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## **Note regarding labour force data for the Broome, Esperance, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie Employment Regions**

These Employment Regions fall within the Western Australia – Outback (North and South) SA4. This SA4 is very large and covers much of regional and remote WA, including Broome, Esperance, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie. The WA Outback SA4 is a poor fit for these Employment Regions but is the only data readily available for the labour force. As a result, the labour force data for the Western Australia – Outback (North and South) SA4 is presented for each of these Employment Regions.



# Industry profile

## Western Australia

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### Overview

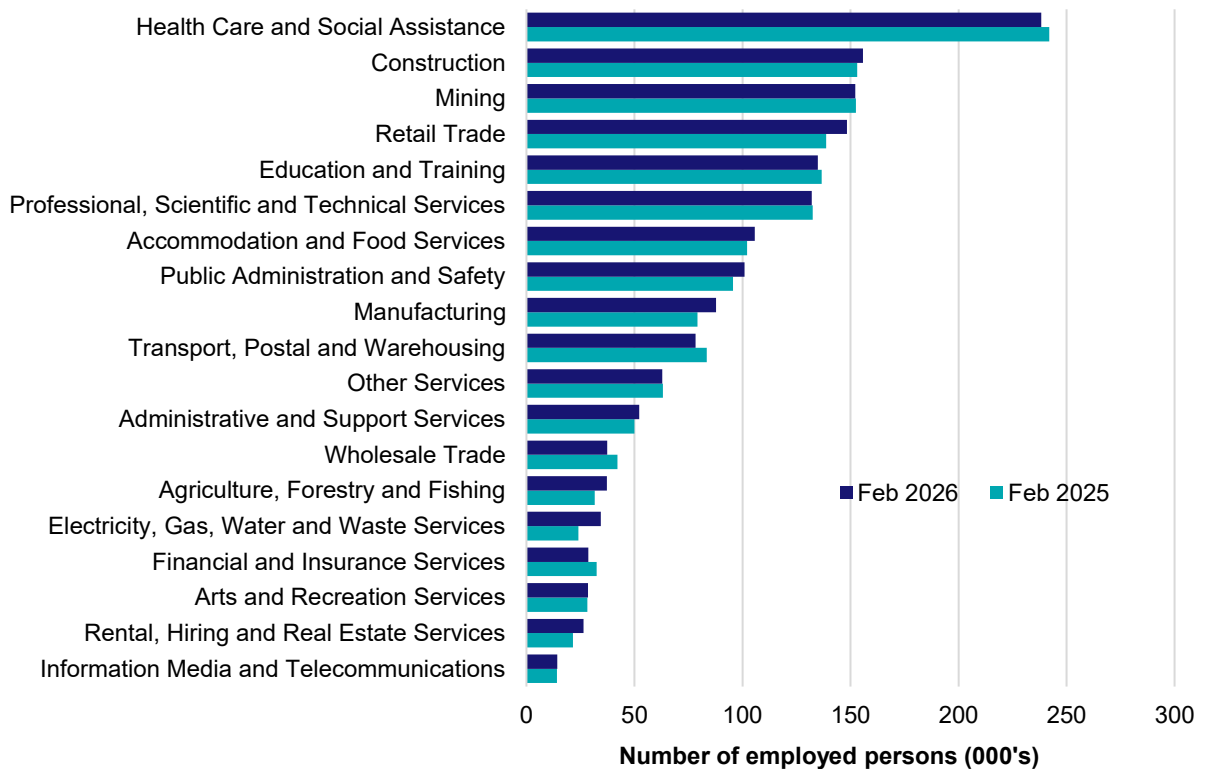
In February 2026, there were around 1,656,300 people employed in Western Australia. The 5 largest employing industries in Western Australia were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Mining, Retail Trade and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 50% of all employment.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 1.6% to stand at 238,200
- Construction rose by 1.7% to stand at 155,800
- Mining fell by 0.1% to stand at 152,300.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in Western Australia, 54% of workers were employed full-time; 78% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 42. Around 86% of employed persons in this industry were located in Greater Perth.

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

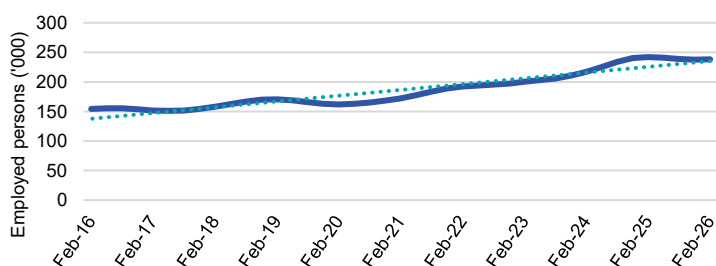


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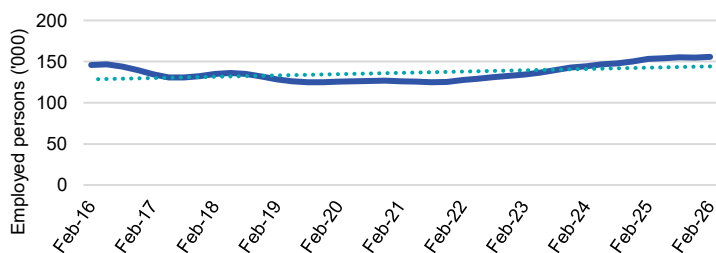
## Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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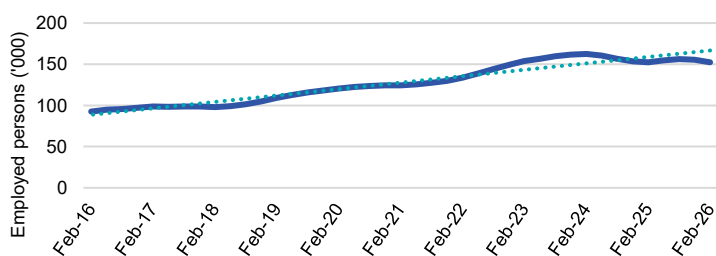
Number employed (Feb-26):	238,200
1 year employment change:	-1.6%
5 year employment change:	38.3%
10 year employment change:	54.4%
Youth share of employment:	9.4%
Mature age share of employment:	15.7%

### Construction



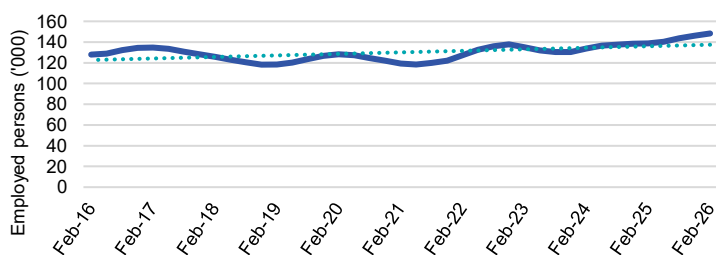
Number employed (Feb-26):	155,800
1 year employment change:	1.7%
5 year employment change:	23.5%
10 year employment change:	6.8%
Youth share of employment:	7.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

### Mining



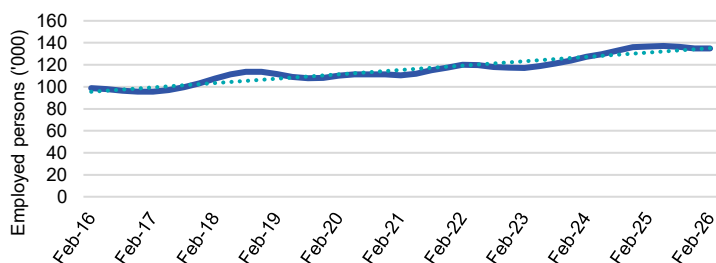
Number employed (Feb-26):	152,300
1 year employment change:	-0.1%
5 year employment change:	22.4%
10 year employment change:	64.5%
Youth share of employment:	3.5%
Mature age share of employment:	6.2%

### Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	148,300
1 year employment change:	6.9%
5 year employment change:	24.3%
10 year employment change:	15.9%
Youth share of employment:	20.9%
Mature age share of employment:	7.3%

### Education and Training



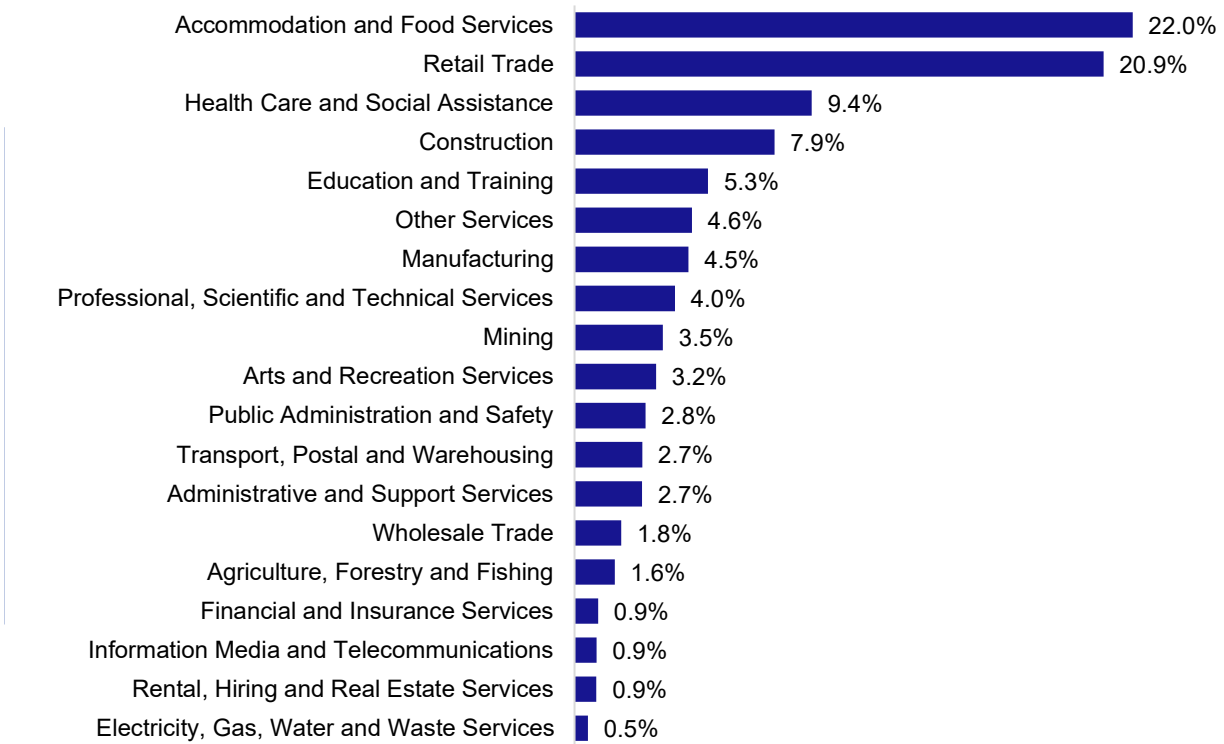
Number employed (Feb-26):	134,900
1 year employment change:	-1.3%
5 year employment change:	22.2%
10 year employment change:	36.4%
Youth share of employment:	5.3%
Mature age share of employment:	11.2%

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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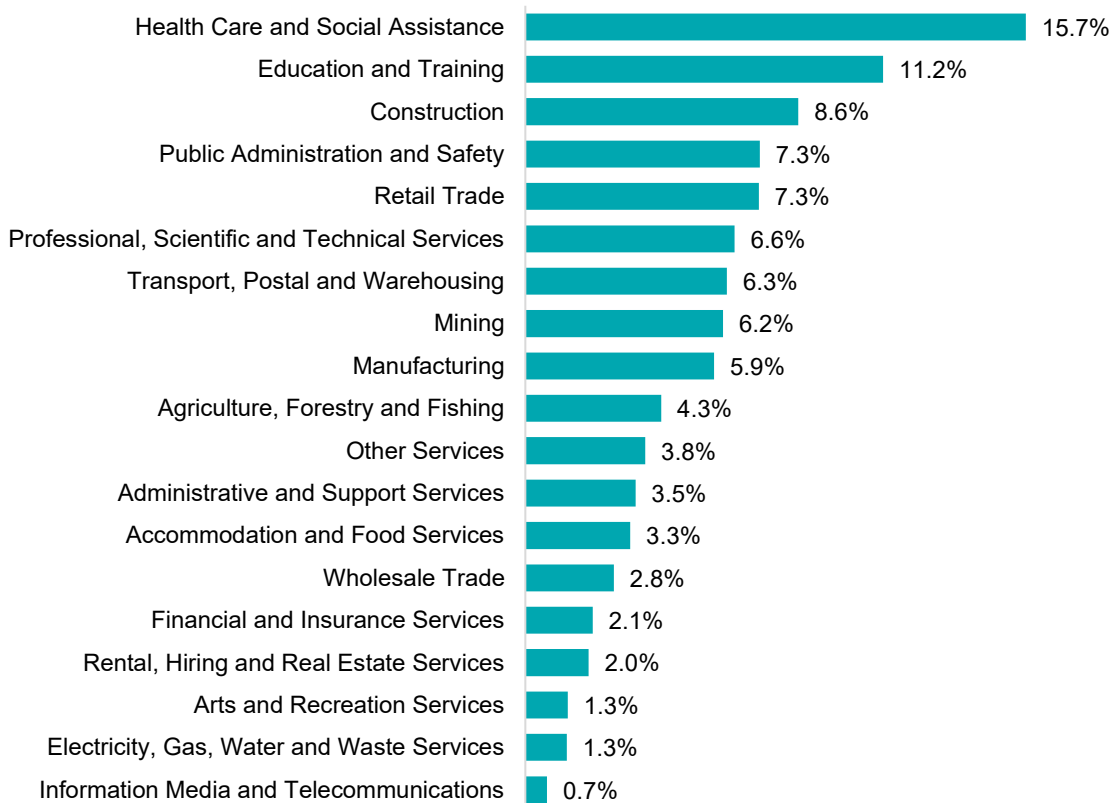
## Employment characteristics by Industry

