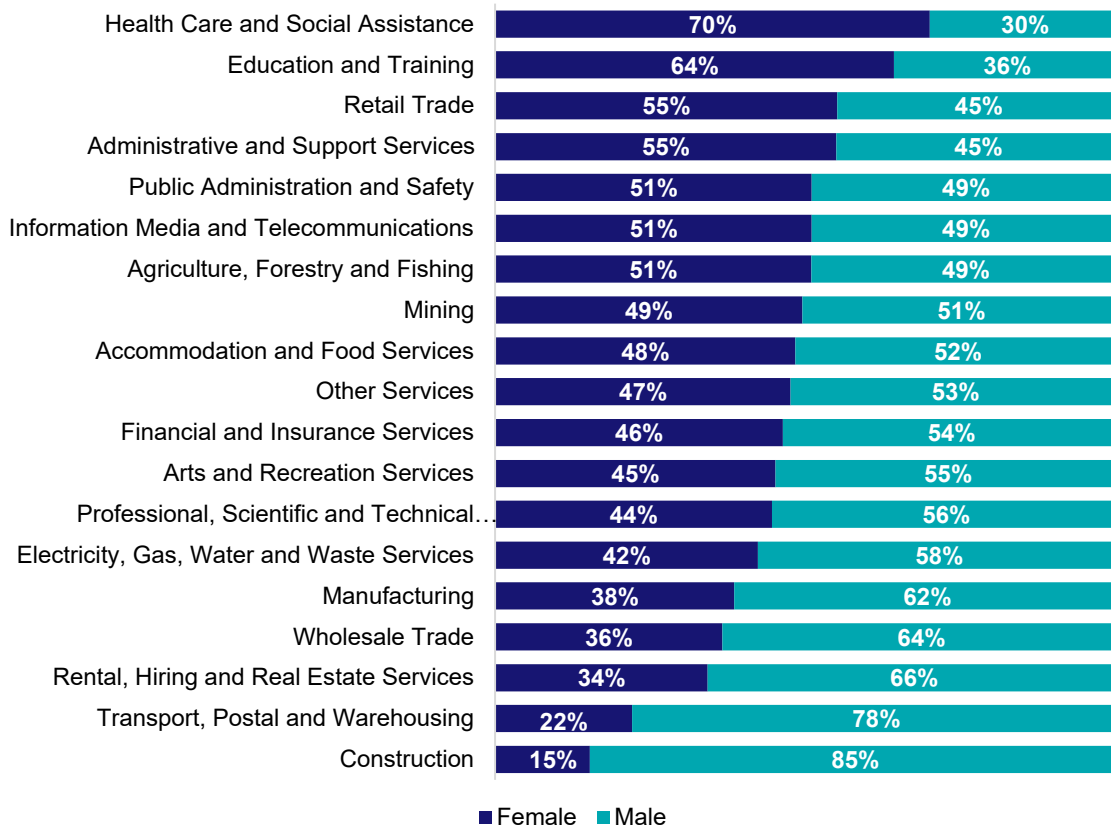
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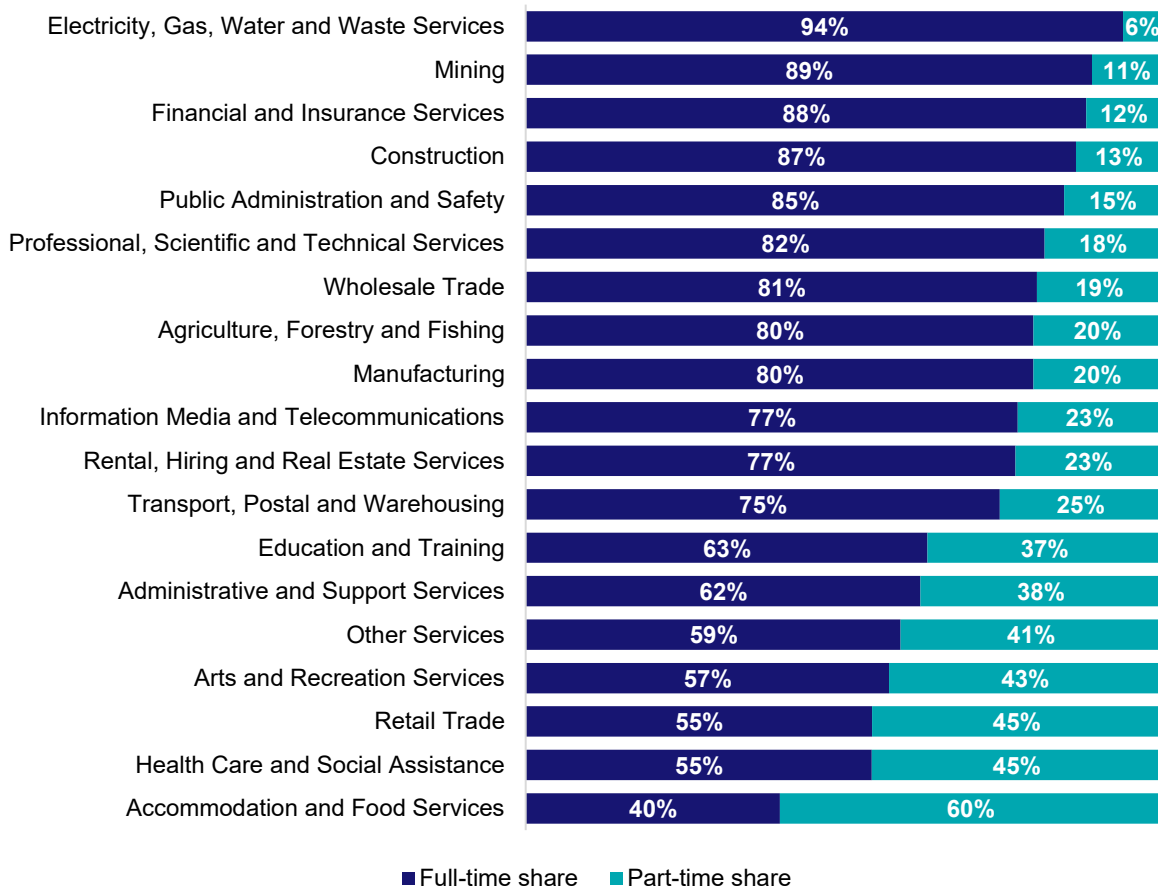
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Gender share by industry



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, Inner Metropolitan Melbourne, 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			
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	17.1	161.8	143.3	140.8	81.7	18.3	38
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.5	146.6	140.4	117.1	54.5	45.5	40
Education and Training	10.5	99.5	86.1	81.3	63.3	36.7	41
Retail Trade	8.6	81.5	84.6	72.7	54.5	45.5	31
Accommodation and Food Services	7.1	66.9	64.7	46.9	40.0	60.0	26
Financial and Insurance Services	6.3	59.6	58.0	53.1	88.3	11.7	40
Construction	6.0	57.1	55.6	47.6	86.7	13.3	37
Public Administration and Safety	5.3	49.9	48.8	42.2	84.8	15.2	42
Manufacturing	4.3	41.1	48.5	45.5	79.9	20.1	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.0	28.6	25.2	29.0	74.7	25.3	41
Arts and Recreation Services	2.9	27.8	29.6	22.1	57.2	42.8	33
Other Services	2.8	26.3	27.7	22.4	59.1	40.9	38
Administrative and Support Services	2.7	25.9	27.3	24.9	62.1	37.9	37
Information Media and Telecommunications	2.5	23.6	21.3	22.2	77.5	22.5	38
Wholesale Trade	2.3	21.9	26.4	28.5	80.5	19.5	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.8	16.9	21.0	20.0	77.1	22.9	40
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.0	9.3	12.4	8.8	94.1	5.9	39
Mining	0.2	2.1	2.6	1.7	89.2	10.8	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.2	1.6	1.5	3.1	80.0	20.0	39
All industries	100.0	948.2	925.2	829.6	68.9	31.1	38

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

North Eastern Melbourne Employment Region

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Overview

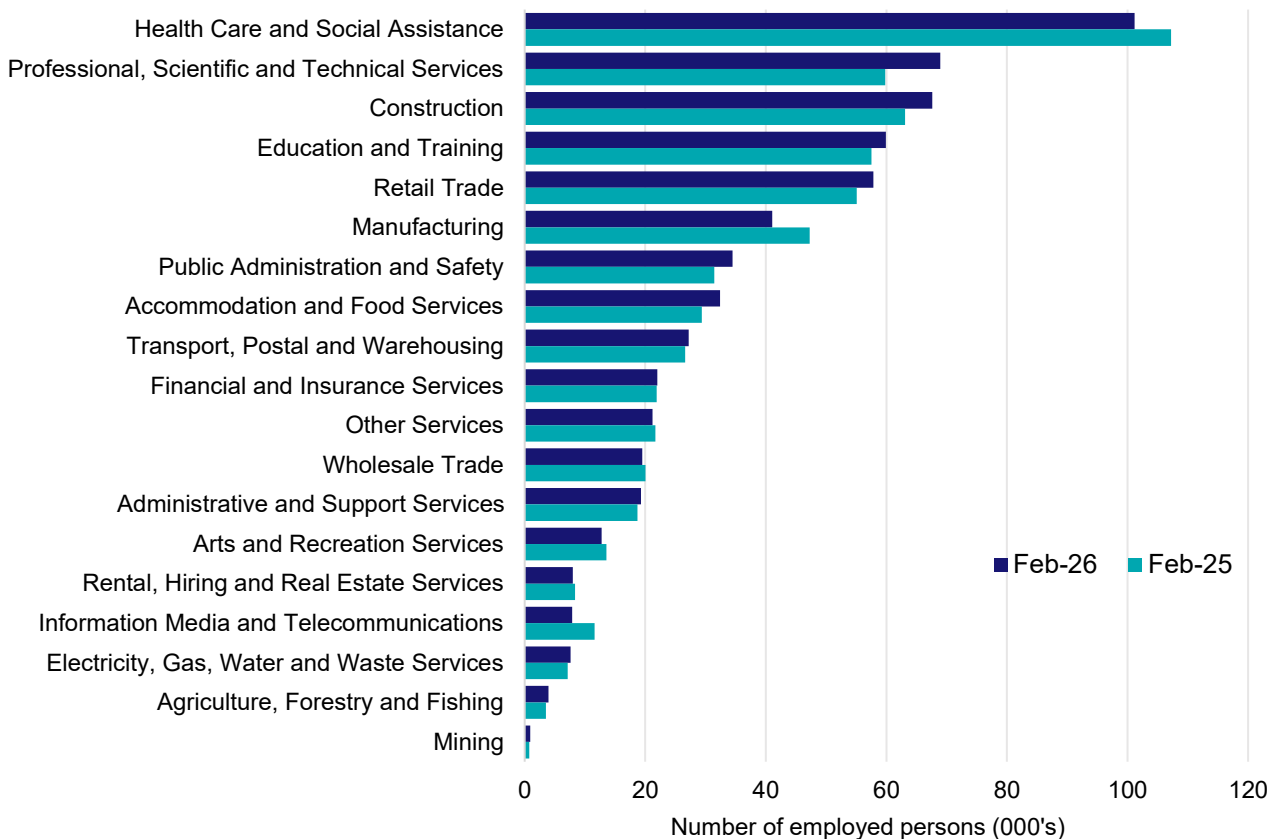
In February 2026, there were around 613,700 people employed in the North Eastern Melbourne Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Construction, Education and Training, and Retail Trade. 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 fell by 5.6% to stand at 101,200
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 15.2% to stand at 68,900
- Construction rose by 7.2% to stand at 67,600.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the North Eastern Melbourne Employment Region, 52% of workers were employed part-time; 79% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 42.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



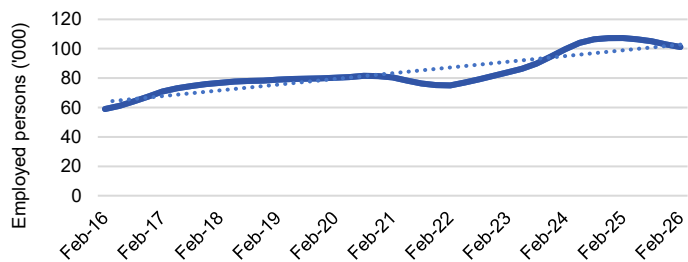
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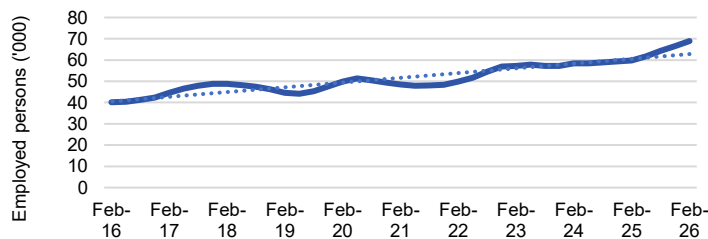
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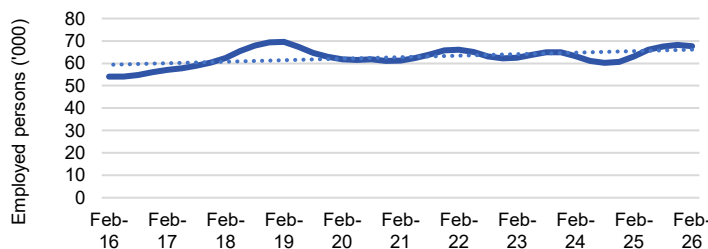
Number employed (Feb-26):	101,200
1 year employment change:	-5.6%
5 year employment change:	25.7%
10 year employment change:	71.6%
Youth share of employment:	9.5%
Mature age share of employment:	17.1%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



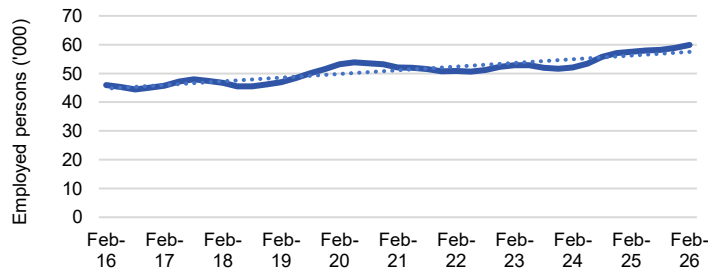
Number employed (Feb-26):	68,900
1 year employment change:	15.2%
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Construction



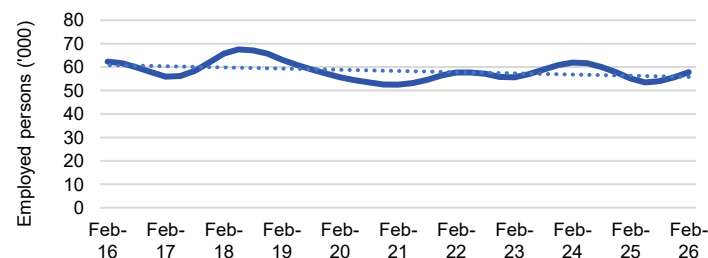
Number employed (Feb-26):	67,600
1 year employment change:	7.2%
5 year employment change:	10.5%
10 year employment change:	25.0%
Youth share of employment:	13.0%
Mature age share of employment:	9.6%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	59,900
1 year employment change:	4.1%
5 year employment change:	15.0%
10 year employment change:	30.2%
Youth share of employment:	5.5%
Mature age share of employment:	10.8%

Retail Trade



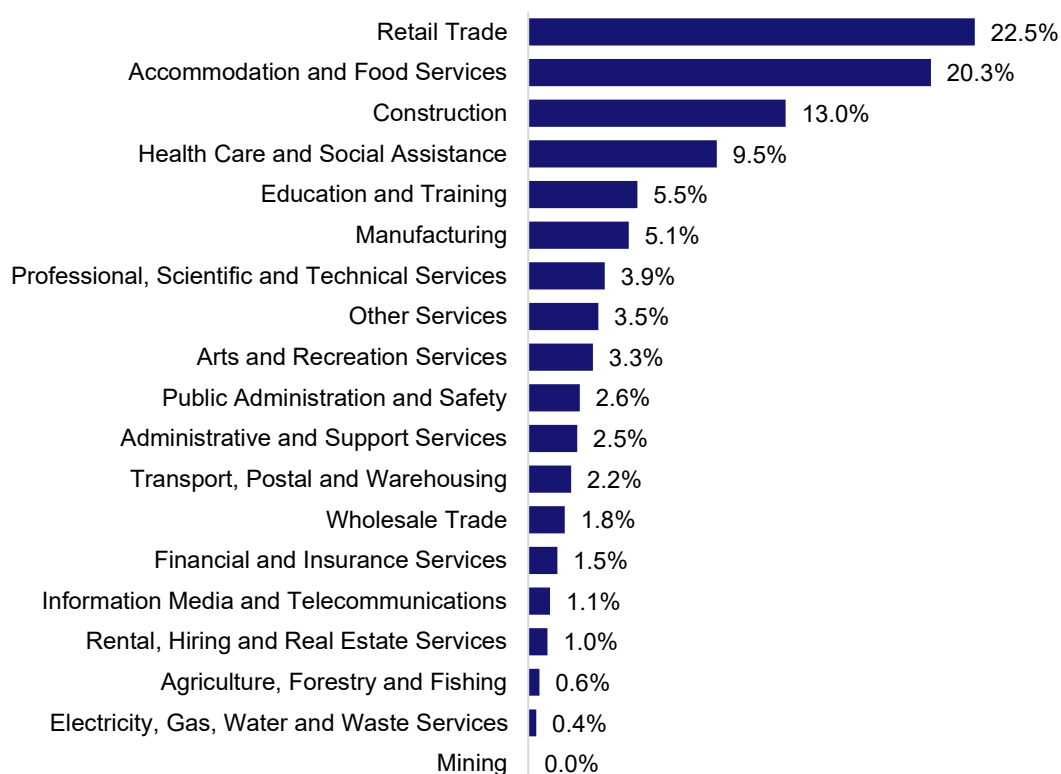
Number employed (Feb-26):	57,800
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5 year employment change:	10.0%
10 year employment change:	-7.3%
Youth share of employment:	22.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

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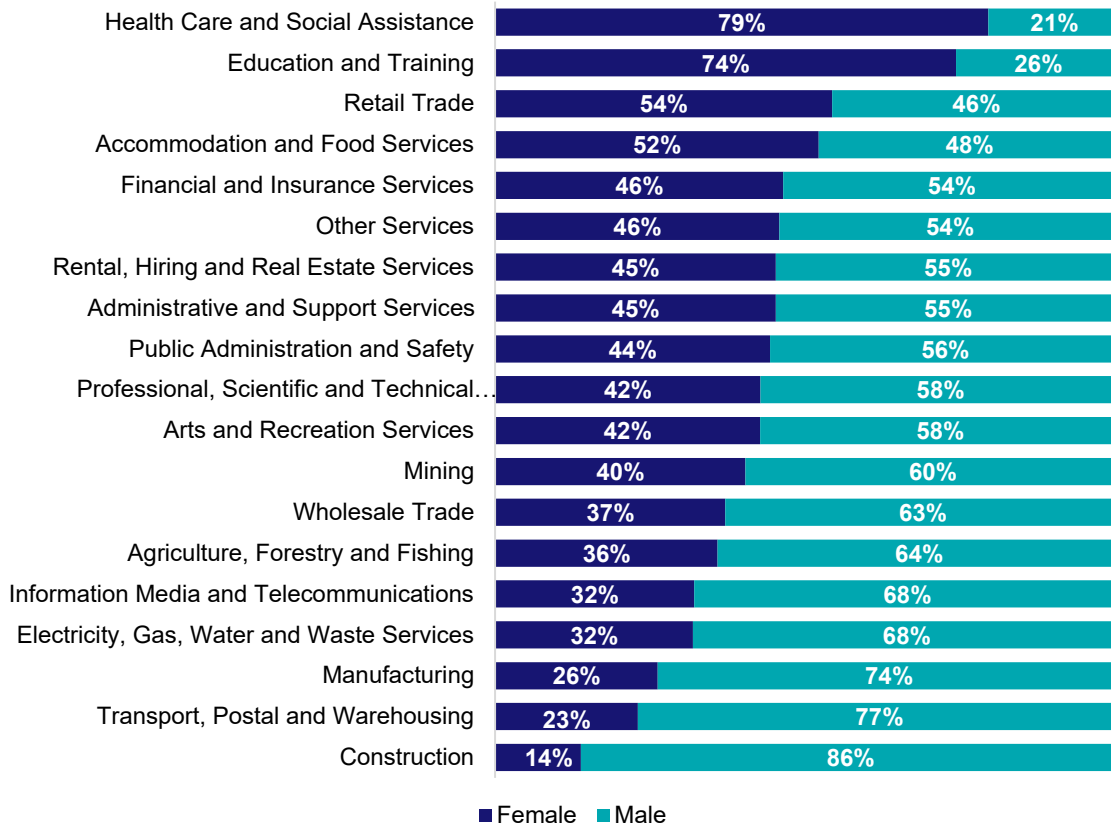
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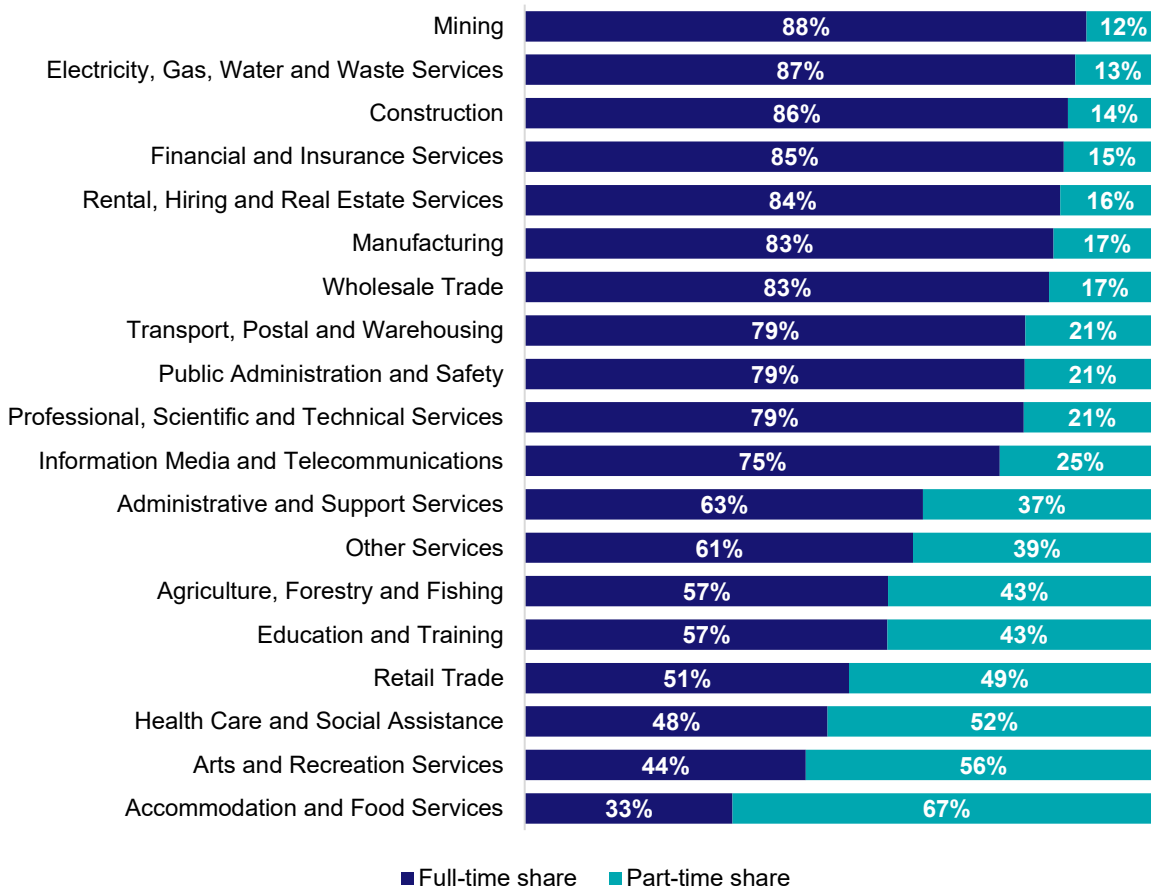
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		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	16.5	101.2	107.2	80.5	47.7	52.3	42
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	11.2	68.9	59.8	48.5	78.6	21.4	41
Construction	11.0	67.6	63.1	61.2	85.5	14.5	38
Education and Training	9.8	59.9	57.5	52.1	57.1	42.9	42
Retail Trade	9.4	57.8	55.1	52.6	51.1	48.9	34
Manufacturing	6.7	41.0	47.3	51.6	83.3	16.7	45
Public Administration and Safety	5.6	34.5	31.5	27.4	78.7	21.3	43
Accommodation and Food Services	5.3	32.4	29.4	25.6	32.7	67.3	24
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.4	27.2	26.6	24.5	78.8	21.2	44
Financial and Insurance Services	3.6	22.0	21.9	21.1	84.9	15.1	40
Other Services	3.5	21.2	21.7	23.0	61.2	38.8	41
Wholesale Trade	3.2	19.5	20.0	24.5	82.6	17.4	45
Administrative and Support Services	3.1	19.3	18.7	17.7	62.7	37.3	43
Arts and Recreation Services	2.1	12.8	13.6	9.6	44.3	55.7	33
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	8.0	8.4	6.6	84.3	15.7	40
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.3	7.9	11.6	8.7	74.8	25.2	40
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.2	7.6	7.1	4.4	86.7	13.3	42
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.6	3.9	3.5	6.2	57.2	42.8	46
Mining	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.3	88.5	11.5	47
All industries	100.0	613.7	604.7	546.0	66.0	34.0	40

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North Western Melbourne Employment Region

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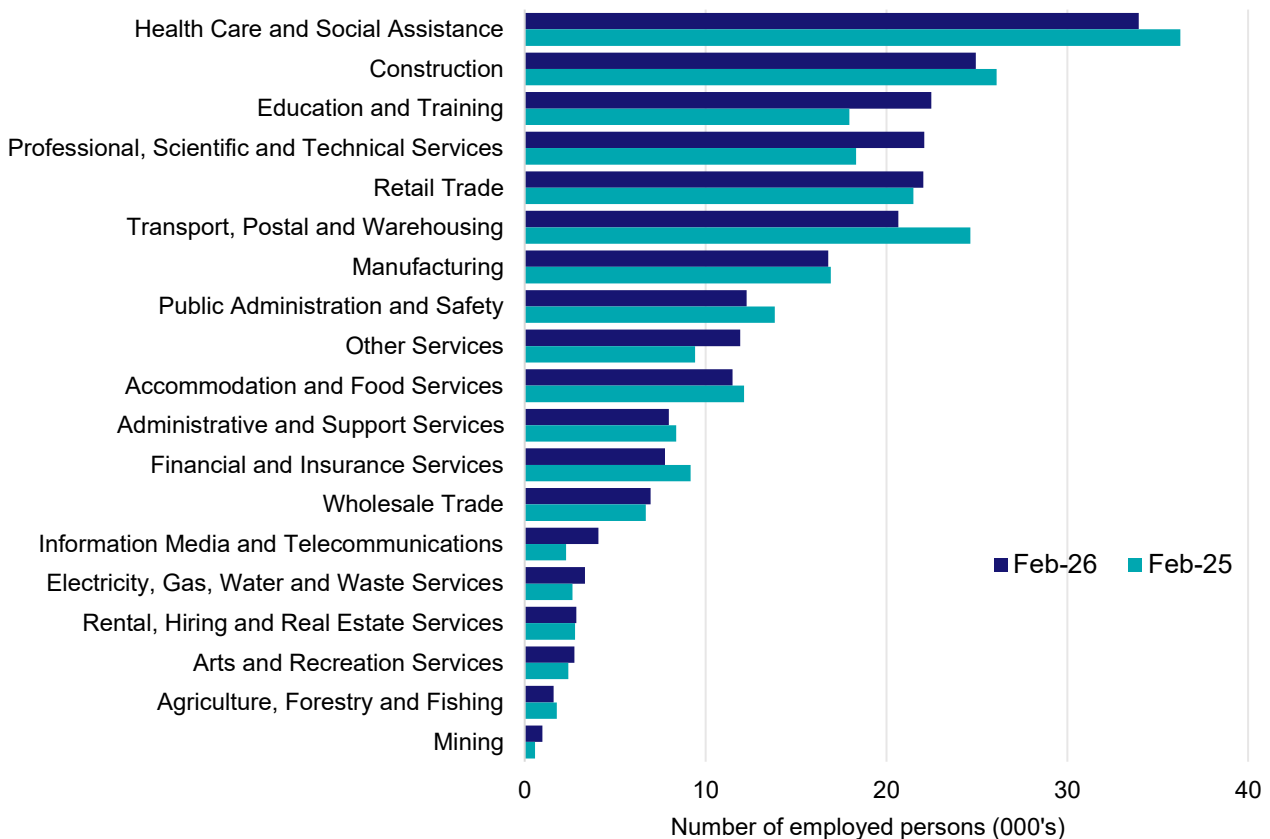
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Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 6.3% to stand at 33,900
- Construction fell by 4.4% to stand at 25,000
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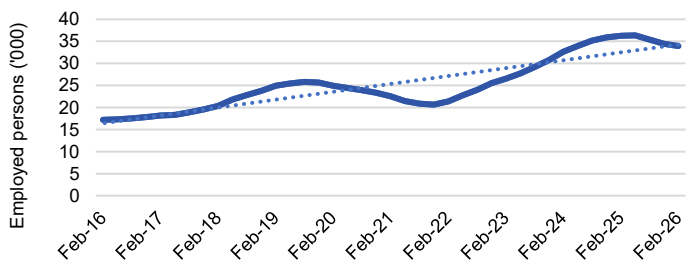
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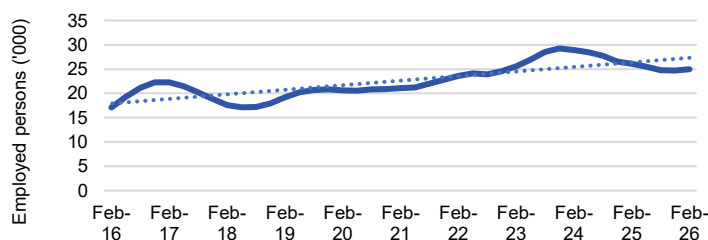
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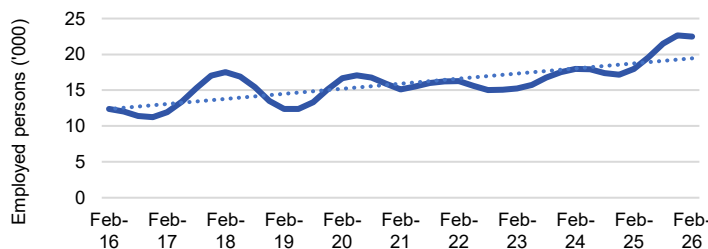
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Youth share of employment:	9.0%
Mature age share of employment:	13.9%