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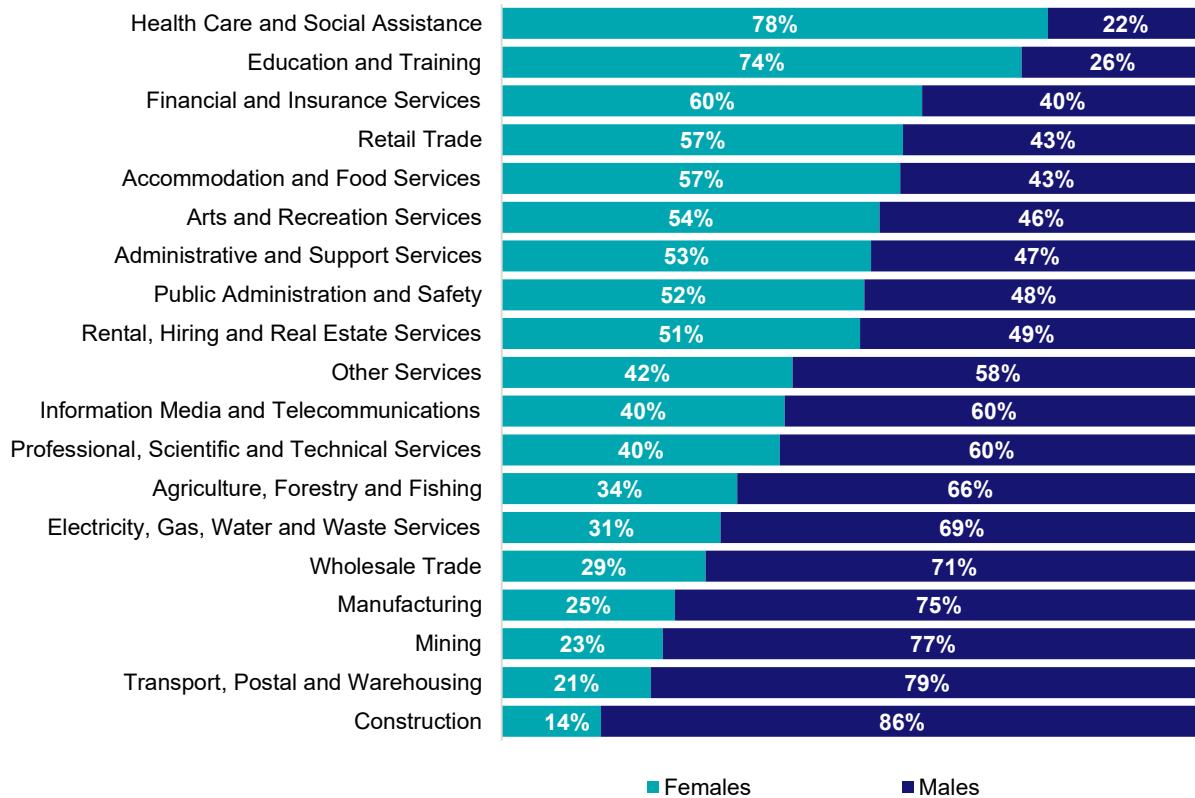
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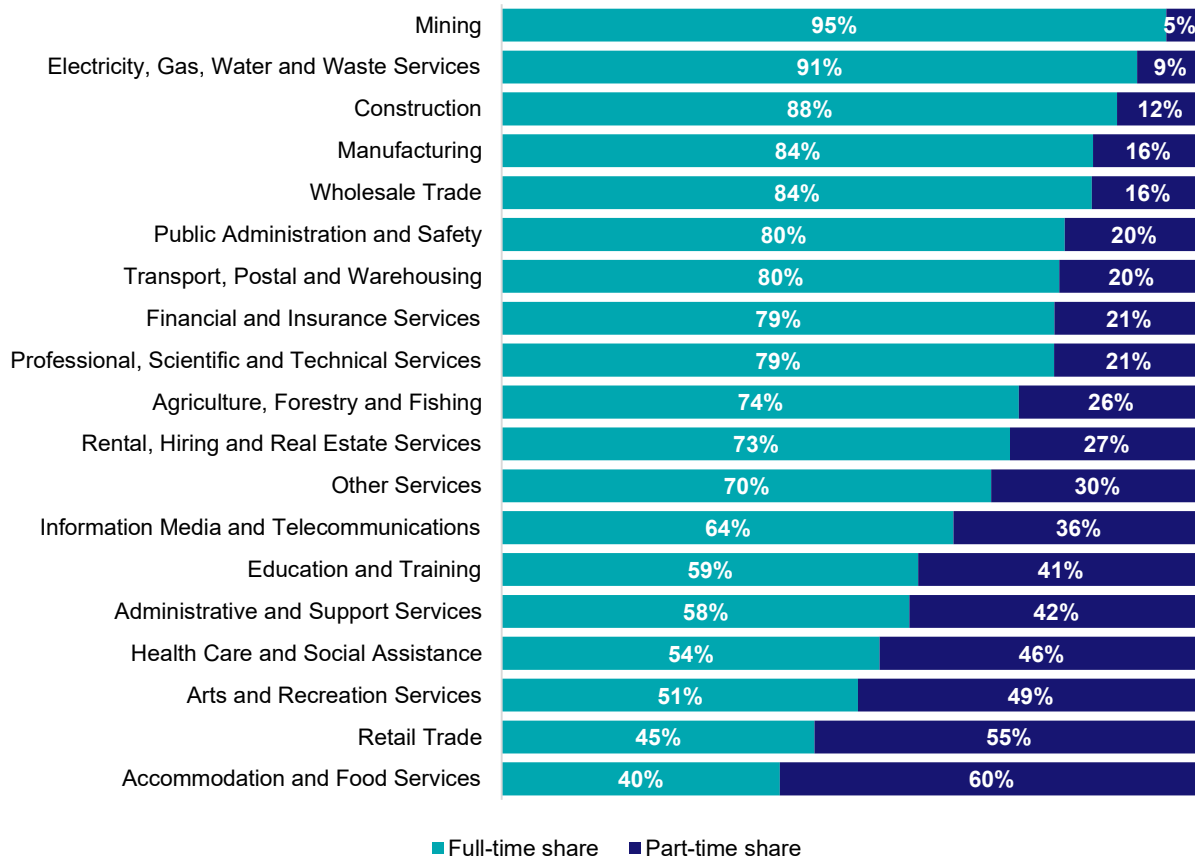
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## Gender share by industry



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



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Western Australia, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Feb-26 (%)	Share of emp't in Greater Perth (%)	Share of emp't in Rest of WA (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
				Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.4	85.9	14.1	238.2	242.0	172.2	-3.8	-1.6	66.0	38.3	42
Construction	9.4	82.8	17.2	155.8	153.1	126.1	2.6	1.7	29.7	23.5	40
Mining	9.2	75.8	24.2	152.3	152.5	124.5	-0.2	-0.1	27.8	22.4	41
Retail Trade	9.0	80.0	20.0	148.3	138.7	119.3	9.6	6.9	29.0	24.3	33
Education and Training	8.1	80.6	19.4	134.9	136.7	110.3	-1.8	-1.3	24.5	22.2	45
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8.0	93.8	6.2	132.1	132.5	109.8	-0.4	-0.3	22.3	20.4	41
Accommodation and Food Services	6.4	79.2	20.8	105.8	102.2	85.1	3.5	3.5	20.7	24.3	26
Public Administration and Safety	6.1	82.2	17.8	100.9	95.6	92.8	5.3	5.5	8.1	8.8	44
Manufacturing	5.3	80.4	19.6	87.8	79.1	77.5	8.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.7	81.5	18.5	78.3	83.5	63.2	-5.2	-6.2	15.1	23.8	45
Other Services	3.8	82.4	17.6	62.9	63.2	56.9	-0.3	-0.4	6.0	10.5	39
Administrative and Support Services	3.2	83.0	17.0	52.2	50.0	41.9	2.2	4.3	10.3	24.5	41
Wholesale Trade	2.3	79.1	20.9	37.4	42.2	40.0	-4.8	-11.4	-2.6	-6.5	43
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.3	21.8	78.2	37.3	31.6	37.0	5.7	17.9	0.3	0.9	48
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.1	76.9	23.1	34.5	24.1	22.8	10.4	43.1	11.7	51.0	43
Financial and Insurance Services	1.7	91.8	8.2	28.6	32.5	29.8	-3.9	-12.0	-1.2	-4.1	42
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	90.4	9.6	28.5	28.2	21.9	0.2	0.9	6.5	29.8	35
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.6	84.2	15.8	26.4	21.6	26.0	4.8	22.4	0.4	1.7	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.9	91.8	8.2	14.2	14.1	13.3	0.2	1.1	1.0	7.4	39
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>81.4</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>1656.3</b>	<b>1623.5</b>	<b>1370.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>286.0</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>41</b>

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



# Employment Region Industry profile

## Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region

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### Overview

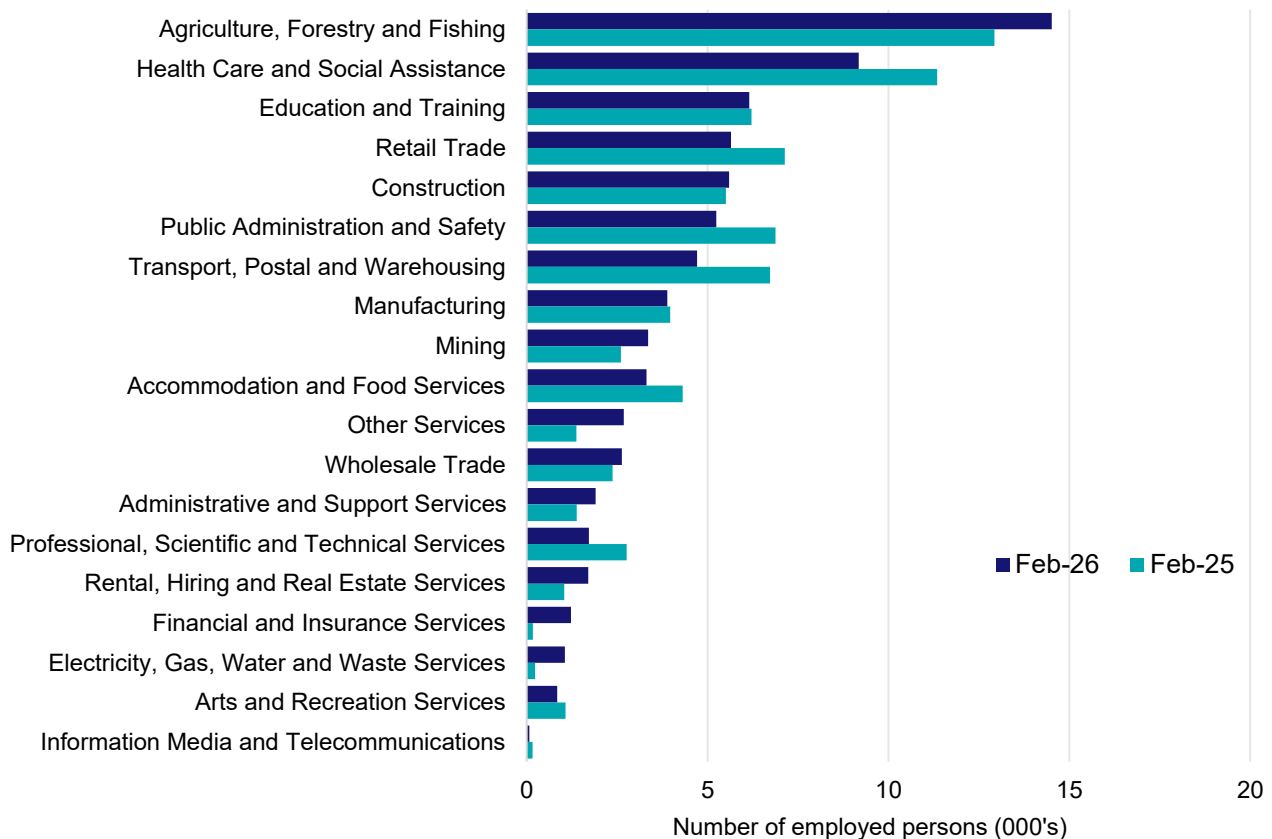
In February 2026, there were around 75,400 people employed in the Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Retail Trade, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 12.3% to stand at 14,500
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 19.1% to stand at 9,200
- Education and Training fell by 1.0% to stand at 6,200.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in the Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region, 70% of workers were employed full-time; 65% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 50.