Construction



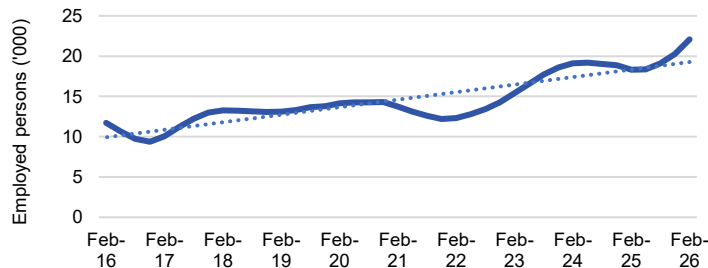
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Education and Training



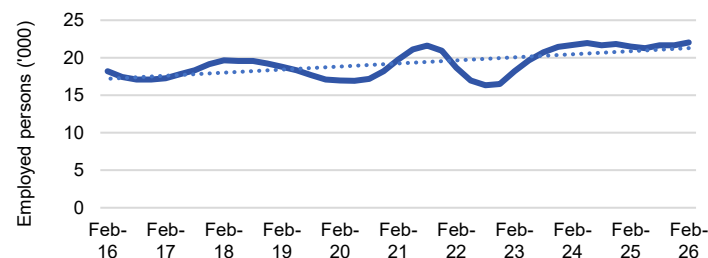
Number employed (Feb-26):	22,500
1 year employment change:	25.2%
5 year employment change:	48.7%
10 year employment change:	81.6%
Youth share of employment:	4.8%
Mature age share of employment:	10.2%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



Number employed (Feb-26):	22,100
1 year employment change:	20.5%
5 year employment change:	60.6%
10 year employment change:	88.5%
Youth share of employment:	3.2%
Mature age share of employment:	5.8%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	22,000
1 year employment change:	2.5%
5 year employment change:	11.6%
10 year employment change:	21.0%
Youth share of employment:	21.1%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

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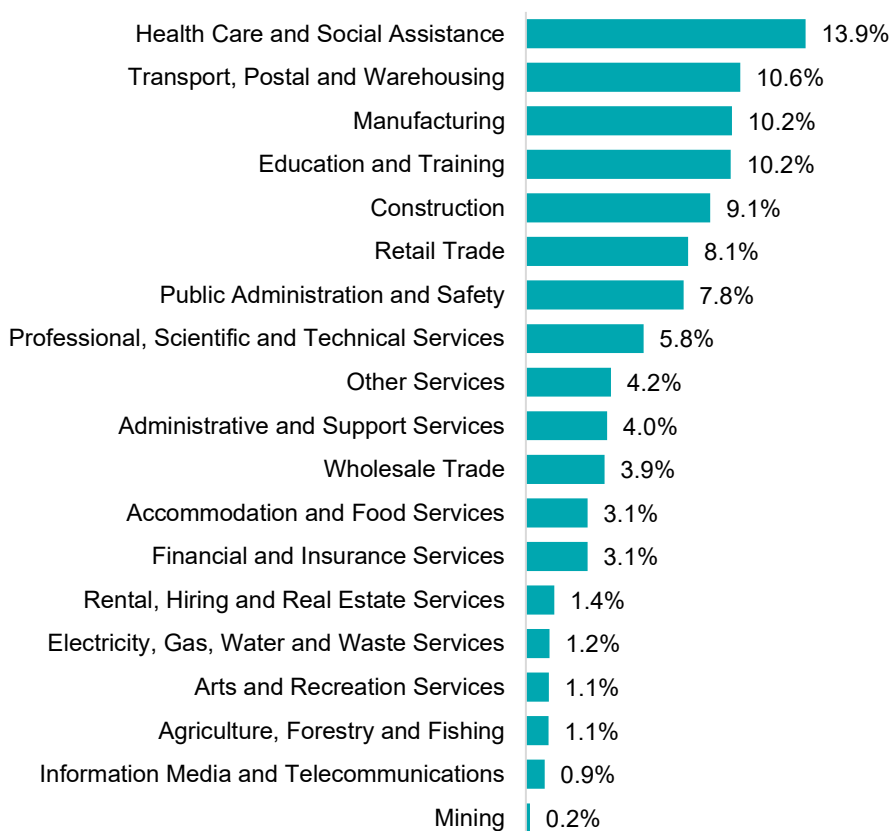
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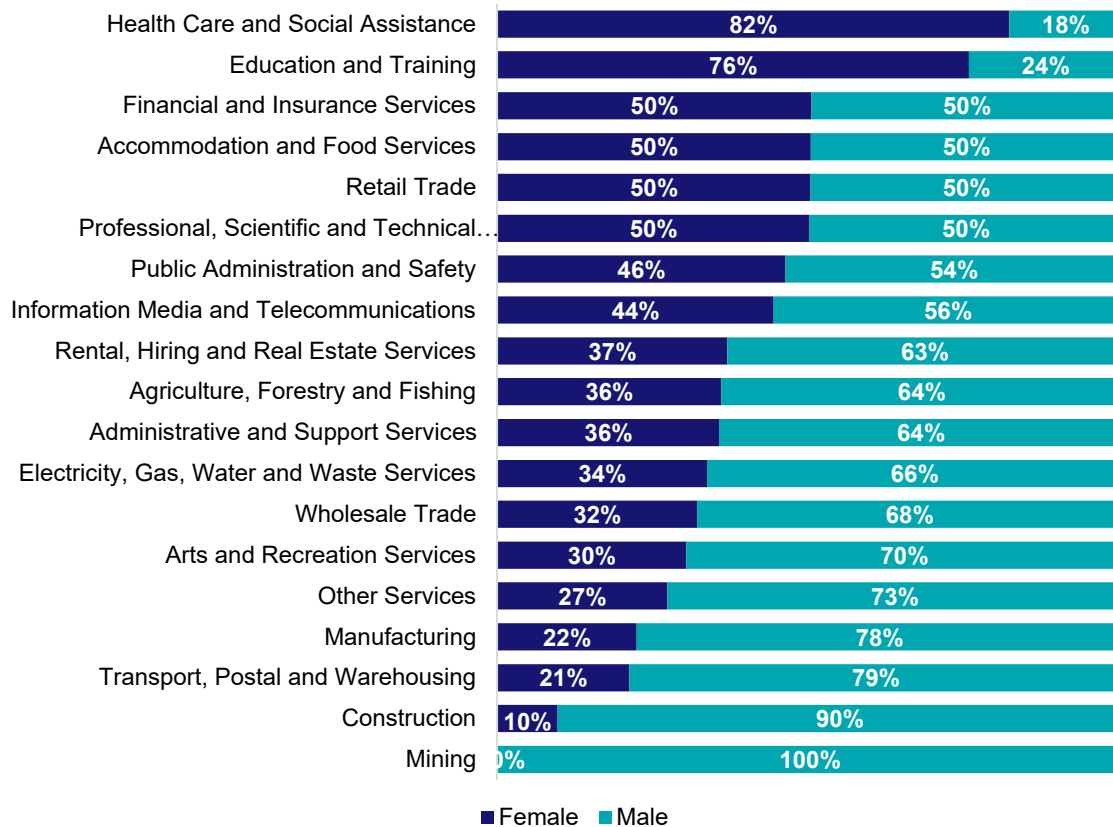
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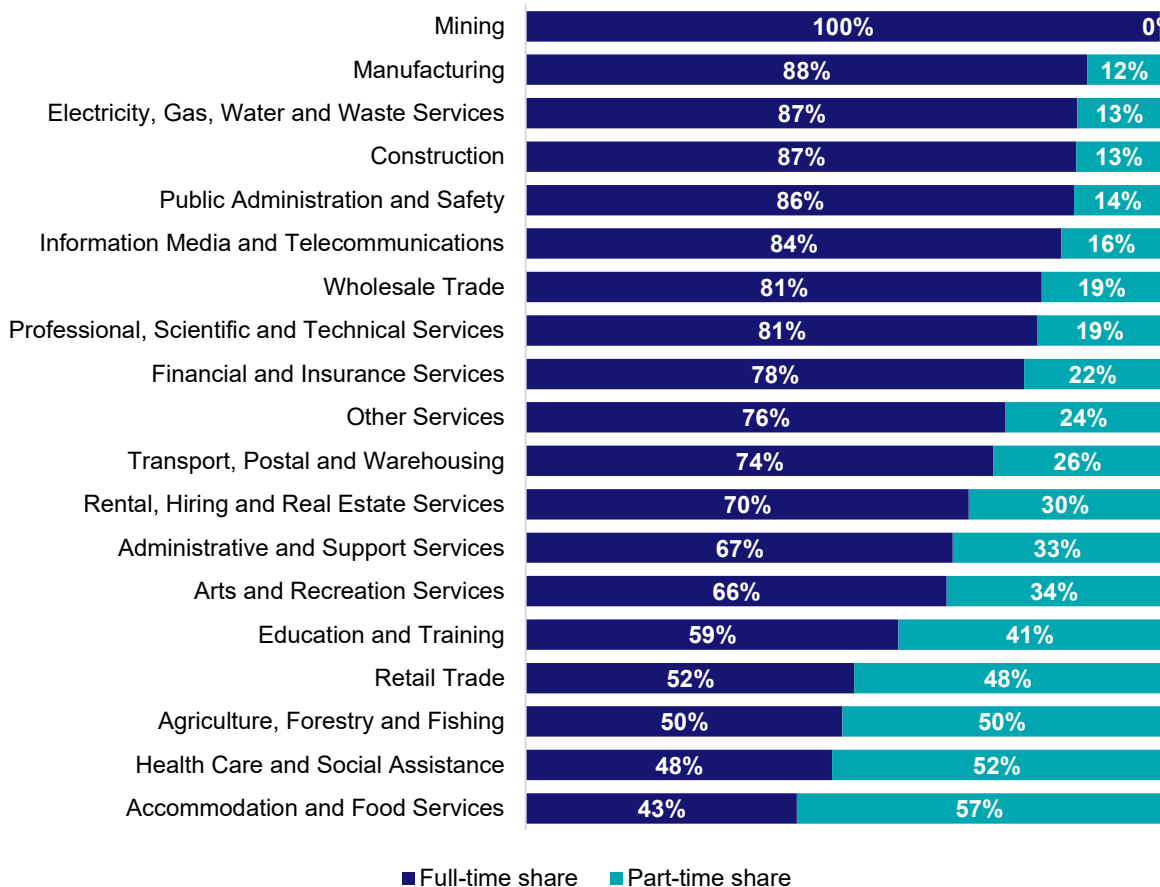
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Employment by industry, North Western Melbourne, February 2026

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	14.3	33.9	36.2	22.6	48.2	51.8	39
Construction	10.5	25.0	26.1	21.1	86.7	13.3	36
Education and Training	9.5	22.5	18.0	15.1	58.7	41.3	41
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	9.3	22.1	18.3	13.8	80.6	19.4	38
Retail Trade	9.3	22.0	21.5	19.7	51.7	48.3	33
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	8.7	20.7	24.6	18.0	73.6	26.4	41
Manufacturing	7.1	16.8	16.9	17.7	88.4	11.6	43
Public Administration and Safety	5.2	12.3	13.8	13.5	86.3	13.7	41
Other Services	5.0	11.9	9.4	5.9	75.6	24.4	39
Accommodation and Food Services	4.8	11.5	12.1	13.7	42.7	57.3	25
Administrative and Support Services	3.4	8.0	8.4	5.1	67.3	32.7	39
Financial and Insurance Services	3.3	7.8	9.2	8.1	78.5	21.5	38
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Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.4	3.3	2.6	2.2	86.8	13.2	40
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.2	2.9	2.8	1.5	69.8	30.2	38
Arts and Recreation Services	1.2	2.7	2.4	2.2	66.3	33.7	33
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.7	1.6	1.8	0.1	49.8	50.2	48
Mining	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.1	99.8	0.2	39
All industries	100.0	236.9	233.8	189.1	69.2	30.8	38

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Employment Region Industry profile