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



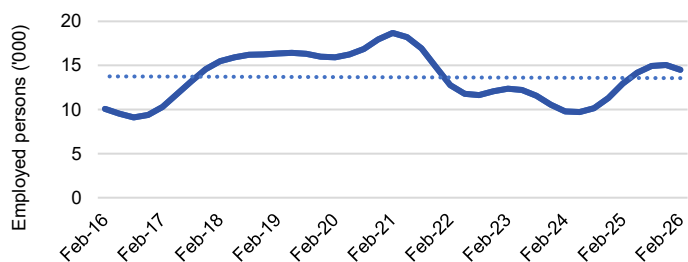
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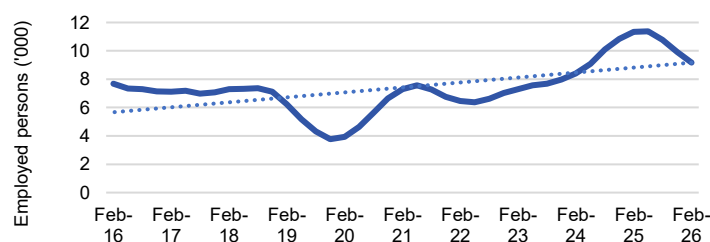
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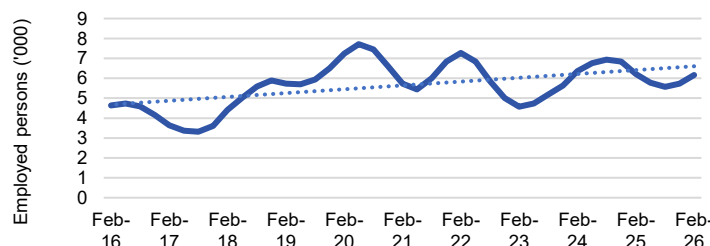
Number employed (Feb-26):	14,500
1 year employment change:	12.3%
5 year employment change:	-22.3%
10 year employment change:	43.9%
Youth share of employment:	14.3%
Mature age share of employment:	25.8%

## Health Care and Social Assistance



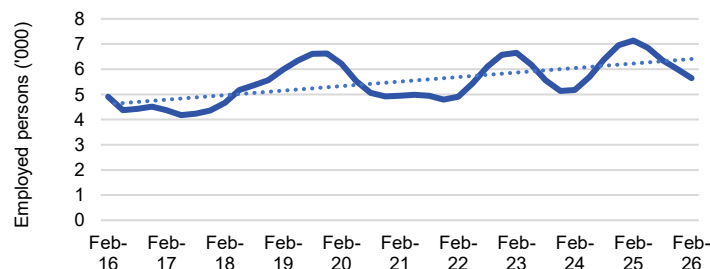
Number employed (Feb-26):	9,200
1 year employment change:	-19.1%
5 year employment change:	25.7%
10 year employment change:	19.6%
Youth share of employment:	7.5%
Mature age share of employment:	12.4%

## Education and Training



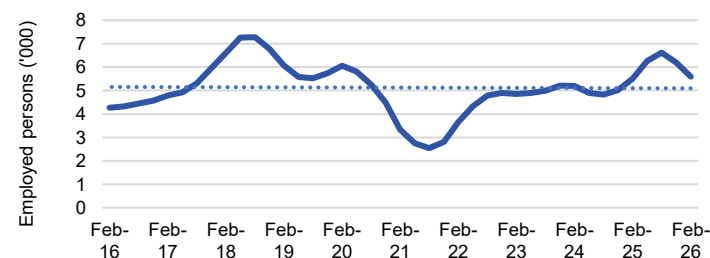
Number employed (Feb-26):	6,200
1 year employment change:	-1.0%
5 year employment change:	7.5%
10 year employment change:	32.9%
Youth share of employment:	3.7%
Mature age share of employment:	8.6%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	5,700
1 year employment change:	-20.8%
5 year employment change:	14.3%
10 year employment change:	15.2%
Youth share of employment:	18.9%
Mature age share of employment:	6.7%

## Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	5,600
1 year employment change:	1.5%
5 year employment change:	67.2%
10 year employment change:	31.2%
Youth share of employment:	8.4%
Mature age share of employment:	6.7%

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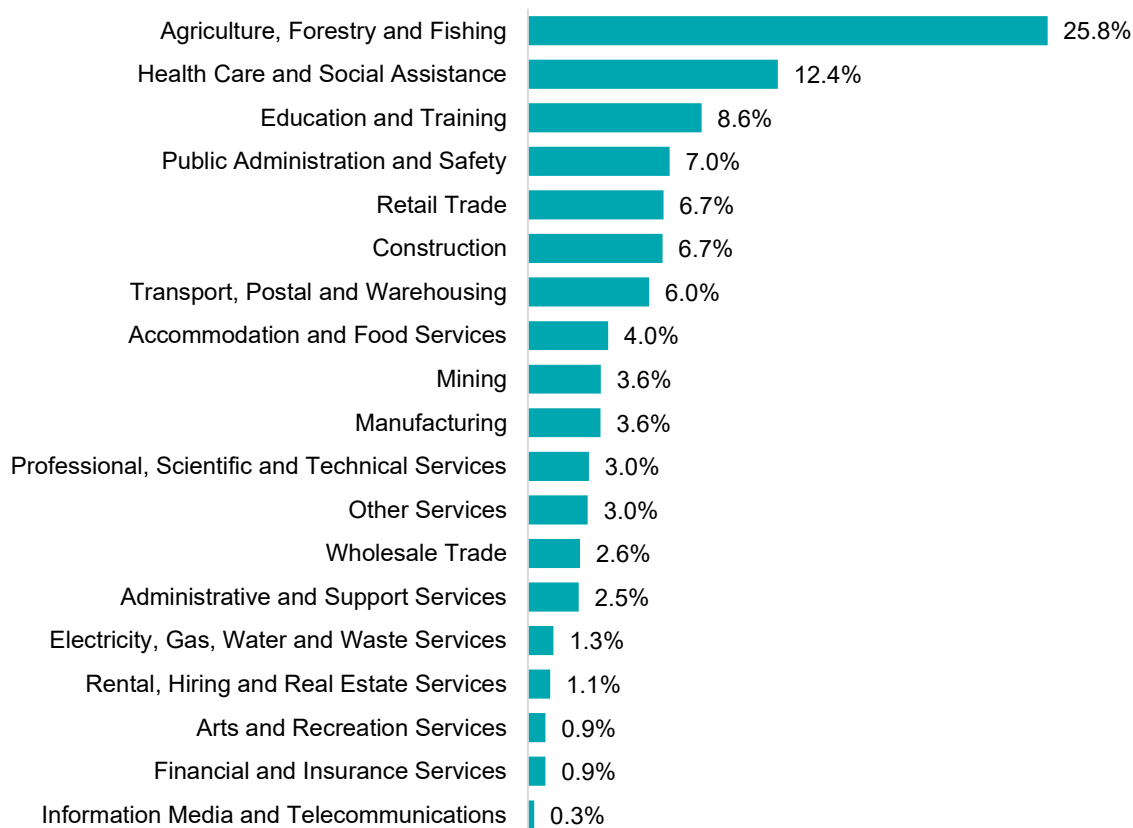
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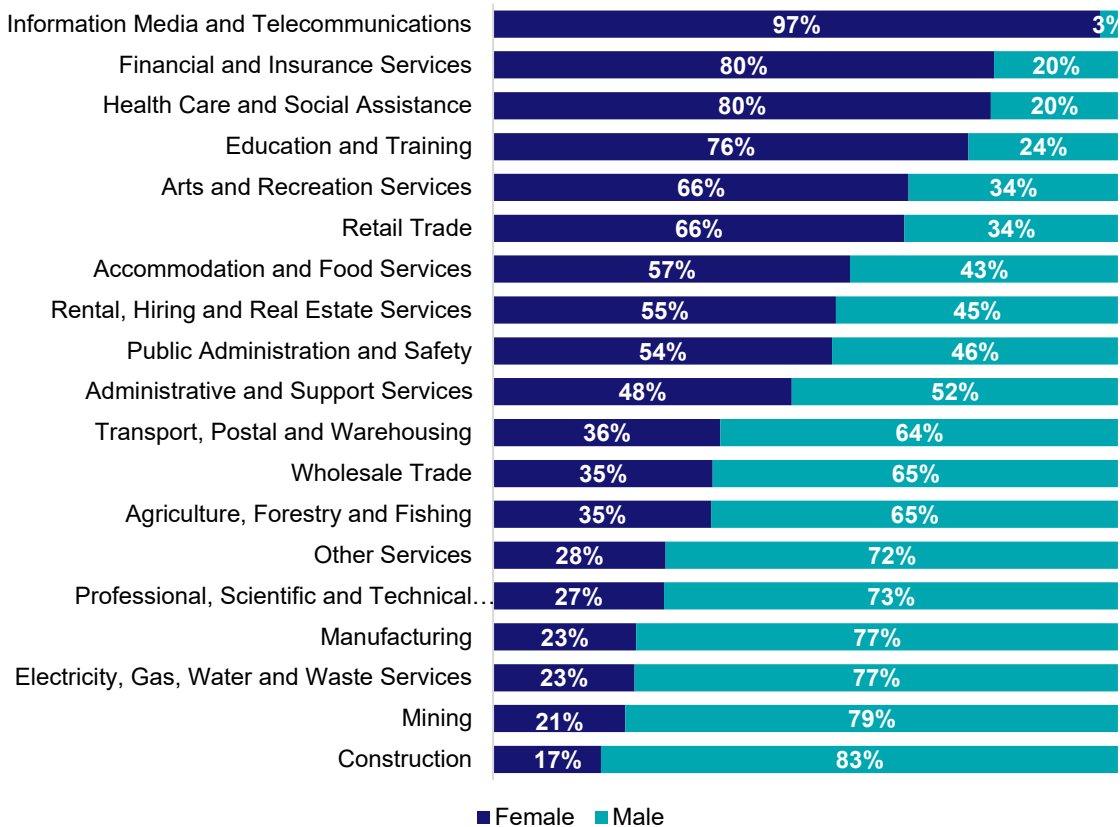
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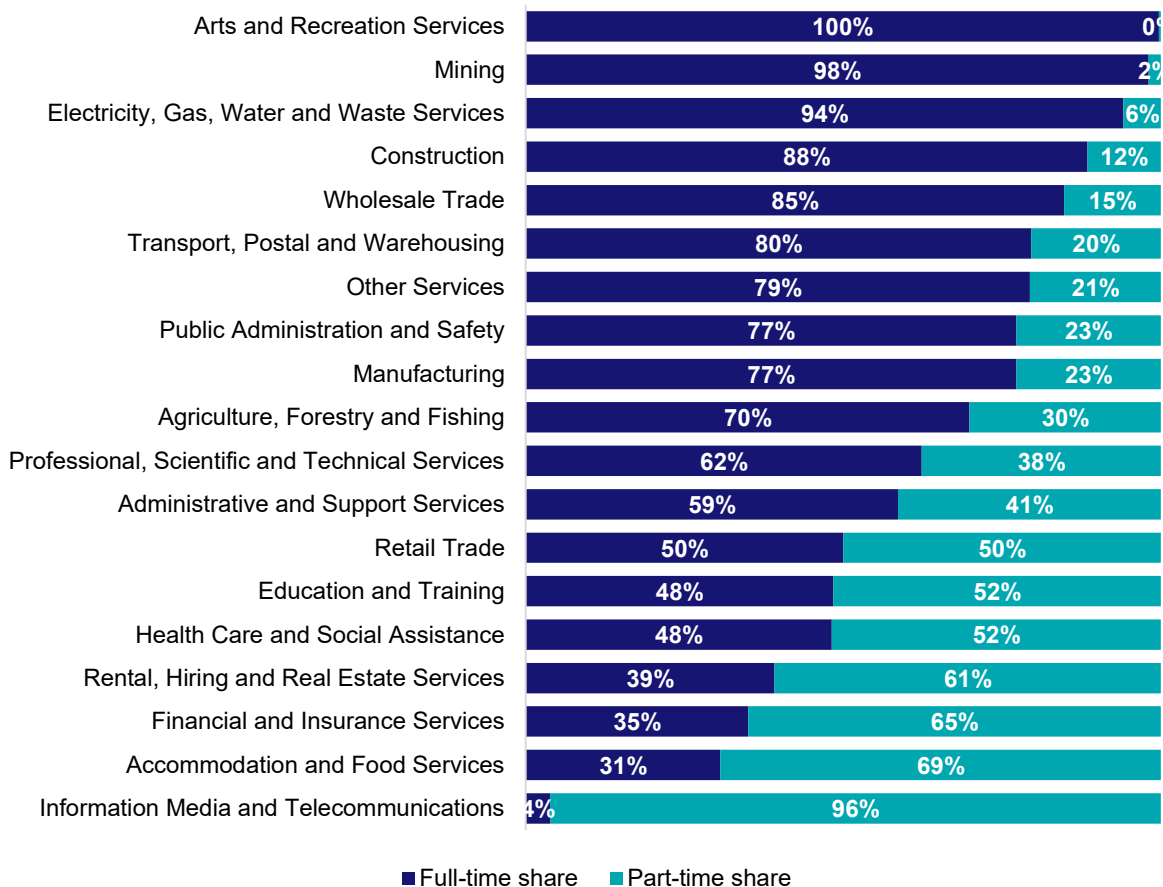
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## Gender share by industry