South Coast of Victoria Employment Region

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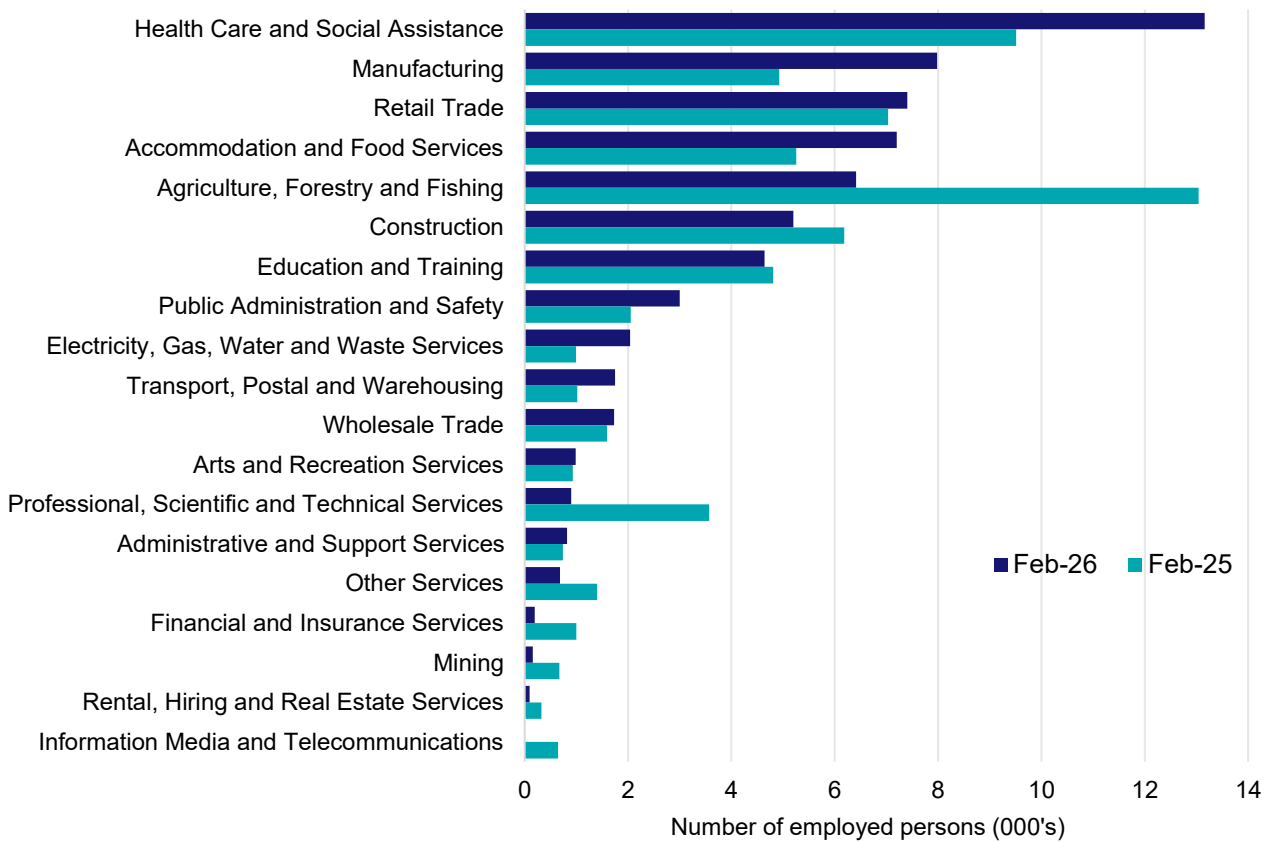
In February 2026, there were around 64,400 people employed in the South Coast of Victoria Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Accommodation and Food Services, and Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing. Together these 5 industries accounted for 66% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 38.4% to stand at 13,200
- Manufacturing rose by 62.0% to stand at 8,000
- Retail Trade rose by 5.3% to stand at 7,400.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the South Coast of Victoria Employment Region, 60% of workers were employed full-time; 77% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 47.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



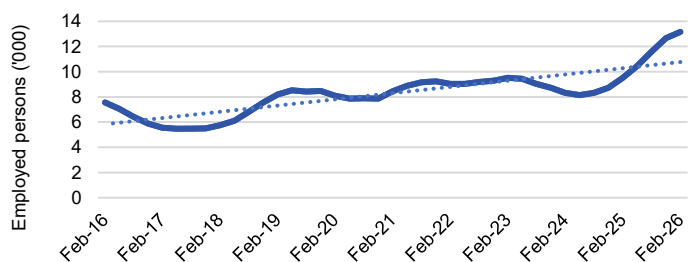
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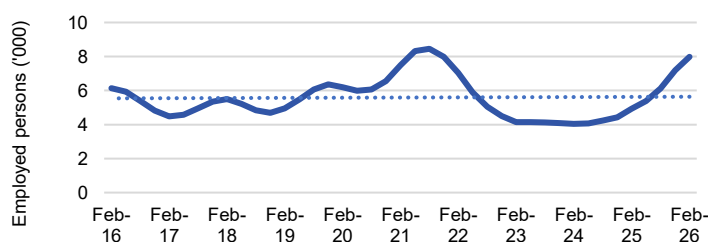
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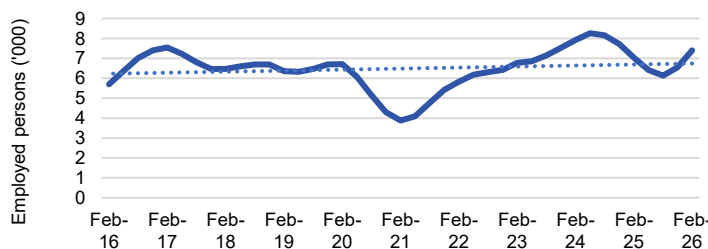
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Manufacturing



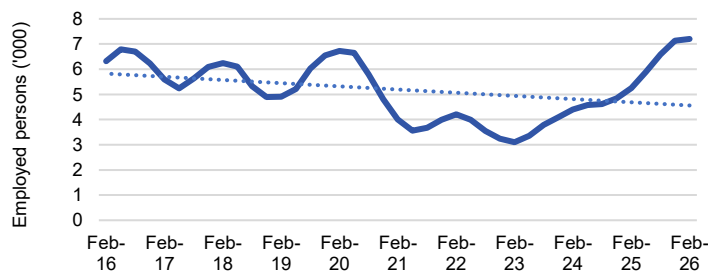
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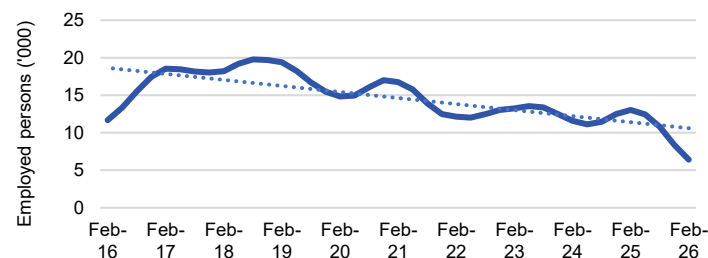
Number employed (Feb-26):	7,400
1 year employment change:	5.3%
5 year employment change:	90.9%
10 year employment change:	29.9%
Youth share of employment:	21.3%
Mature age share of employment:	7.1%

Accommodation and Food Services



Number employed (Feb-26):	7,200
1 year employment change:	37.0%
5 year employment change:	79.6%
10 year employment change:	14.0%
Youth share of employment:	19.1%
Mature age share of employment:	4.3%

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



Number employed (Feb-26):	6,400
1 year employment change:	-50.8%
5 year employment change:	-61.7%
10 year employment change:	-45.1%
Youth share of employment:	11.6%
Mature age share of employment:	22.4%

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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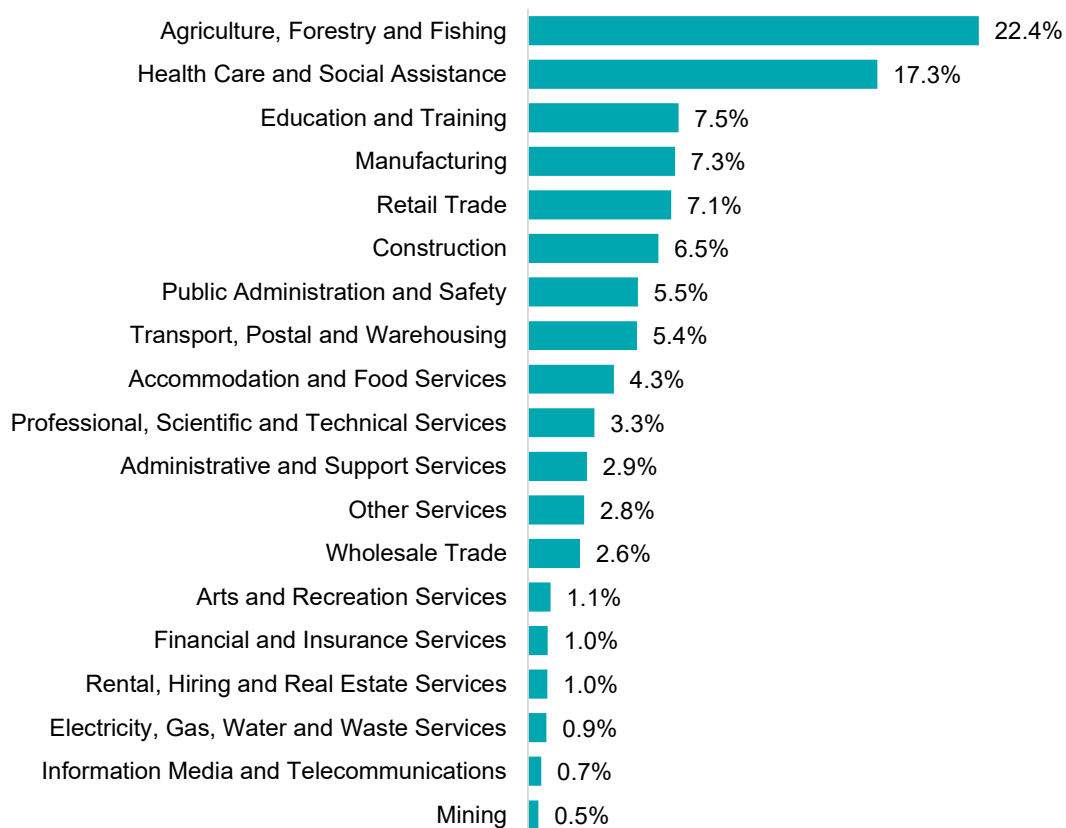
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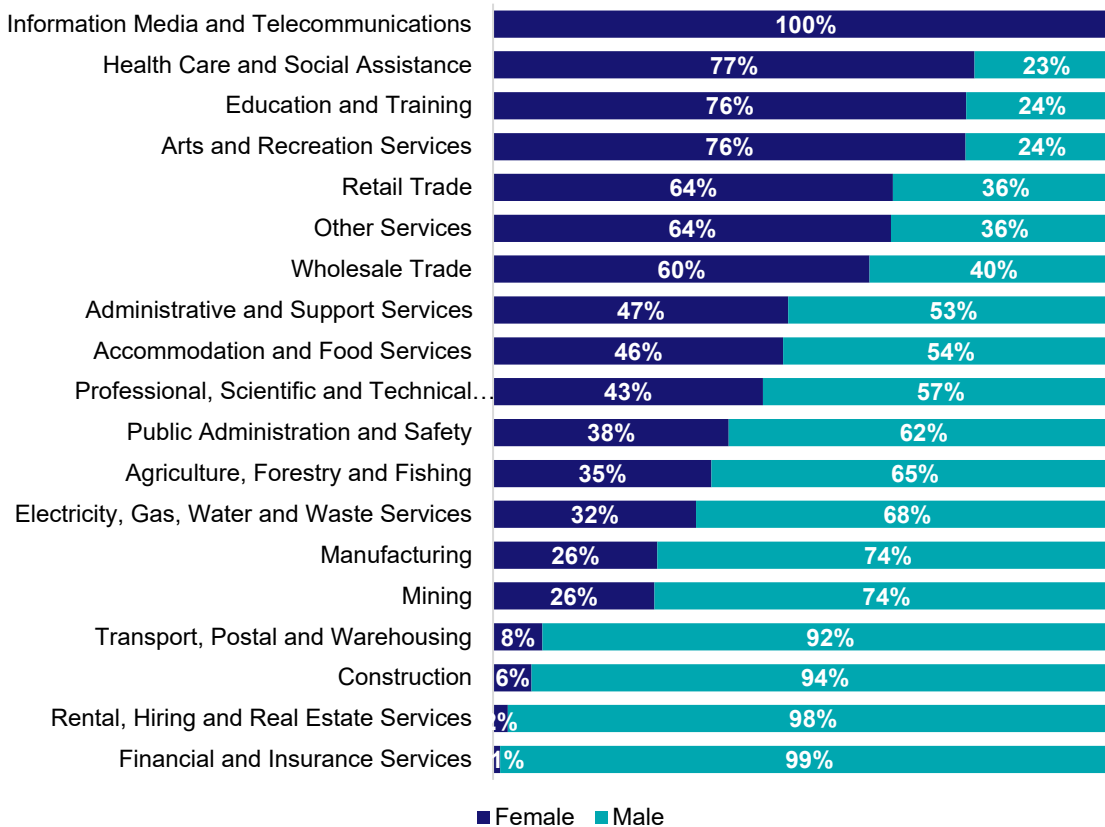
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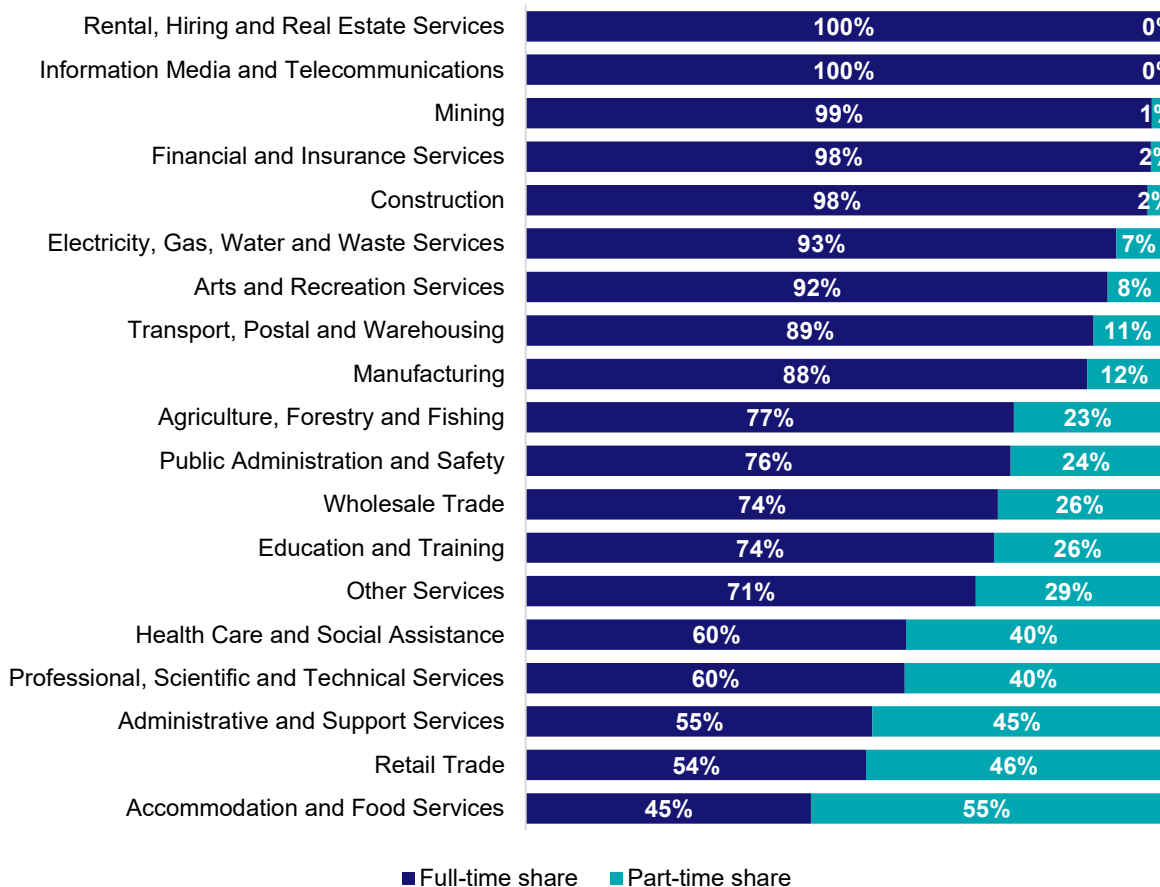
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Gender share by industry



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, South Coast of Victoria, 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	20.4	13.2	9.5	8.4	59.9	40.1	47
Manufacturing	12.4	8.0	4.9	7.5	88.4	11.6	41
Retail Trade	11.5	7.4	7.0	3.9	53.6	46.4	36
Accommodation and Food Services	11.2	7.2	5.3	4.0	44.9	55.1	30
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	10.0	6.4	13.0	16.7	76.9	23.1	50
Construction	8.1	5.2	6.2	4.0	97.9	2.1	39
Education and Training	7.2	4.6	4.8	5.6	73.7	26.3	46
Public Administration and Safety	4.7	3.0	2.1	1.7	76.4	23.6	47
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	3.2	2.0	1.0	0.7	93.0	7.0	44
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2.7	1.8	1.0	3.5	89.4	10.6	50
Wholesale Trade	2.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	74.3	25.7	47
Arts and Recreation Services	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.5	91.7	8.3	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1.4	0.9	3.6	3.0	59.7	40.3	43
Administrative and Support Services	1.3	0.8	0.7	2.1	54.6	45.4	47
Other Services	1.1	0.7	1.4	2.3	70.9	29.1	40
Financial and Insurance Services	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.8	98.5	1.5	43
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.1	98.6	1.4	55
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	100.0	0.0	46
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	100.0	0.0	35
All industries	100.0	64.4	65.7	66.9	70.6	29.4	44

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Employment Region Industry profile

South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula Employment Region

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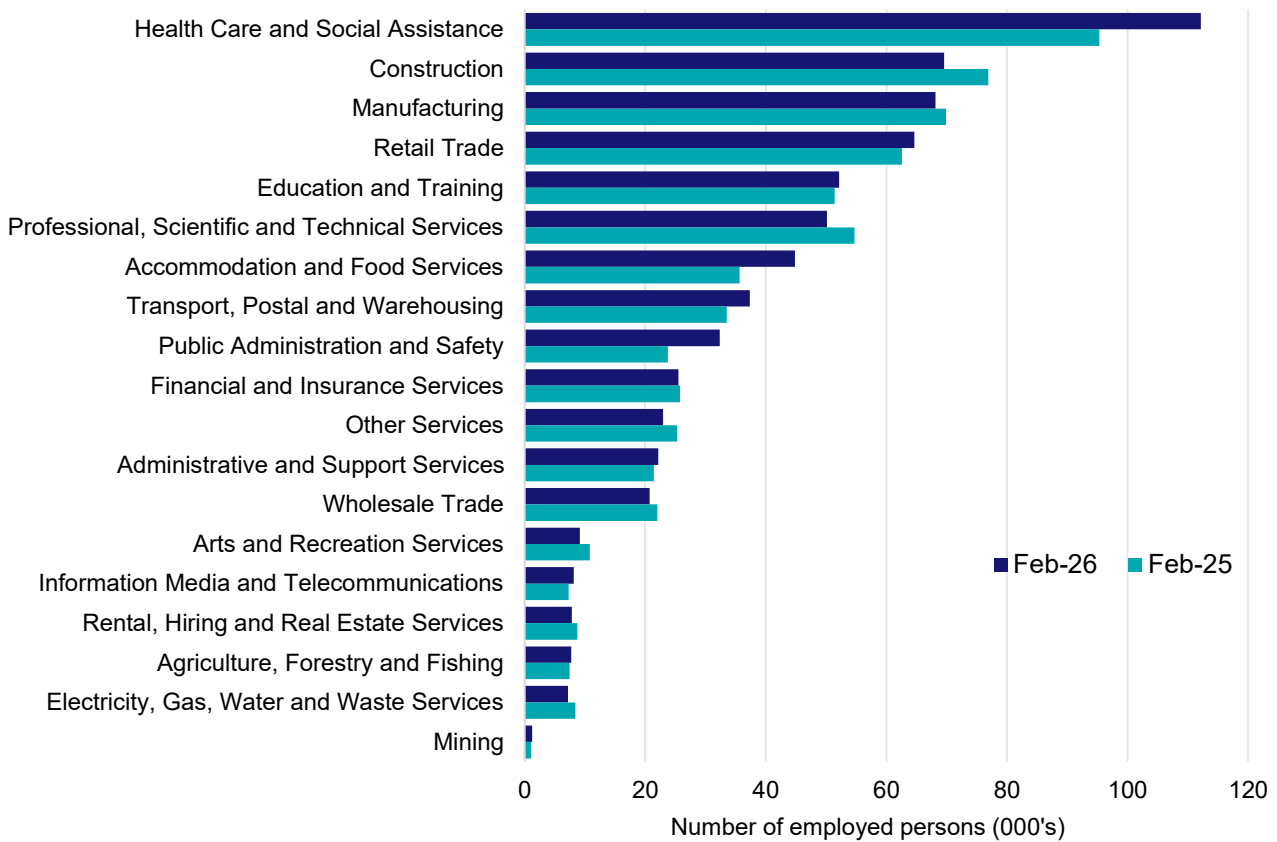
In February 2026, there were around 663,800 people employed in the South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 55% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 17.6% to stand at 112,100
- Construction fell by 9.5% to stand at 69,600
- Manufacturing fell by 2.5% to stand at 68,100.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula Employment Region, 51% 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



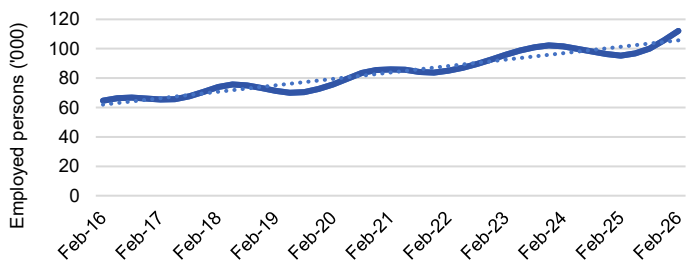
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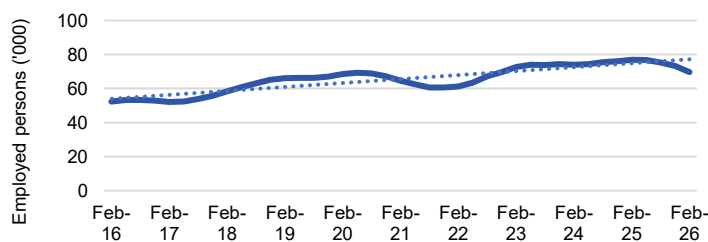
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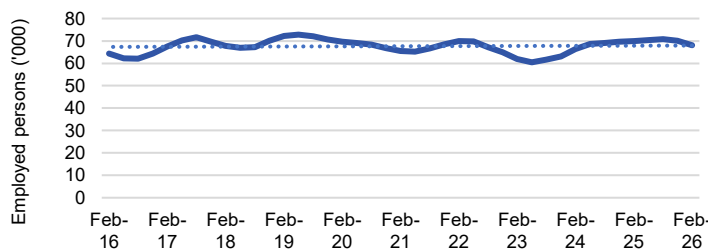
Number employed (Feb-26):	112,100
1 year employment change:	17.6%
5 year employment change:	30.3%
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Youth share of employment:	9.6%
Mature age share of employment:	16.3%

Construction



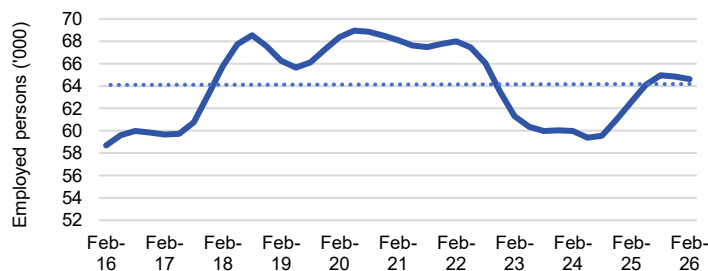
Number employed (Feb-26):	69,600
1 year employment change:	-9.5%
5 year employment change:	7.6%
10 year employment change:	33.1%
Youth share of employment:	11.6%
Mature age share of employment:	9.5%

Manufacturing



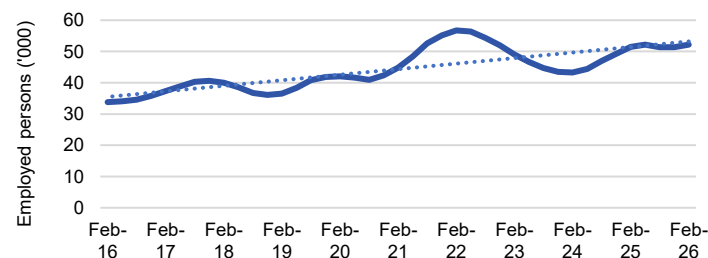
Number employed (Feb-26):	68,100
1 year employment change:	-2.5%
5 year employment change:	4.1%
10 year employment change:	5.9%
Youth share of employment:	6.0%
Mature age share of employment:	13.0%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	64,600
1 year employment change:	3.2%
5 year employment change:	-5.1%
10 year employment change:	10.1%
Youth share of employment:	22.0%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	52,200
1 year employment change:	1.5%
5 year employment change:	16.3%
10 year employment change:	54.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.8%

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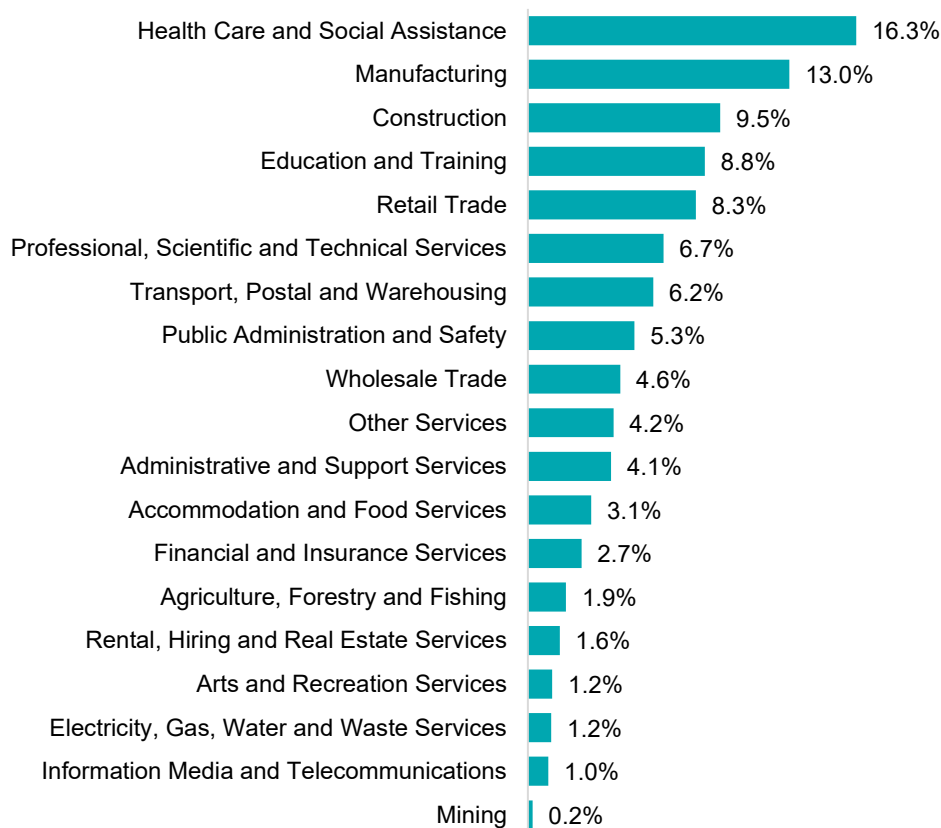
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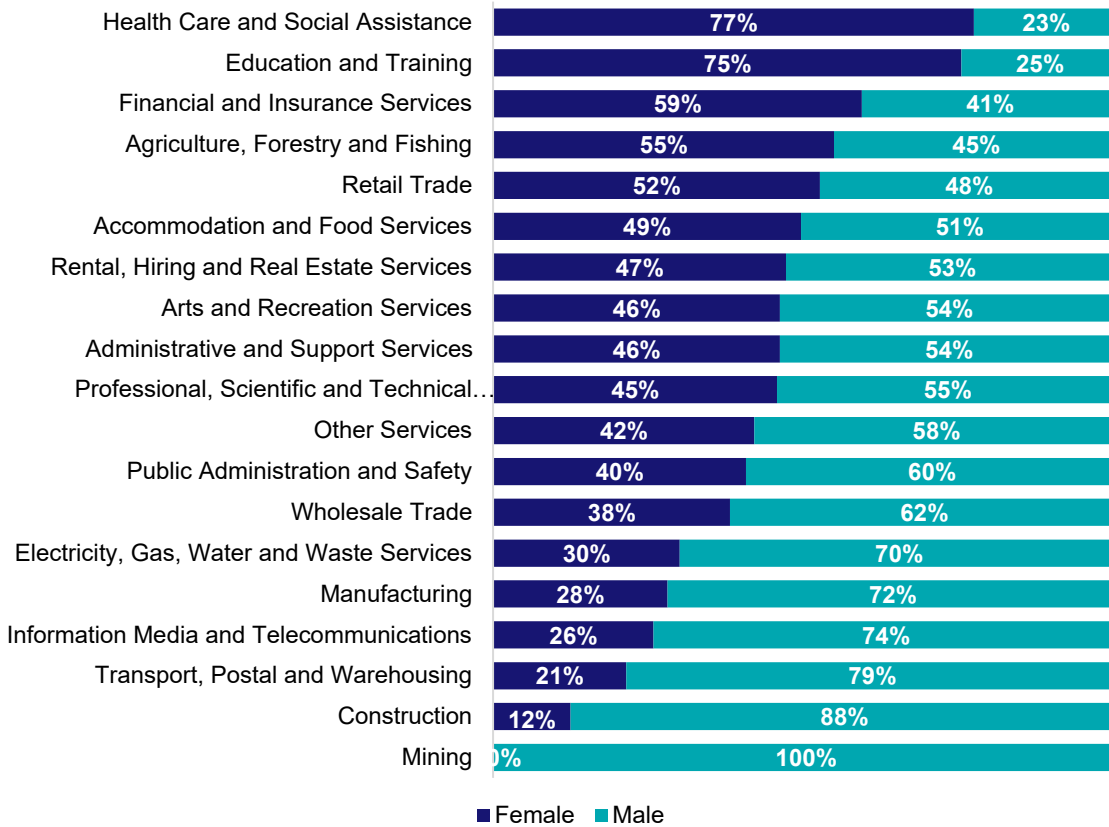
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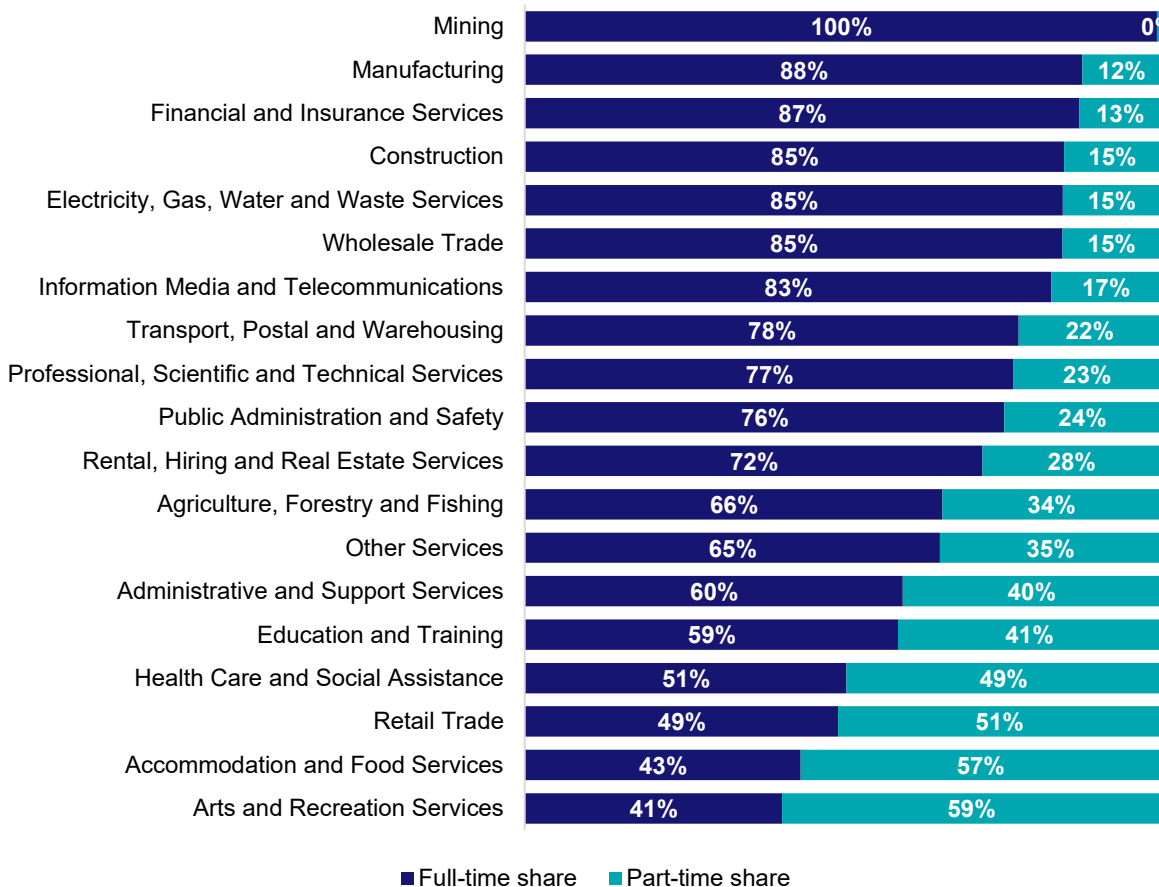
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Gender share by industry