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



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Great Southern - Wheatbelt, 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	19.2	14.5	12.9	18.7	69.9	30.1	50
Health Care and Social Assistance	12.2	9.2	11.3	7.3	48.2	51.8	48
Education and Training	8.2	6.2	6.2	5.7	48.4	51.6	48
Retail Trade	7.5	5.7	7.1	4.9	50.0	50.0	40
Construction	7.4	5.6	5.5	3.3	88.5	11.5	44
Public Administration and Safety	6.9	5.2	6.9	3.5	77.3	22.7	50
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	6.2	4.7	6.7	3.6	79.6	20.4	53
Manufacturing	5.2	3.9	4.0	2.8	77.3	22.7	42
Mining	4.4	3.4	2.6	2.4	98.1	1.9	45
Accommodation and Food Services	4.4	3.3	4.3	3.5	30.7	69.3	33
Other Services	3.6	2.7	1.4	3.1	79.4	20.6	41
Wholesale Trade	3.5	2.6	2.4	1.4	84.8	15.2	44
Administrative and Support Services	2.5	1.9	1.4	1.9	58.6	41.4	50
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.3	1.7	2.8	2.0	62.4	37.6	46
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.3	1.7	1.0	0.5	39.1	60.9	52
Financial and Insurance Services	1.6	1.2	0.2	0.5	35.0	65.0	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.4	1.1	0.2	1.7	94.1	5.9	45
Arts and Recreation Services	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.4	99.7	0.3	40
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	3.8	96.2	36
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>47</b>

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

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



# Employment Region Industry profile

## Perth - North Employment Region

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### Overview

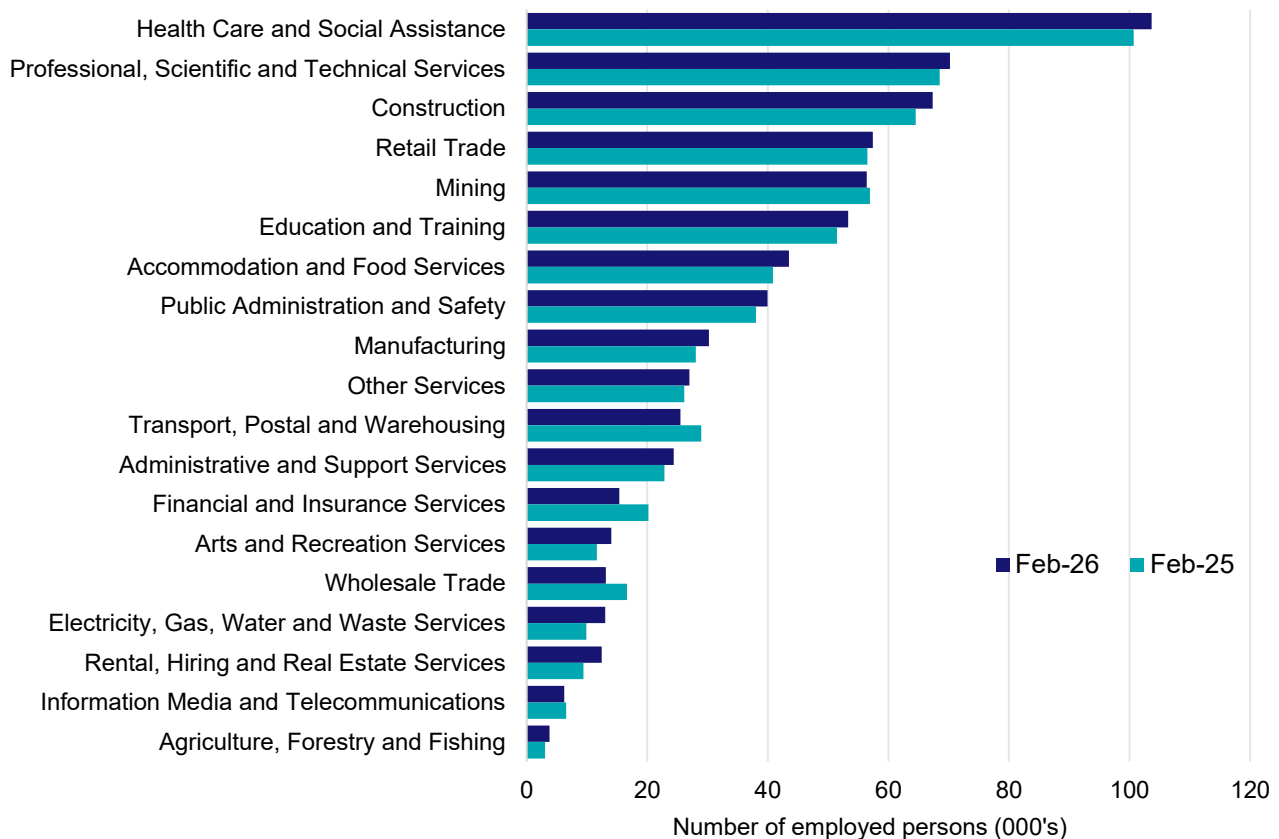
In February 2026, there were around 677,000 people employed in the Perth - North Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Construction, Retail Trade, and Mining. Together these 5 industries accounted for 52% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 3.0% to stand at 103,700
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 2.5% to stand at 70,200
- Construction rose by 4.4% to stand at 67,400.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Perth - North Employment Region, 53% of workers were employed full-time; 78% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

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



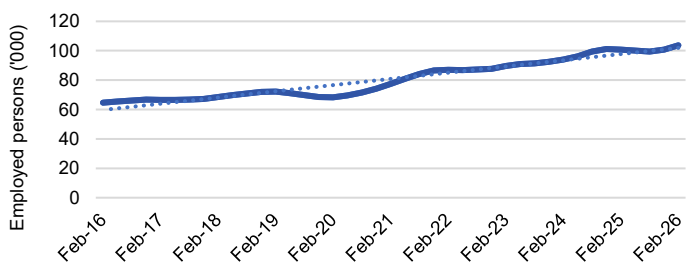
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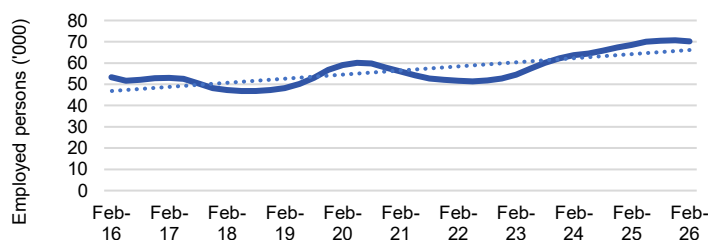
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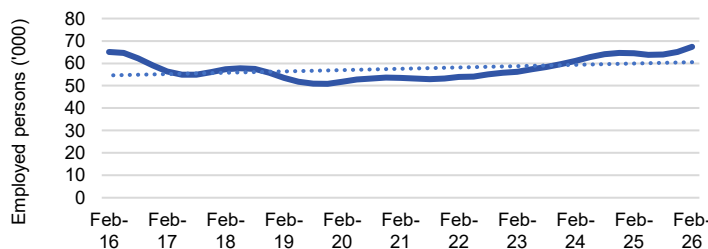
Number employed (Feb-26):	103,700
1 year employment change:	3.0%
5 year employment change:	34.0%
10 year employment change:	60.3%
Youth share of employment:	9.6%
Mature age share of employment:	16.9%

## Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



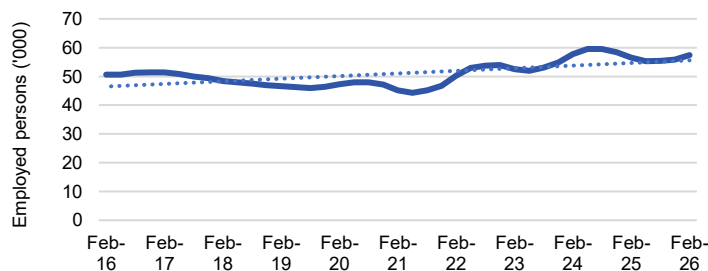
Number employed (Feb-26):	70,200
1 year employment change:	2.5%
5 year employment change:	25.3%
10 year employment change:	31.5%
Youth share of employment:	4.7%
Mature age share of employment:	8.3%

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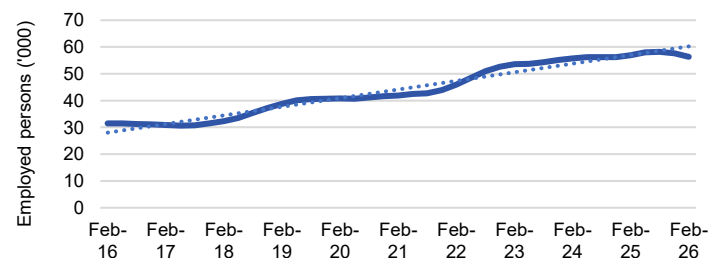
Number employed (Feb-26):	67,400
1 year employment change:	4.4%
5 year employment change:	25.9%
10 year employment change:	3.4%
Youth share of employment:	7.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.7%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	57,400
1 year employment change:	1.6%
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10 year employment change:	13.3%
Youth share of employment:	22.2%
Mature age share of employment:	7.3%

## Mining



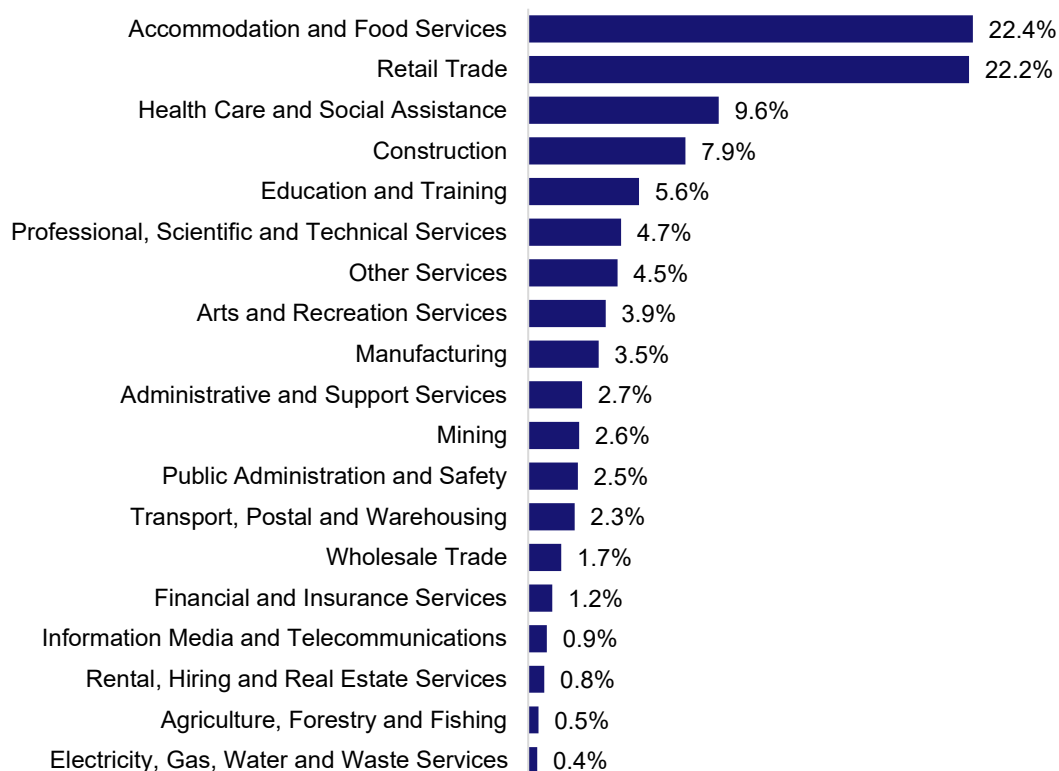
Number employed (Feb-26):	56,400
1 year employment change:	-0.9%
5 year employment change:	34.8%
10 year employment change:	79.4%
Youth share of employment:	2.6%
Mature age share of employment:	5.2%

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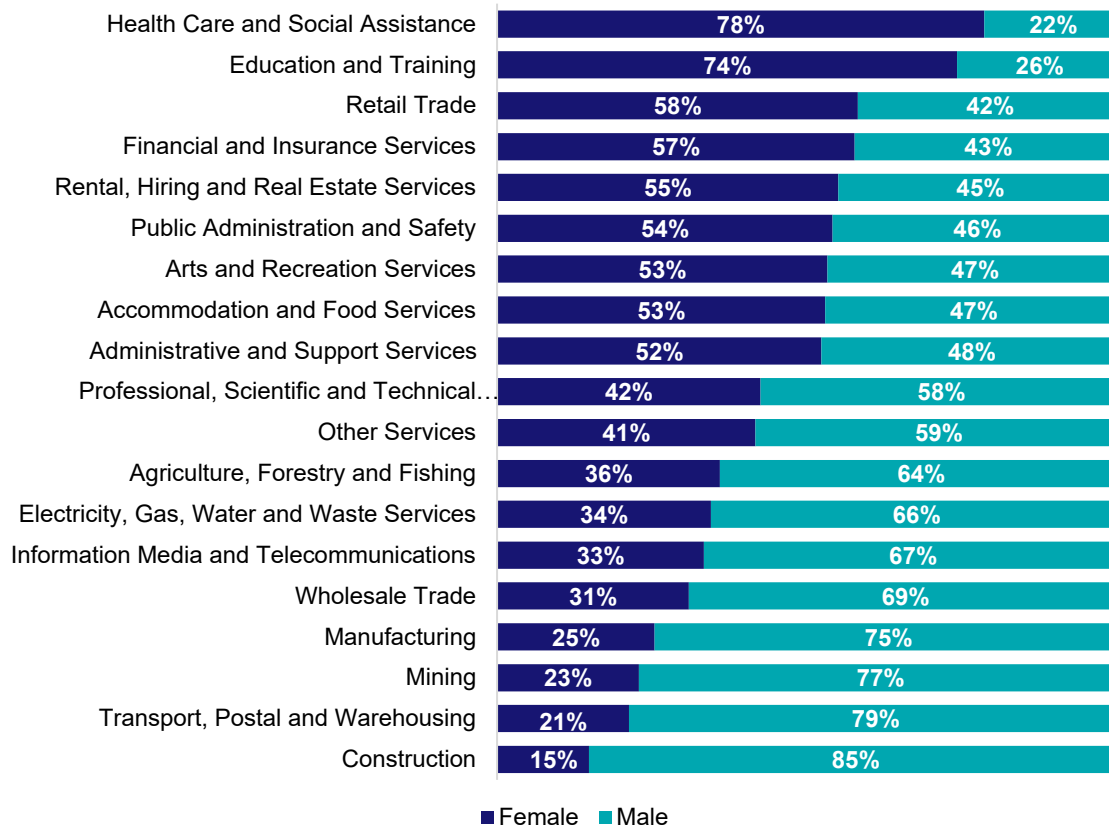
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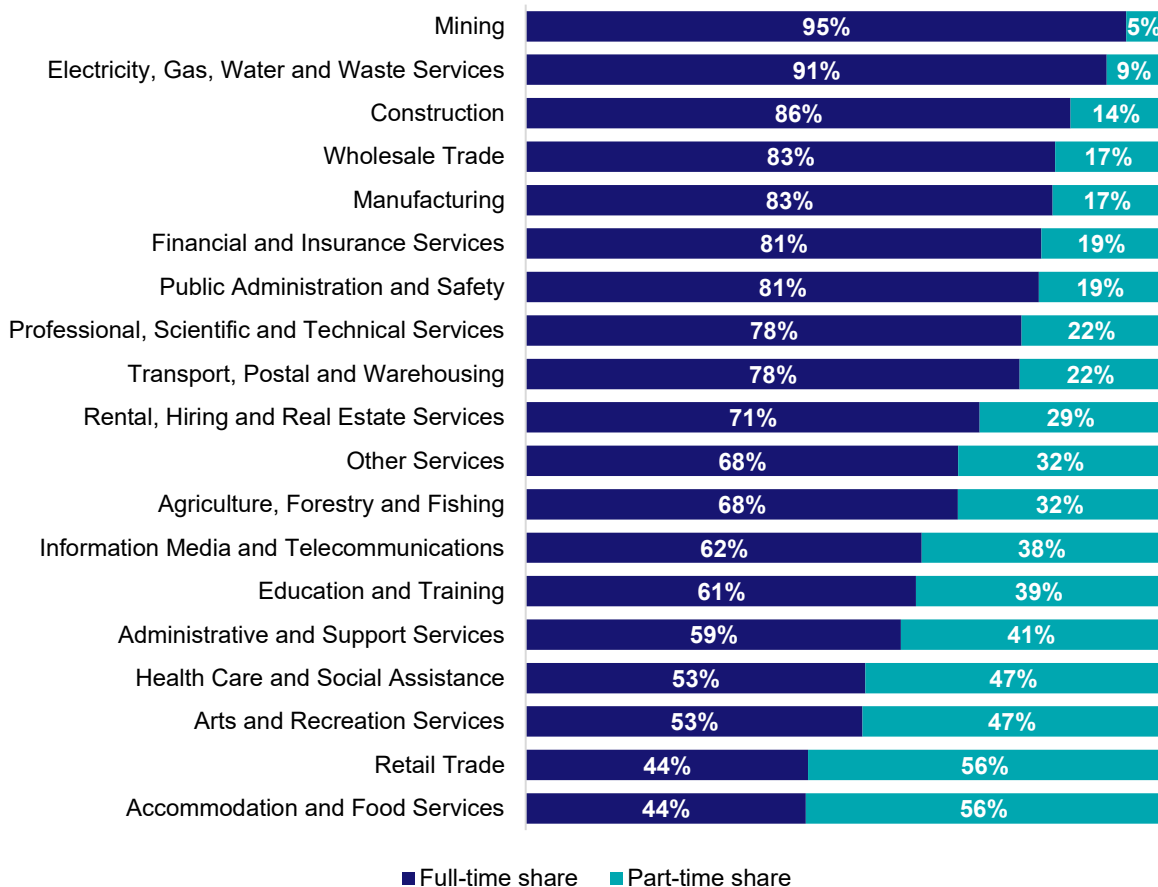
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Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	10.4	70.2	68.5	56.0	78.1	21.9	41
Construction	10.0	67.4	64.5	53.5	85.8	14.2	39
Retail Trade	8.5	57.4	56.5	45.2	44.5	55.5	32
Mining	8.3	56.4	56.9	41.8	94.6	5.4	40
Education and Training	7.9	53.3	51.5	45.5	61.5	38.5	45
Accommodation and Food Services	6.4	43.5	40.9	35.1	44.1	55.9	25
Public Administration and Safety	5.9	39.9	38.1	38.5	80.8	19.2	44
Manufacturing	4.5	30.2	28.1	26.9	83.0	17.0	43
Other Services	4.0	27.0	26.2	22.2	68.1	31.9	38
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.8	25.5	28.9	20.4	77.8	22.2	44
Administrative and Support Services	3.6	24.4	22.8	20.9	59.1	40.9	40
Financial and Insurance Services	2.3	15.4	20.2	13.3	81.2	18.8	42
Arts and Recreation Services	2.1	14.1	11.6	9.3	53.0	47.0	32
Wholesale Trade	1.9	13.1	16.6	16.9	83.4	16.6	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.9	13.0	9.9	9.2	91.5	8.5	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.8	12.5	9.4	11.6	71.5	28.5	43
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.9	6.2	6.5	5.3	62.4	37.6	38
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.6	3.8	3.1	5.0	68.0	32.0	44
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>677.0</b>	<b>660.9</b>	<b>554.0</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>40</b>

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

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Perth - South Employment Region

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### Overview

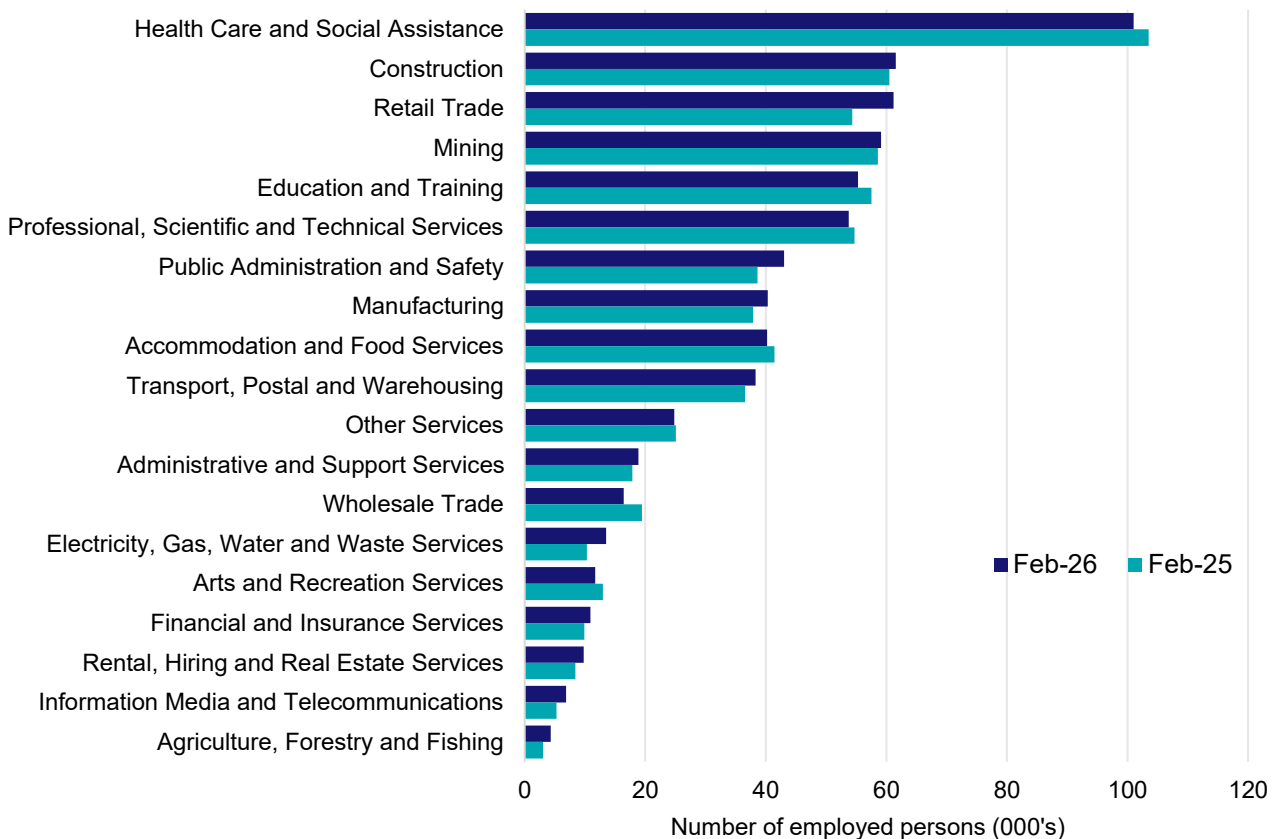
In February 2026, there were around 671,000 people employed in the Perth - South Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Retail Trade, Mining, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 50% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 2.4% to stand at 101,000
- Construction rose by 1.8% to stand at 61,600
- Retail Trade rose by 12.7% to stand at 61,200.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Perth - South Employment Region, 54% 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



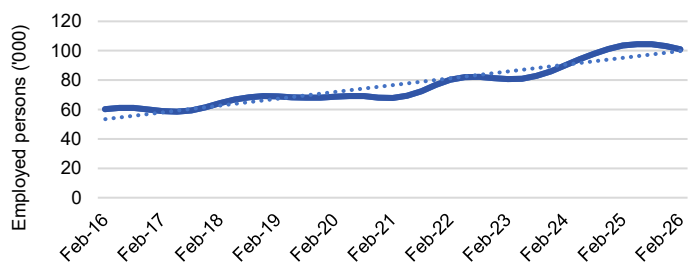
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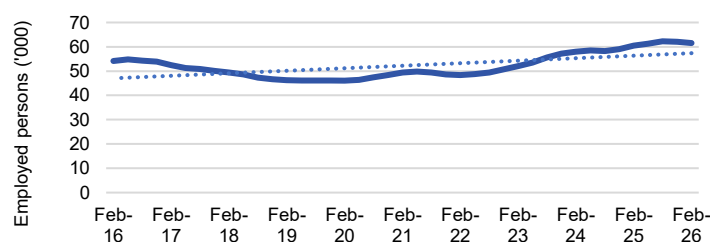
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Health Care and Social Assistance



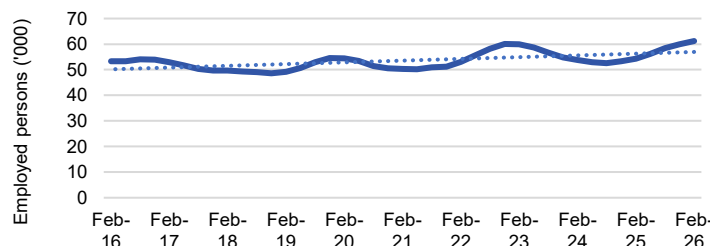
Number employed (Feb-26):	101,000
1 year employment change:	-2.4%
5 year employment change:	48.8%
10 year employment change:	67.7%
Youth share of employment:	9.8%
Mature age share of employment:	16.1%