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Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula, 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	16.9	112.1	95.3	86.0	50.7	49.3	41
Construction	10.5	69.6	76.9	64.7	84.9	15.1	37
Manufacturing	10.3	68.1	69.9	65.5	87.8	12.2	44
Retail Trade	9.7	64.6	62.6	68.1	49.4	50.6	34
Education and Training	7.9	52.2	51.4	44.9	58.8	41.2	41
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7.6	50.1	54.7	41.8	77.0	23.0	40
Accommodation and Food Services	6.8	44.9	35.6	26.2	43.4	56.6	25
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.6	37.3	33.5	28.4	77.8	22.2	42
Public Administration and Safety	4.9	32.3	23.8	22.8	75.5	24.5	42
Financial and Insurance Services	3.8	25.5	25.8	19.3	87.4	12.6	39
Other Services	3.5	23.0	25.3	20.7	65.4	34.6	39
Administrative and Support Services	3.3	22.1	21.4	20.7	59.5	40.5	41
Wholesale Trade	3.1	20.7	22.0	23.3	84.7	15.3	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.4	9.1	10.8	7.8	40.5	59.5	33
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.2	8.1	7.3	8.7	82.9	17.1	39
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.2	7.8	8.7	9.4	72.1	27.9	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.2	7.7	7.4	9.6	65.8	34.2	46
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.1	7.2	8.4	9.9	84.7	15.3	42
Mining	0.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	99.6	0.4	45
All industries	100.0	663.8	642.0	578.6	67.2	32.8	39

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Employment Region Industry profile

Western Melbourne Employment Region

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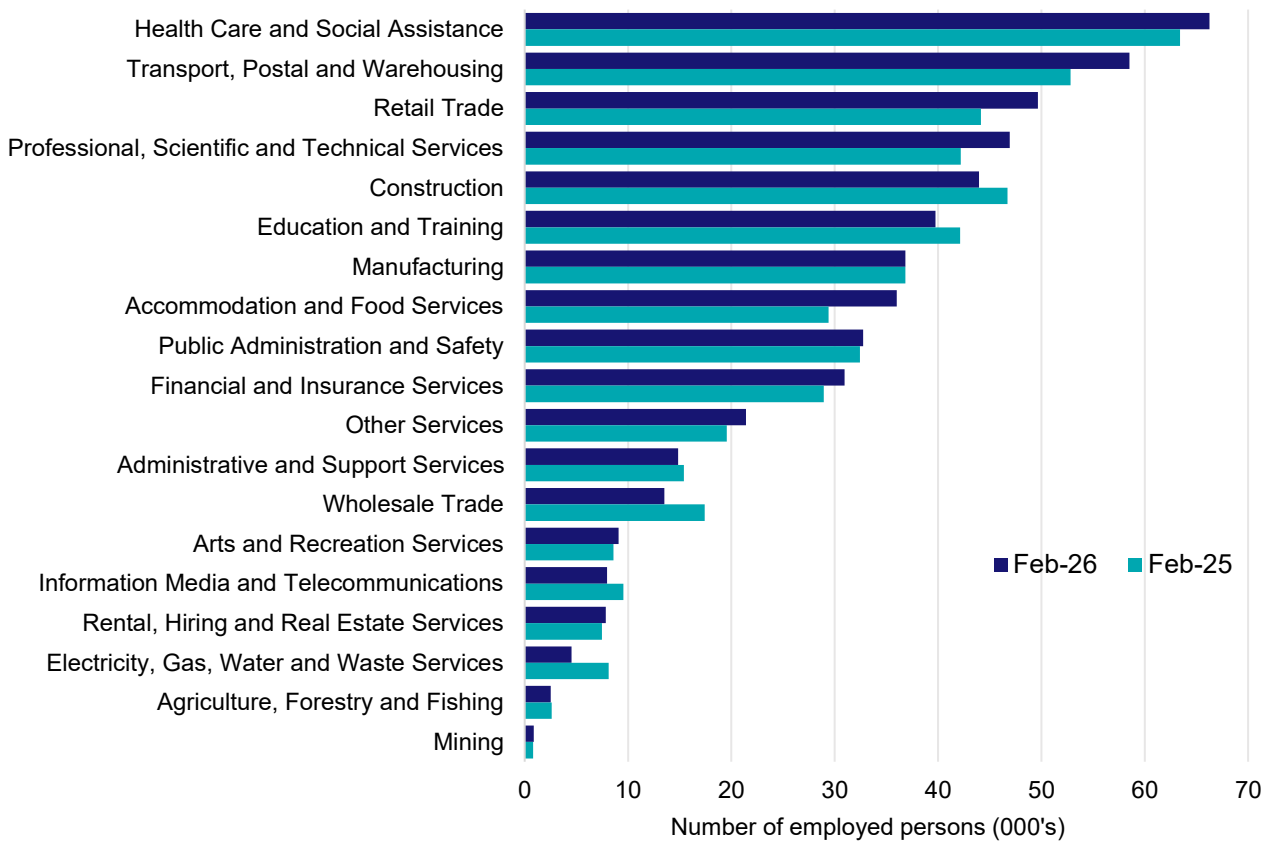
In February 2026, there were around 524,200 people employed in the Western Melbourne Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Transport, Postal and Warehousing, Retail Trade, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 51% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 4.5% to stand at 66,300
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing rose by 10.8% to stand at 58,500
- Retail Trade rose by 12.4% to stand at 49,700.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Western Melbourne Employment Region, 63% of workers were employed full-time; 77% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 39.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



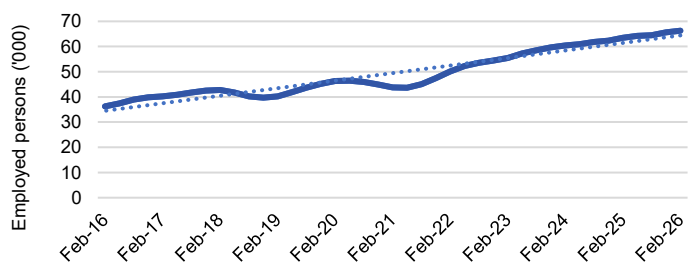
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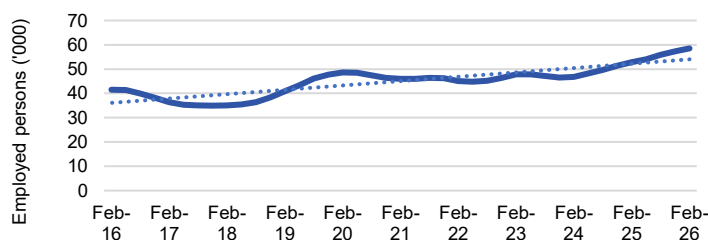
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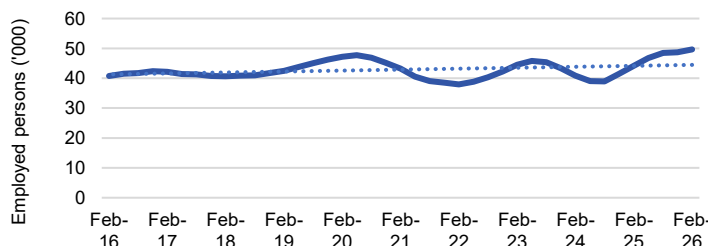
Number employed (Feb-26):	66,300
1 year employment change:	4.5%
5 year employment change:	51.3%
10 year employment change:	82.9%
Youth share of employment:	8.0%
Mature age share of employment:	13.7%

Transport, Postal and Warehousing



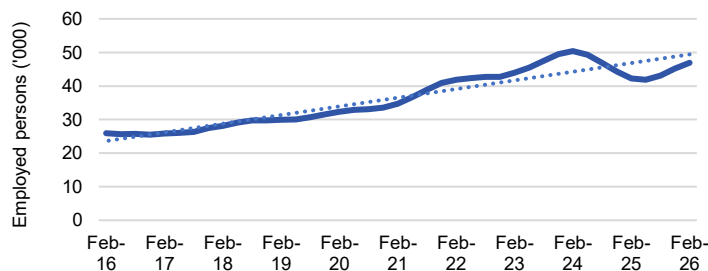
Number employed (Feb-26):	58,500
1 year employment change:	10.8%
5 year employment change:	27.3%
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Youth share of employment:	5.8%
Mature age share of employment:	11.7%

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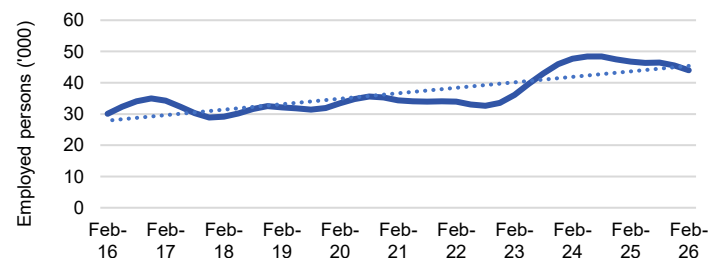
Number employed (Feb-26):	49,700
1 year employment change:	12.4%
5 year employment change:	14.8%
10 year employment change:	21.9%
Youth share of employment:	22.5%
Mature age share of employment:	8.0%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



Number employed (Feb-26):	46,900
1 year employment change:	11.2%
5 year employment change:	35.3%
10 year employment change:	80.7%
Youth share of employment:	3.3%
Mature age share of employment:	5.3%

Construction



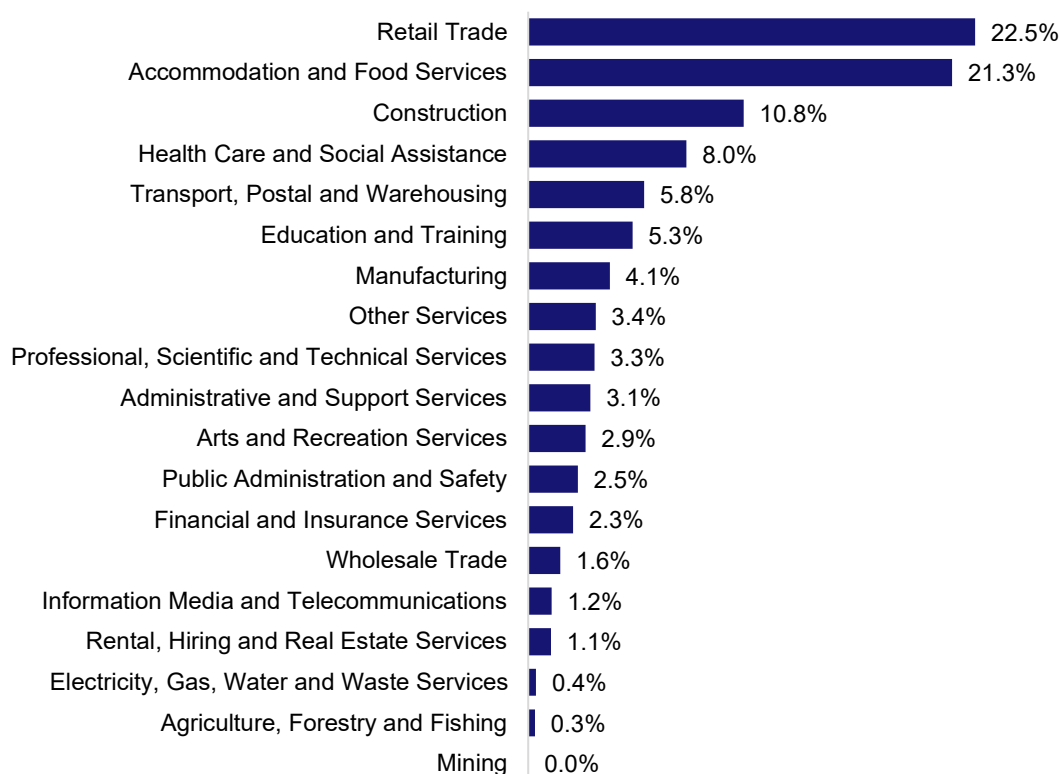
Number employed (Feb-26):	44,000
1 year employment change:	-5.9%
5 year employment change:	28.1%
10 year employment change:	46.2%
Youth share of employment:	10.8%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