## Construction



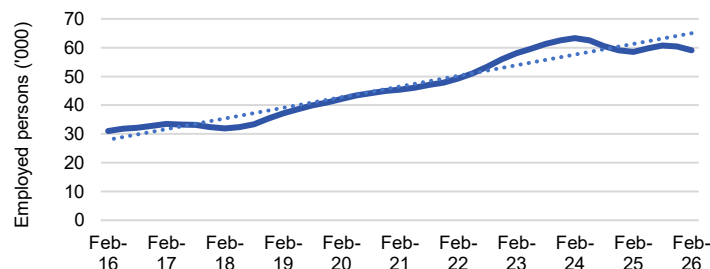
Number employed (Feb-26):	61,600
1 year employment change:	1.8%
5 year employment change:	24.6%
10 year employment change:	13.6%
Youth share of employment:	7.3%
Mature age share of employment:	8.5%

## Retail Trade



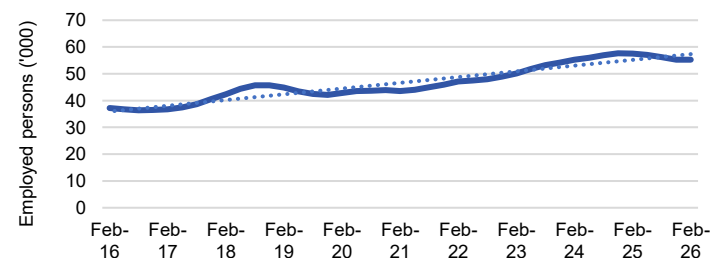
Number employed (Feb-26):	61,200
1 year employment change:	12.7%
5 year employment change:	21.8%
10 year employment change:	14.9%
Youth share of employment:	20.7%
Mature age share of employment:	7.4%

## Mining



Number employed (Feb-26):	59,100
1 year employment change:	0.9%
5 year employment change:	30.2%
10 year employment change:	90.5%
Youth share of employment:	3.0%
Mature age share of employment:	6.1%

## Education and Training



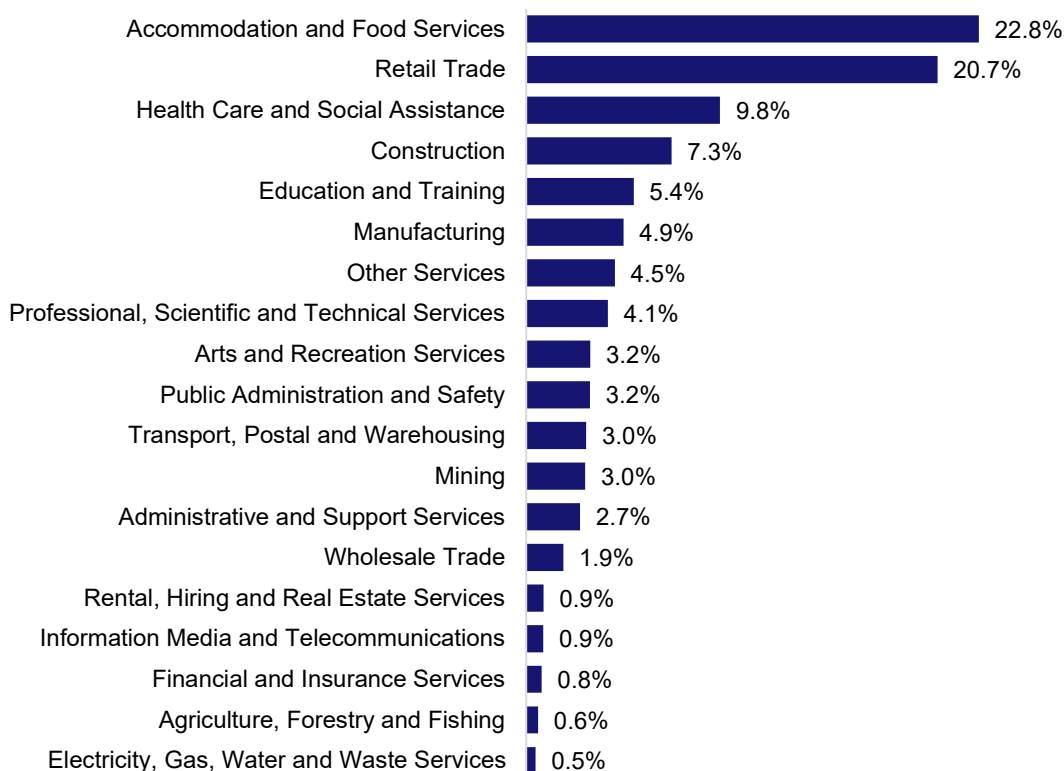
Number employed (Feb-26):	55,300
1 year employment change:	-3.9%
5 year employment change:	26.9%
10 year employment change:	48.8%
Youth share of employment:	5.4%
Mature age share of employment:	11.6%

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

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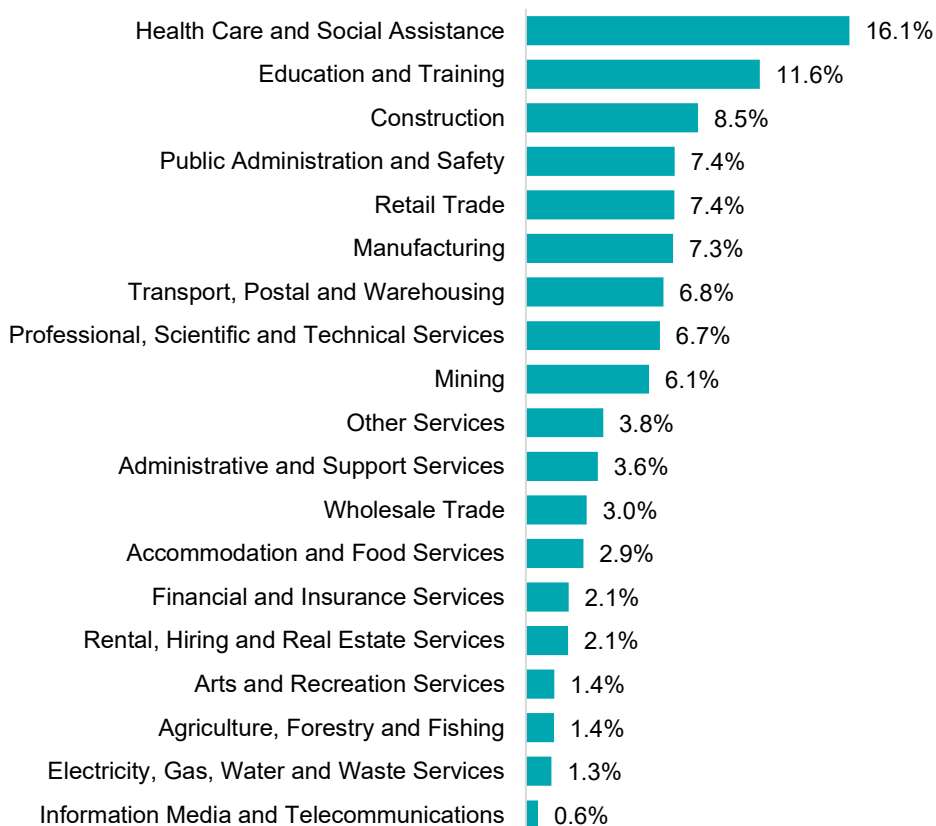
# Employment characteristics by Industry

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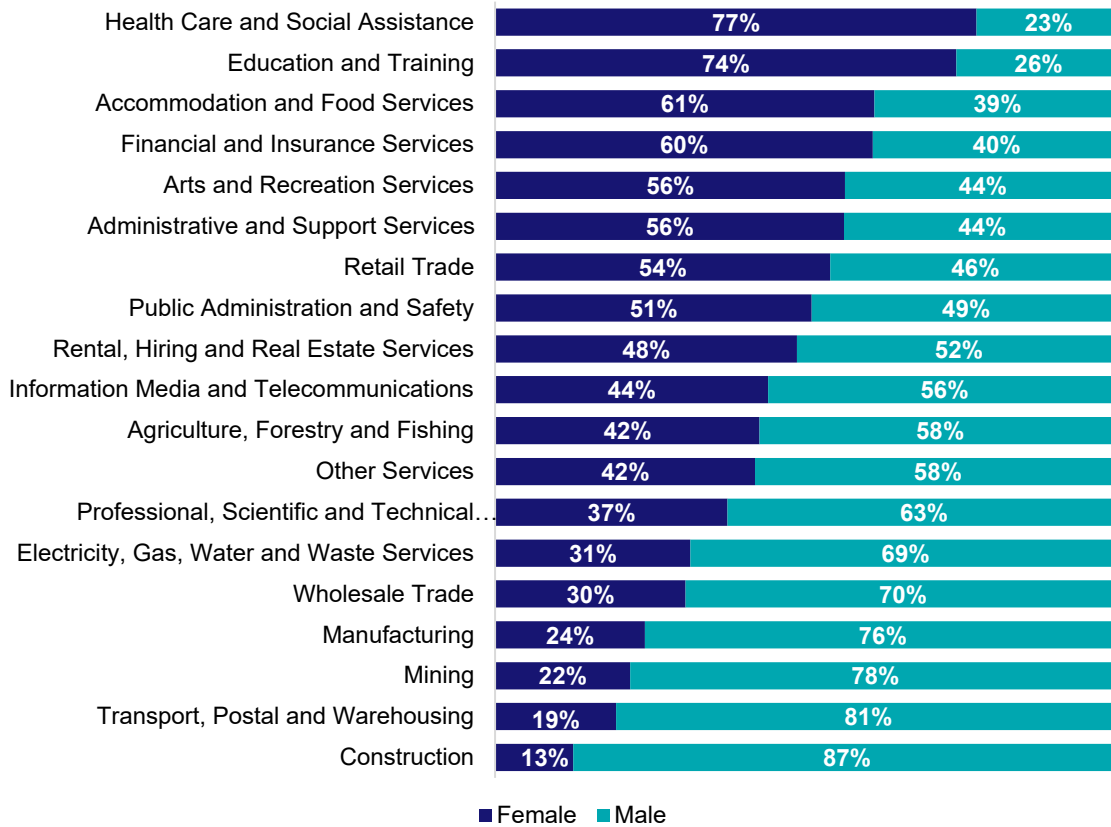
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## Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



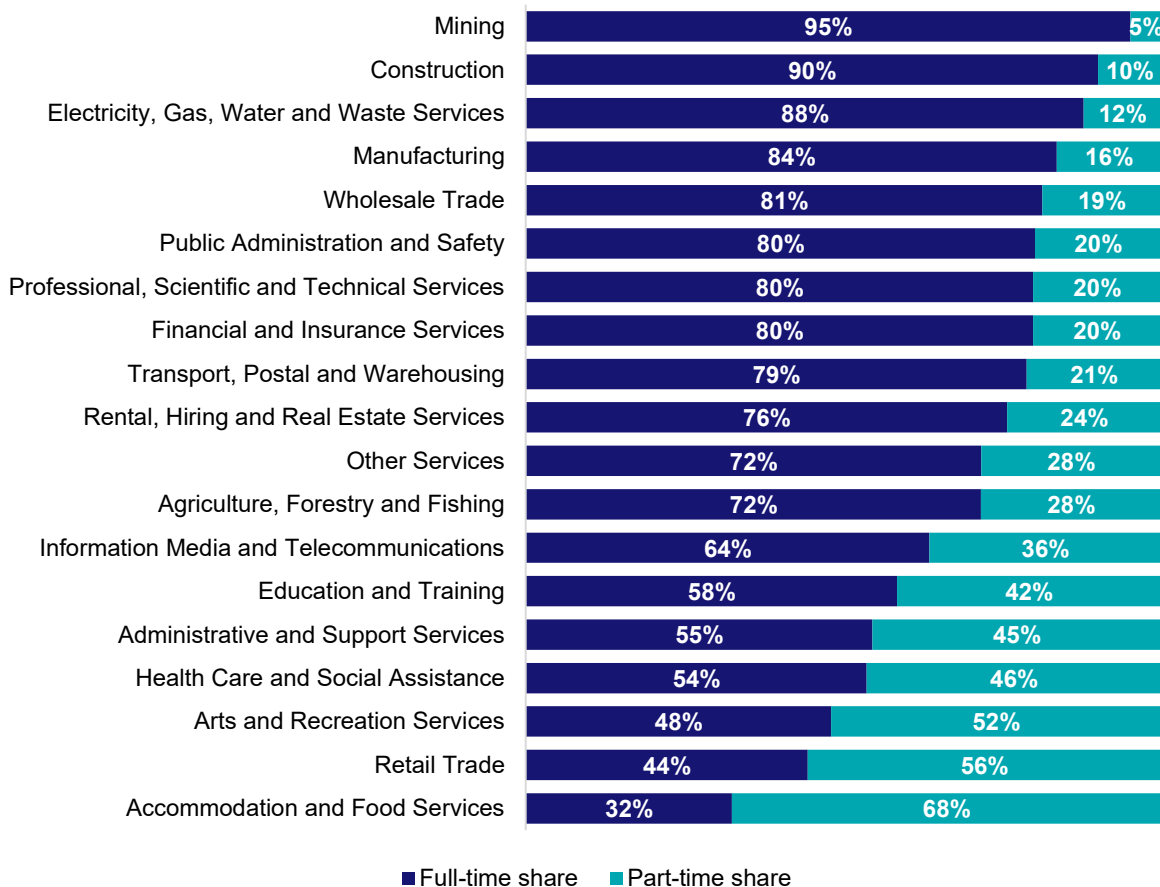
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## Gender share by industry



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

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



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

## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Perth - South, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Health Care and Social Assistance	15.1	101.0	103.5	67.9	53.7	46.3	41
Construction	9.2	61.6	60.5	49.4	90.2	9.8	40
Retail Trade	9.1	61.2	54.3	50.2	44.4	55.6	32
Mining	8.8	59.1	58.6	45.4	95.2	4.8	41
Education and Training	8.2	55.3	57.5	43.6	58.5	41.5	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8.0	53.8	54.7	44.0	79.9	20.1	40
Public Administration and Safety	6.4	43.0	38.6	36.1	80.2	19.8	43
Manufacturing	6.0	40.3	37.9	33.9	83.6	16.4	42
Accommodation and Food Services	6.0	40.2	41.4	33.7	32.5	67.5	24
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.7	38.3	36.6	30.5	78.9	21.1	43
Other Services	3.7	24.8	25.1	23.4	71.7	28.3	38
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	18.9	17.9	13.5	54.6	45.4	40
Wholesale Trade	2.4	16.4	19.5	17.7	81.4	18.6	42
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.0	13.5	10.3	8.3	87.9	12.1	42
Arts and Recreation Services	1.7	11.7	13.0	8.5	48.1	51.9	33
Financial and Insurance Services	1.6	10.9	9.9	14.2	79.9	20.1	41
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.5	9.8	8.4	9.1	75.8	24.2	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	6.9	5.3	5.9	63.6	36.4	36
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.6	4.3	3.0	3.9	71.7	28.3	47
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>671.0</b>	<b>655.9</b>	<b>539.2</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>40</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## South West WA Employment Region

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### Overview

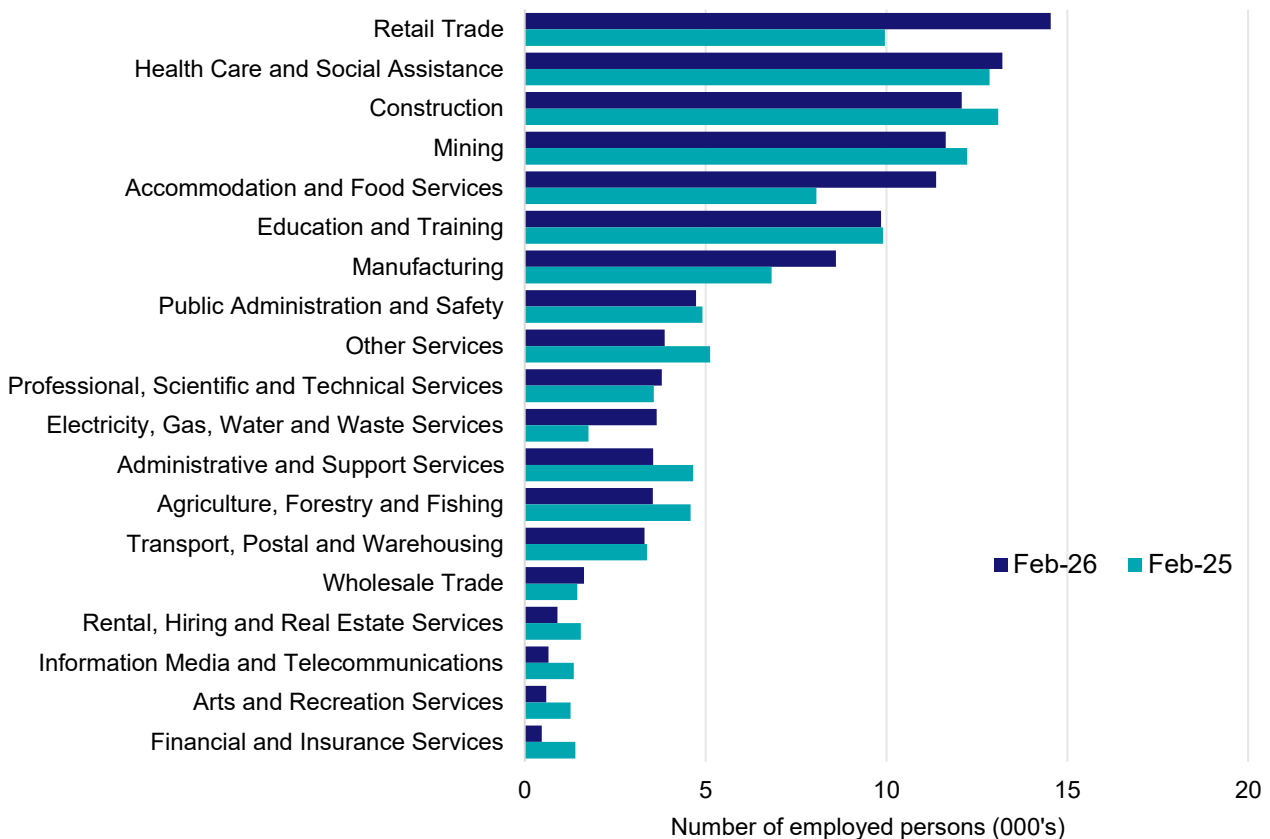
In February 2026, there were around 112,000 people employed in the South West WA Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Retail Trade, Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, Mining, and Accommodation and Food Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 56% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Retail Trade rose by 46.1% to stand at 14,500
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 2.8% to stand at 13,200
- Construction fell by 7.7% to stand at 12,100.

In Retail Trade in the South West WA Employment Region, 57% of workers were employed part-time; 61% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 39.

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



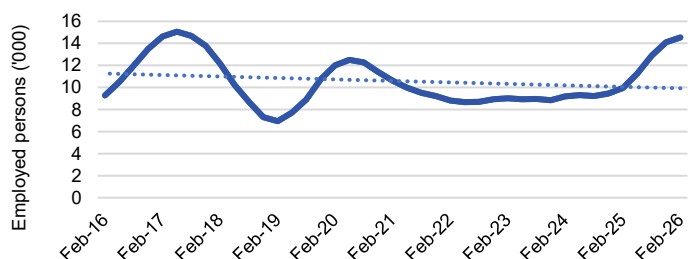
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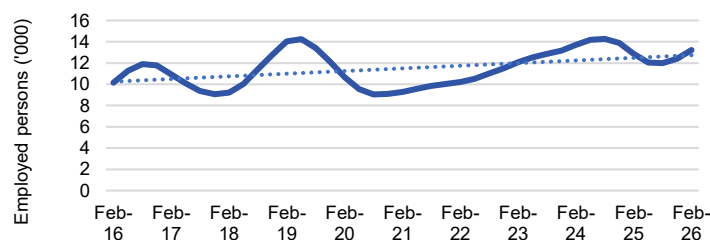
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

## Retail Trade



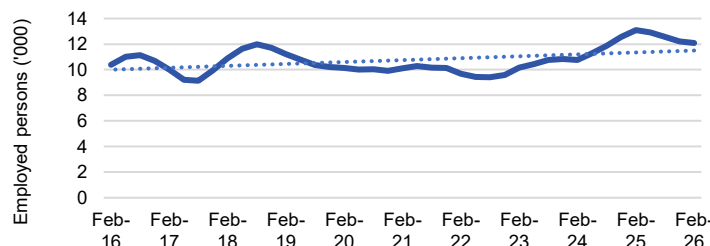
Number employed (Feb-26):	14,500
1 year employment change:	46.1%
5 year employment change:	36.9%
10 year employment change:	56.7%
Youth share of employment:	19.3%
Mature age share of employment:	8.2%

## Health Care and Social Assistance



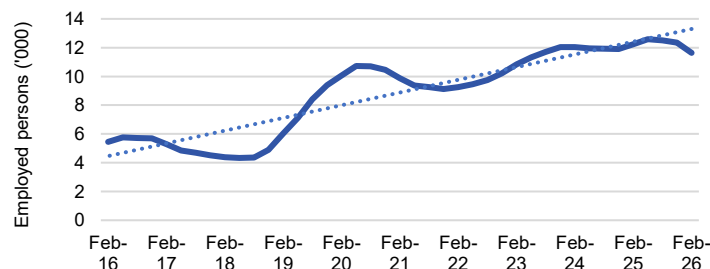
Number employed (Feb-26):	13,200
1 year employment change:	2.8%
5 year employment change:	42.6%
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Youth share of employment:	7.8%
Mature age share of employment:	14.5%

## Construction



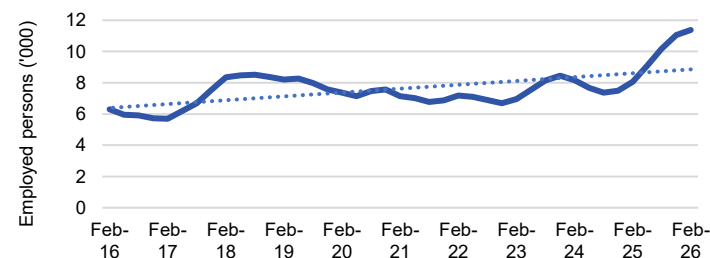
Number employed (Feb-26):	12,100
1 year employment change:	-7.7%
5 year employment change:	19.4%
10 year employment change:	16.3%
Youth share of employment:	10.9%
Mature age share of employment:	9.6%

## Mining



Number employed (Feb-26):	11,600
1 year employment change:	-4.9%
5 year employment change:	17.9%
10 year employment change:	113.6%
Youth share of employment:	4.0%
Mature age share of employment:	6.4%

## Accommodation and Food Services



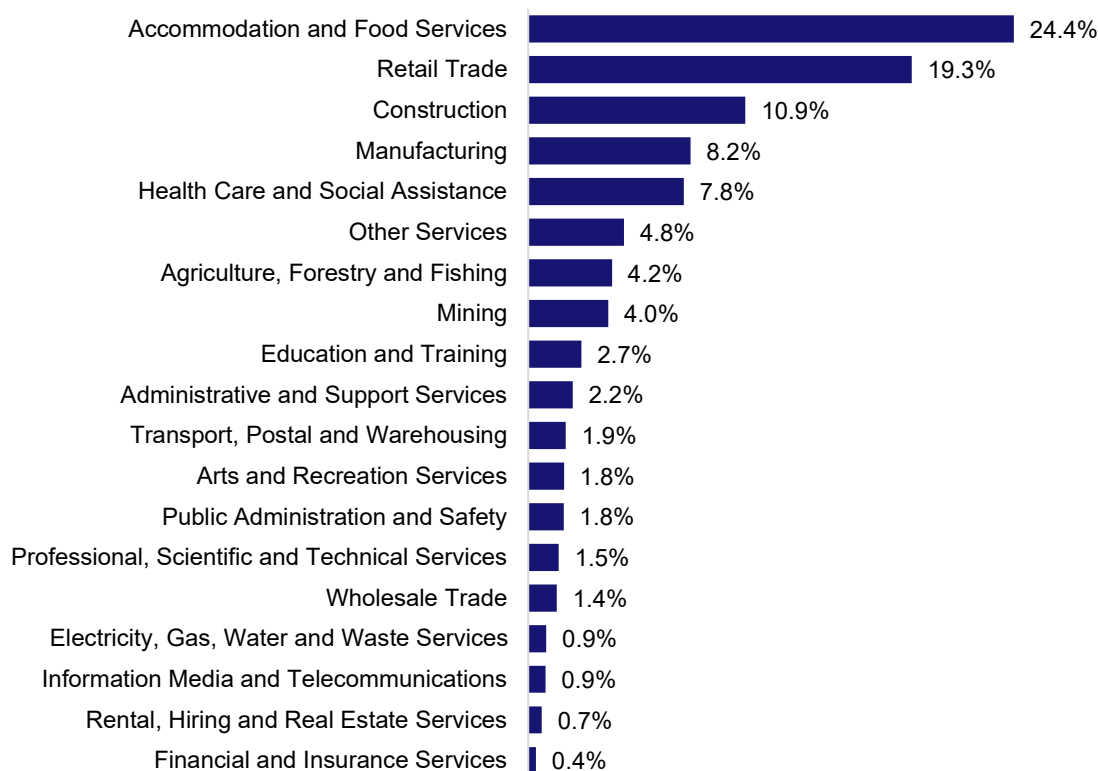
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,400
1 year employment change:	41.1%
5 year employment change:	59.2%
10 year employment change:	80.4%
Youth share of employment:	24.4%
Mature age share of employment:	4.9%