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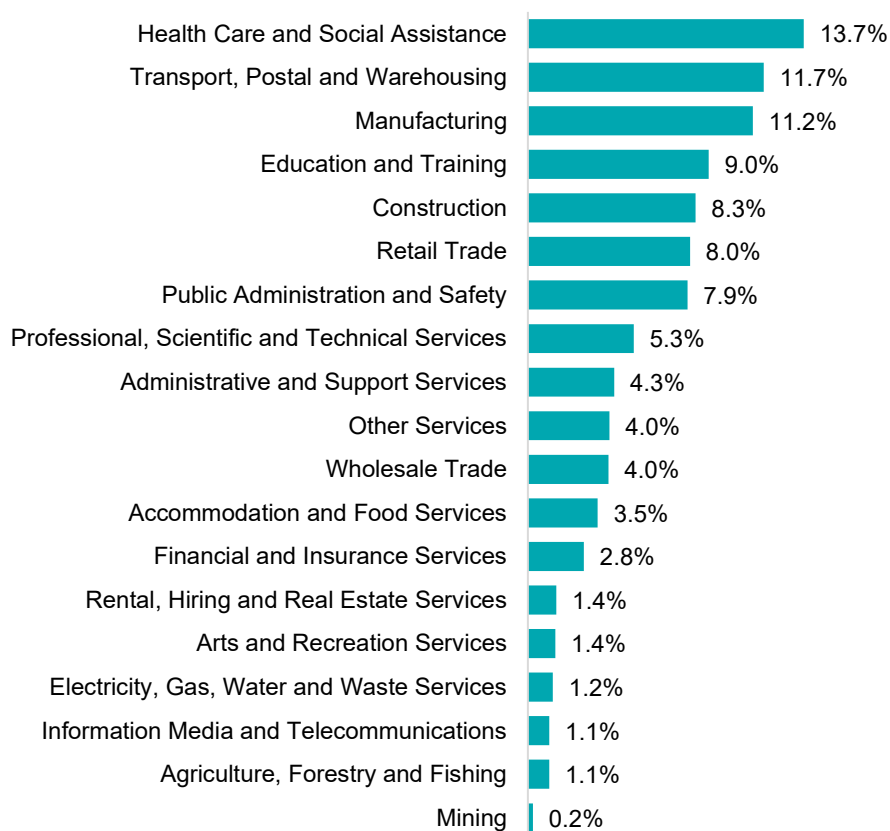
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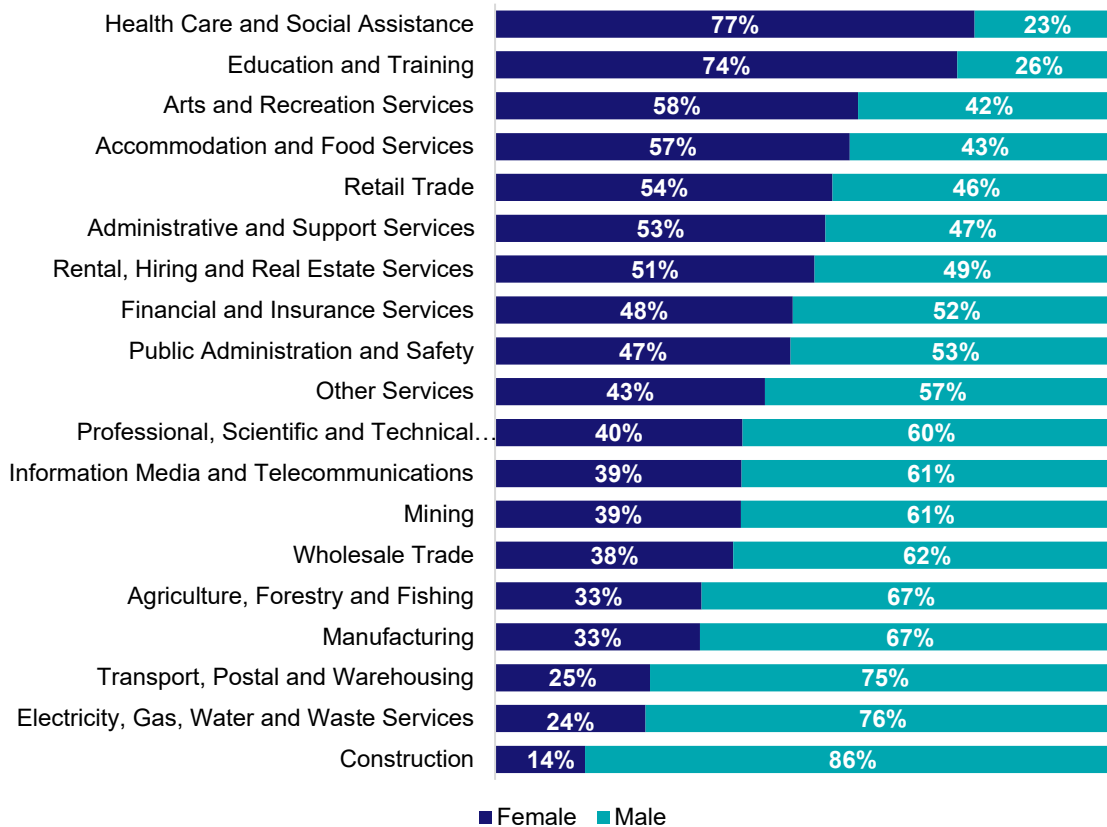
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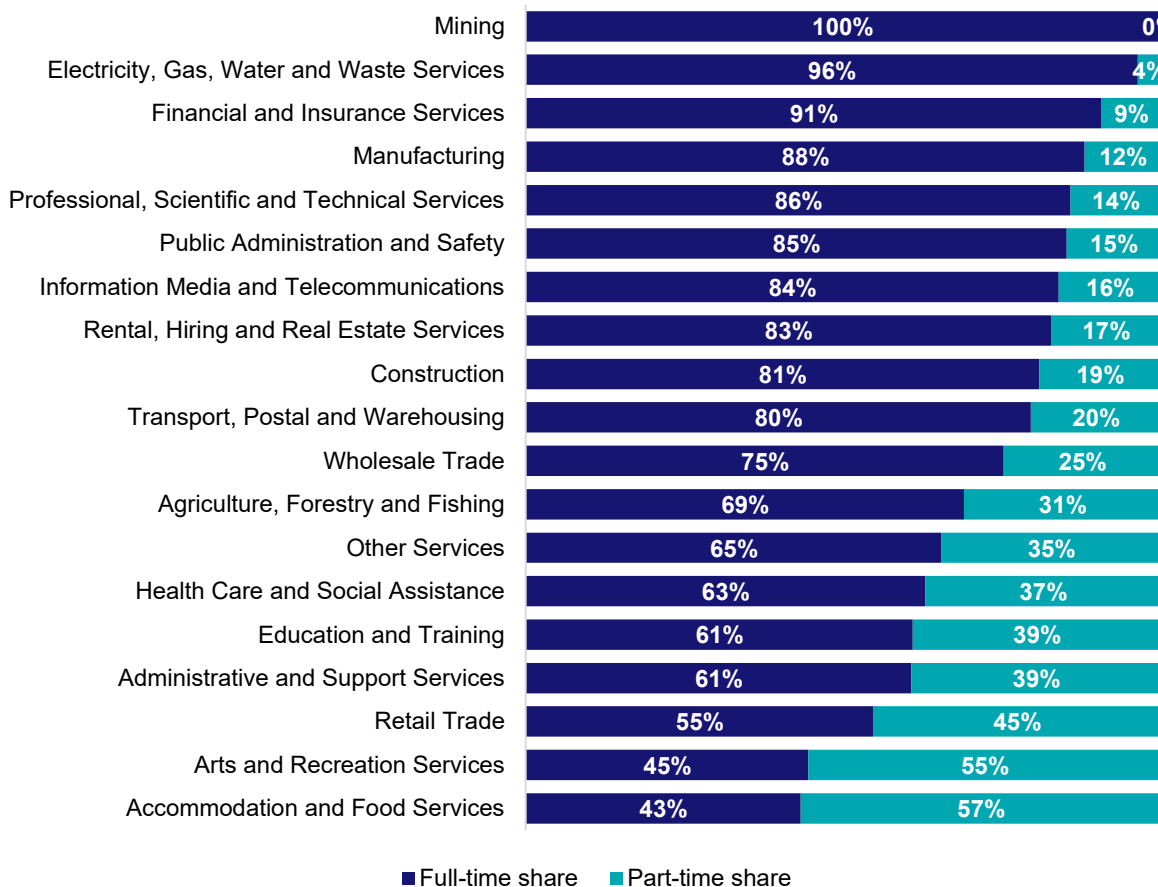
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Gender share by industry



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Employment by industry, Western Melbourne, February 2026

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		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	12.6	66.3	63.4	43.8	62.9	37.1	39
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	11.2	58.5	52.8	46.0	79.6	20.4	40
Retail Trade	9.5	49.7	44.2	43.2	54.7	45.3	33
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	9.0	46.9	42.2	34.7	85.8	14.2	38
Construction	8.4	44.0	46.7	34.3	80.8	19.2	36
Education and Training	7.6	39.8	42.1	28.9	60.9	39.1	40
Manufacturing	7.0	36.8	36.8	35.8	88.0	12.0	44
Accommodation and Food Services	6.9	36.0	29.4	23.5	43.3	56.7	26
Public Administration and Safety	6.2	32.7	32.4	26.1	85.2	14.8	41
Financial and Insurance Services	5.9	30.9	28.9	22.4	90.7	9.3	38
Other Services	4.1	21.4	19.6	10.8	65.5	34.5	38
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	14.8	15.4	18.2	60.7	39.3	38
Wholesale Trade	2.6	13.5	17.4	13.1	75.3	24.7	42
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	9.1	8.6	6.1	44.5	55.5	35
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.5	8.0	9.5	8.2	83.9	16.1	38
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.5	7.8	7.5	4.2	82.7	17.3	38
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.9	4.5	8.1	5.6	96.4	3.6	39
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	69.0	31.0	43
Mining	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	99.7	0.3	43
All industries	100.0	524.2	508.6	408.1	71.9	28.1	38

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Employment Region Industry profile

Wimmera/Mallee Employment Region

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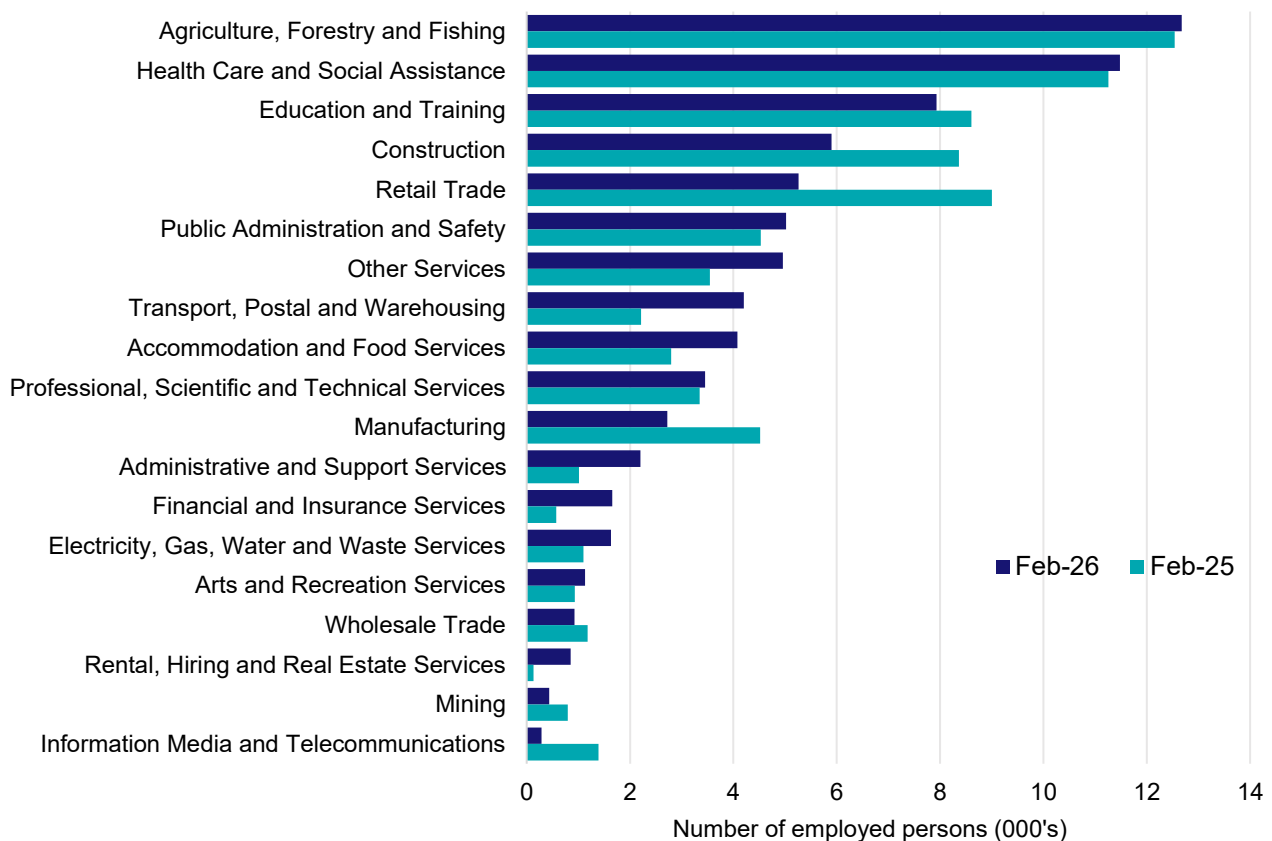
In February 2026, there were around 76,800 people employed in the Wimmera/Mallee Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Construction, and Retail Trade. Together these 5 industries accounted for 56% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 1.1% to stand at 12,700
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 2.0% to stand at 11,500
- Education and Training fell by 7.8% to stand at 7,900.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Wimmera/Mallee Employment Region, 80% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 49.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



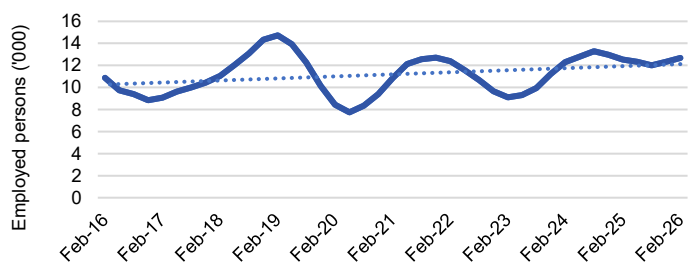
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Notes: Data are the latest available. A high degree of caution should be exercised when interpreting data at the regional level, particularly in regards to percentage changes, given the volatility of the underlying data. For any enquiries related to the data in this report, please contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au

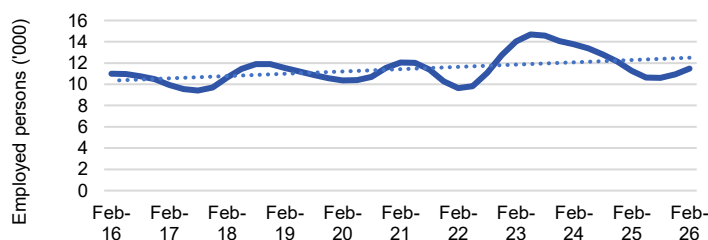
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



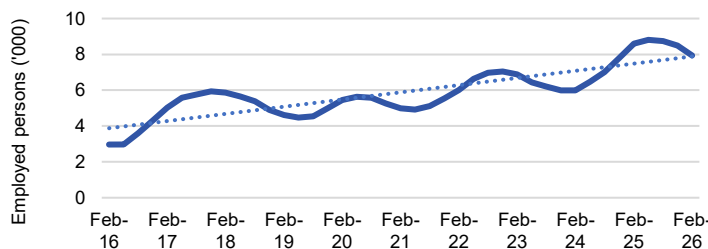
Number employed (Feb-26):	12,700
1 year employment change:	1.1%
5 year employment change:	16.7%
10 year employment change:	16.6%
Youth share of employment:	10.4%
Mature age share of employment:	23.8%

Health Care and Social Assistance



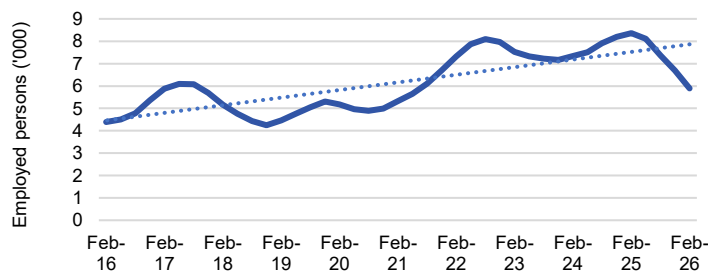
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,500
1 year employment change:	2.0%
5 year employment change:	-4.6%
10 year employment change:	4.4%
Youth share of employment:	10.6%
Mature age share of employment:	16.5%

Education and Training



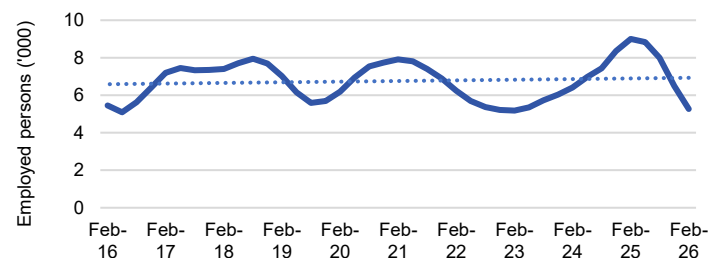
Number employed (Feb-26):	7,900
1 year employment change:	-7.8%
5 year employment change:	59.1%
10 year employment change:	167.3%
Youth share of employment:	4.3%
Mature age share of employment:	7.6%

Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	5,900
1 year employment change:	-29.5%
5 year employment change:	11.0%
10 year employment change:	34.5%
Youth share of employment:	10.6%
Mature age share of employment:	6.0%

Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	5,300
1 year employment change:	-41.6%
5 year employment change:	-33.5%
10 year employment change:	-3.7%
Youth share of employment:	21.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.5%

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.

Notes: In each chart, the solid line is the level of employment and the dotted line is a simple linear trend line for the 10 year period. Given the volatility of the underlying data, employment estimates should be treated with a high degree of caution. Particular focus should be placed on the employment series over time to ascertain more reliable long-term growth trends.

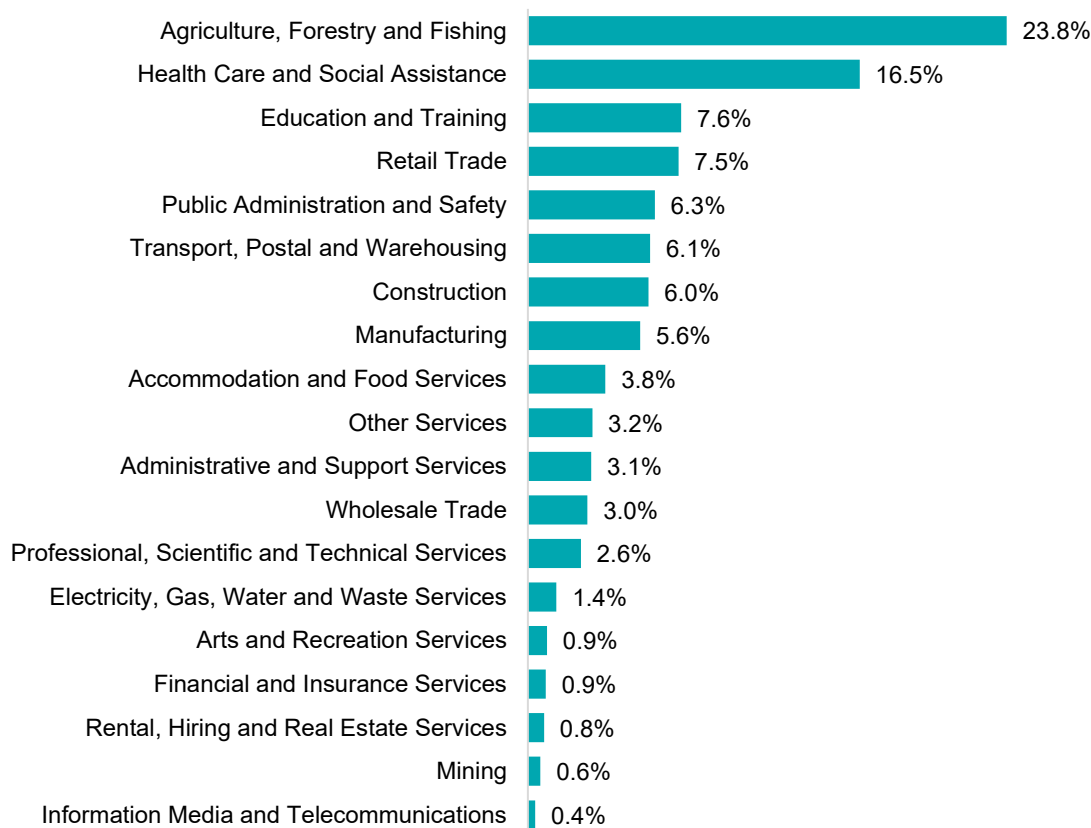
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



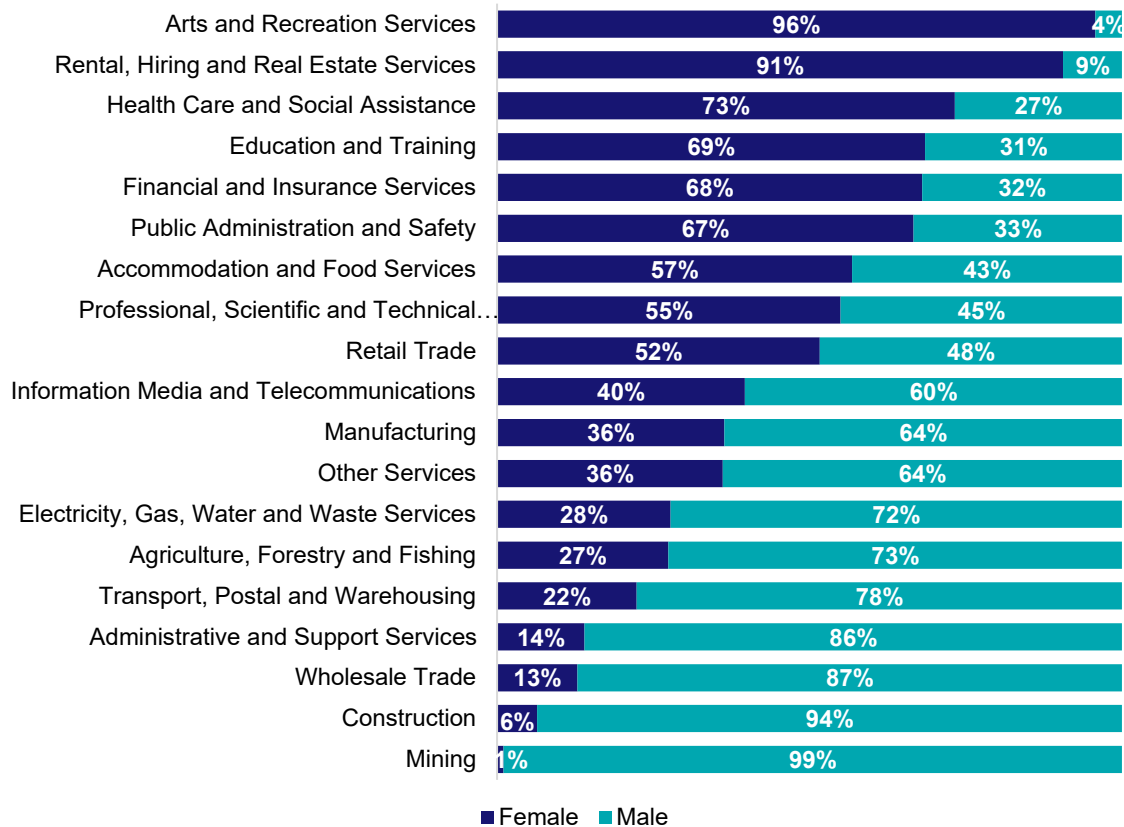
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



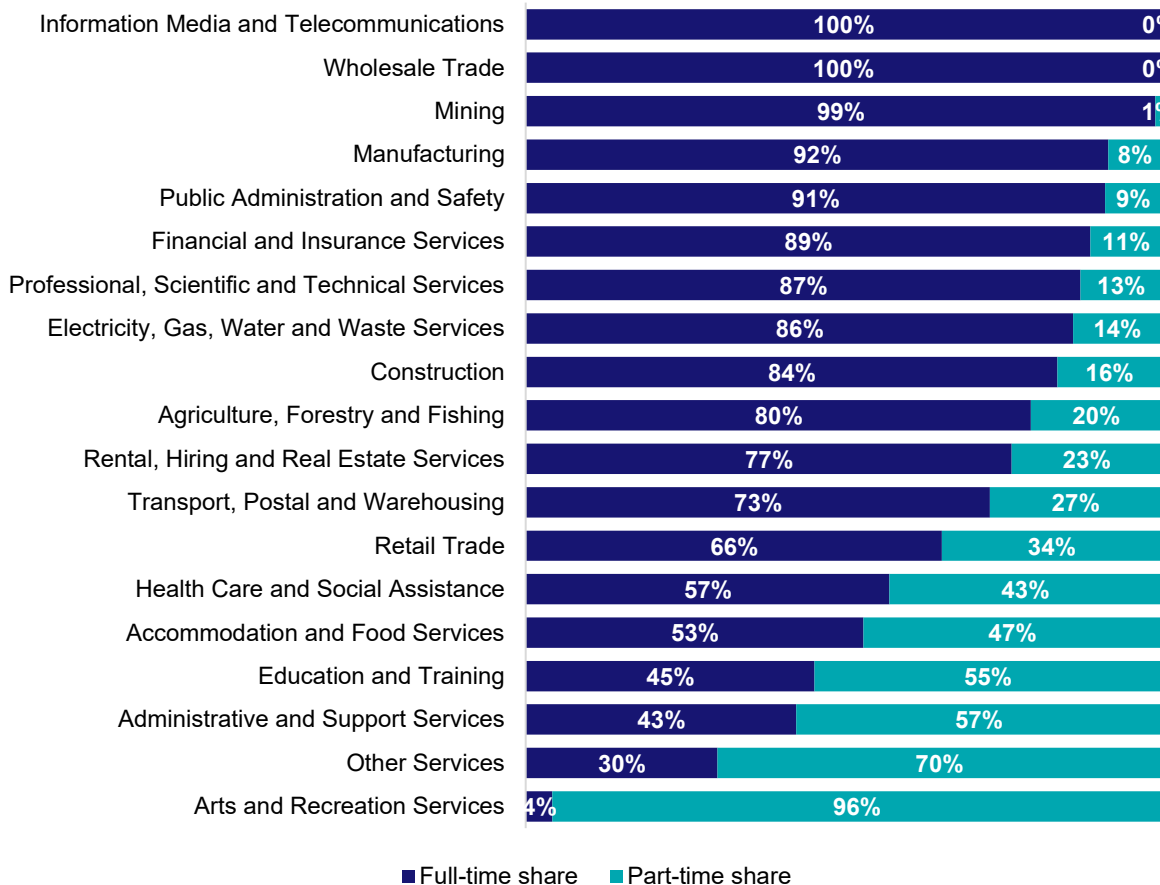
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, 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, Wimmera/Mallee, 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	16.5	12.7	12.5	10.9	79.6	20.4	49
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.0	11.5	11.3	12.0	57.3	42.7	45
Education and Training	10.3	7.9	8.6	5.0	45.5	54.5	45
Construction	7.7	5.9	8.4	5.3	83.7	16.3	38
Retail Trade	6.8	5.3	9.0	7.9	65.6	34.4	36
Public Administration and Safety	6.5	5.0	4.5	5.4	91.2	8.8	47
Other Services	6.5	5.0	3.5	2.3	30.2	69.8	38
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.5	4.2	2.2	3.0	73.1	26.9	51
Accommodation and Food Services	5.3	4.1	2.8	3.2	53.2	46.8	30
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.5	3.5	3.3	1.3	87.4	12.6	41
Manufacturing	3.5	2.7	4.5	4.9	91.7	8.3	41
Administrative and Support Services	2.9	2.2	1.0	1.4	42.6	57.4	45
Financial and Insurance Services	2.2	1.7	0.6	1.3	89.0	11.0	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.7	86.2	13.8	47
Arts and Recreation Services	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	4.2	95.8	39
Wholesale Trade	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.9	99.9	0.1	44
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.1	0.9	0.1	0.7	76.5	23.5	46
Mining	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	99.1	0.9	39
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4	0.3	1.4	1.0	100.0	0.0	37
All industries	100.0	76.8	77.8	69.9	67.2	32.8	43

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.