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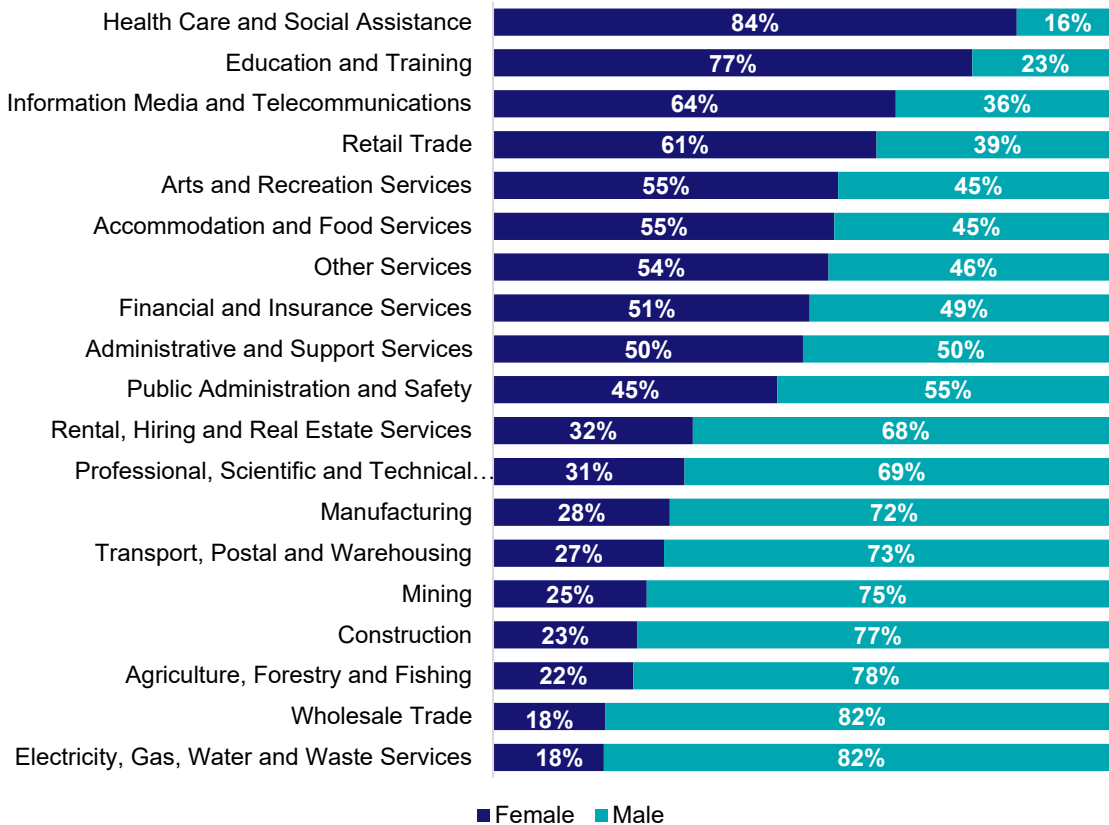
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### Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



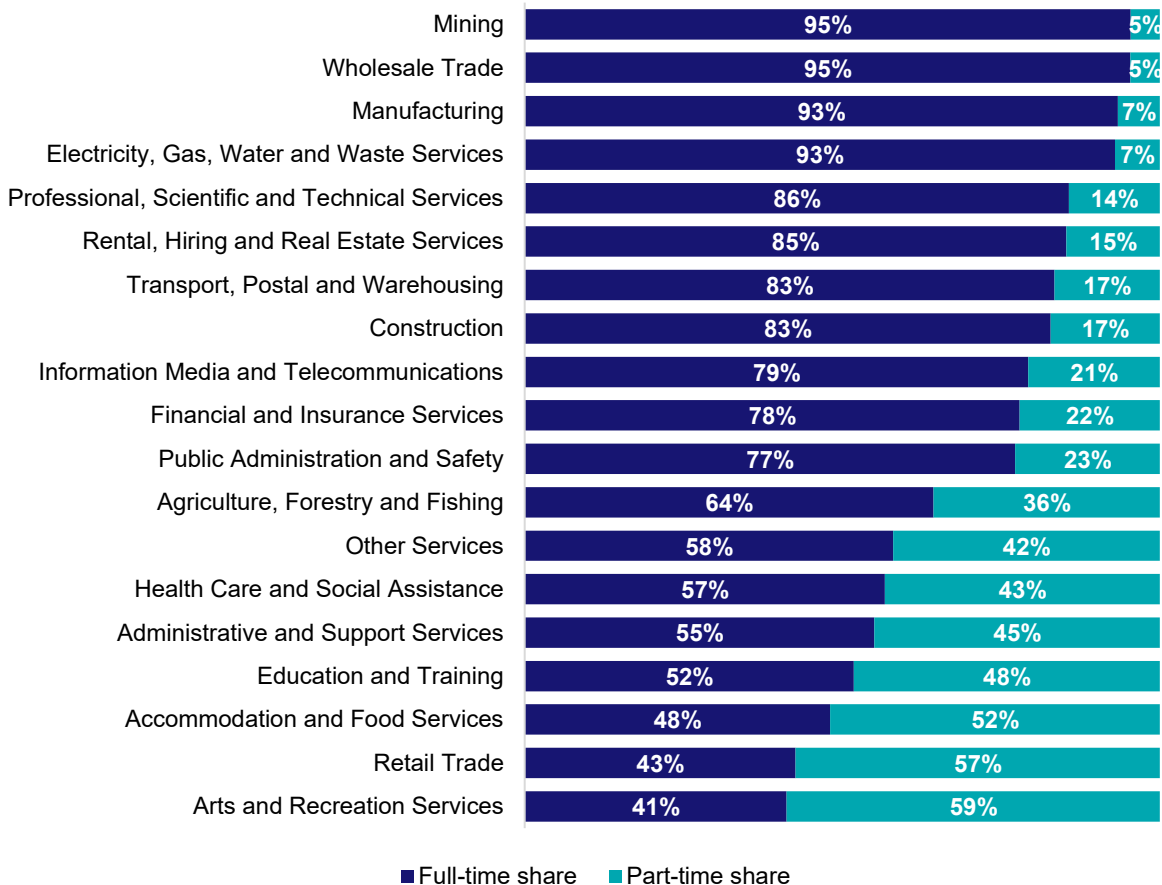
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## Gender share by industry



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

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



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

## Appendix

### Employment by industry, South West WA, 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			
Retail Trade	13.0	14.5	10.0	10.6	42.7	57.3	39
Health Care and Social Assistance	11.8	13.2	12.8	9.3	56.7	43.3	46
Construction	10.8	12.1	13.1	10.1	82.8	17.2	42
Mining	10.4	11.6	12.2	9.9	95.4	4.6	43
Accommodation and Food Services	10.2	11.4	8.1	7.1	48.1	51.9	31
Education and Training	8.8	9.9	9.9	6.8	51.8	48.2	48
Manufacturing	7.7	8.6	6.8	10.3	93.4	6.6	41
Public Administration and Safety	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.3	77.2	22.8	48
Other Services	3.5	3.9	5.1	4.0	58.0	42.0	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.1	85.7	14.3	46
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	3.3	3.6	1.8	1.4	92.9	7.1	46
Administrative and Support Services	3.2	3.5	4.7	2.3	55.0	45.0	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3.2	3.5	4.6	4.4	64.4	35.6	50
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.3	83.4	16.6	51
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.6	1.5	2.2	95.4	4.6	46
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.8	0.9	1.5	2.9	85.3	14.7	48
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.3	79.3	20.7	37
Arts and Recreation Services	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.8	41.3	58.7	37
Financial and Insurance Services	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.8	77.9	22.1	46
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>44</b>

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## **Note regarding labour force data for the Broome, Esperance, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie Employment Regions**

These Employment Regions fall within the Western Australia – Outback (North and South) SA4. This SA4 is very large and covers much of regional and remote WA, including Broome, Esperance, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie. The WA Outback SA4 is a poor fit for these Employment Regions but is the only data readily available for the labour force. As a result, the labour force data for the Western Australia – Outback (North and South) SA4 is presented for each of these Employment Regions.



# Employment Region Industry profile

## Broome Employment Region

Date of publishing: 15 April 2026

### Overview

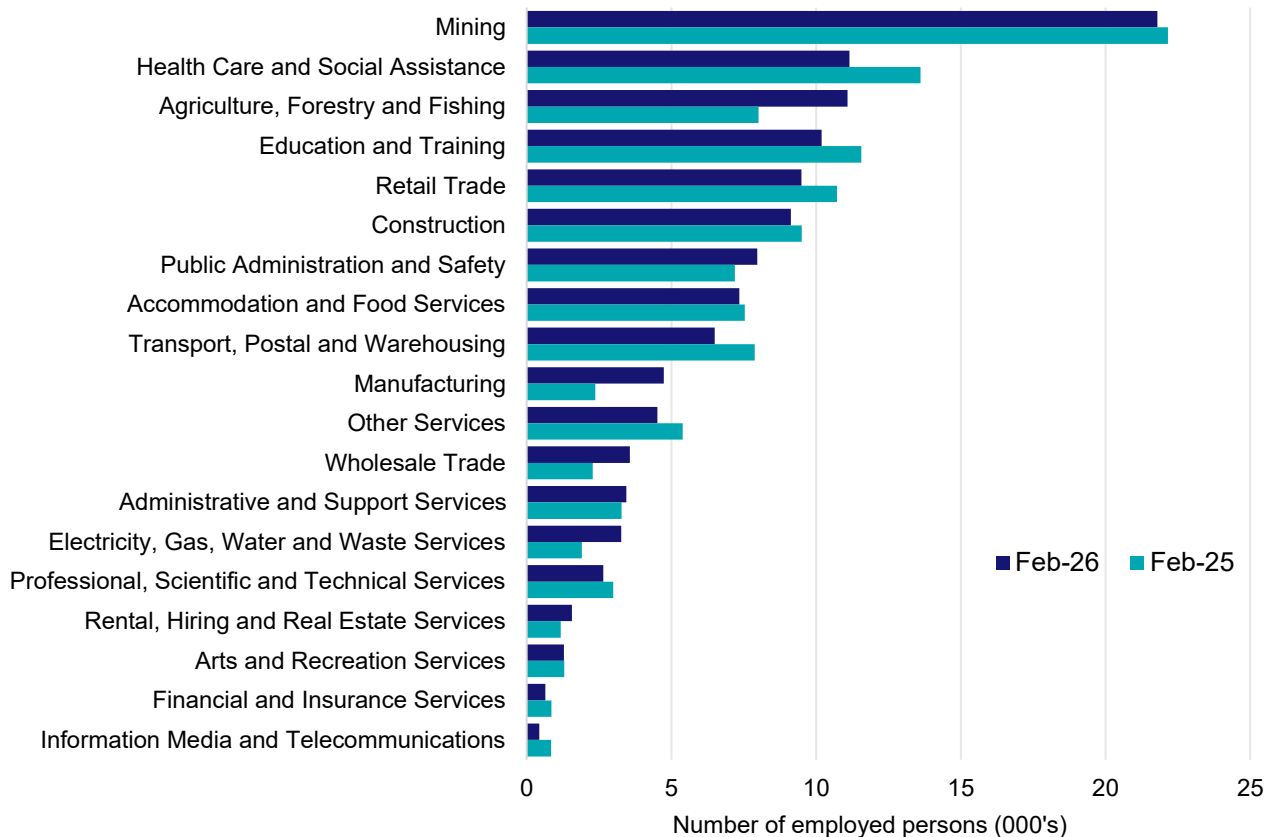
In February 2026, there were around 120,800 people employed in the Broome Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Mining, Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Education and Training, and Retail Trade. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Mining fell by 1.6% to stand at 21,800
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 18.0% to stand at 11,200
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing rose by 38.4% to stand at 11,100.

In Mining in the Broome Employment Region, 94% of workers were employed full-time; 73% were male; and the median age of the workforce was 38.

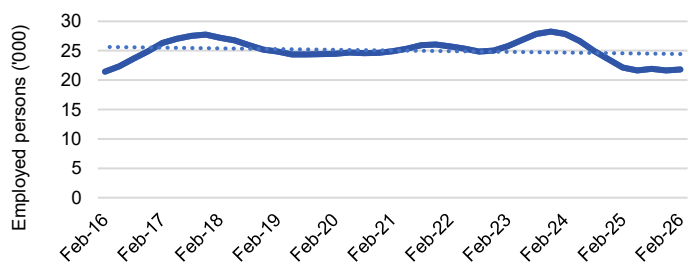
### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



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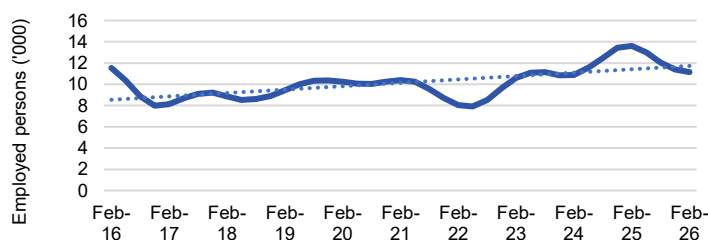
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## Mining



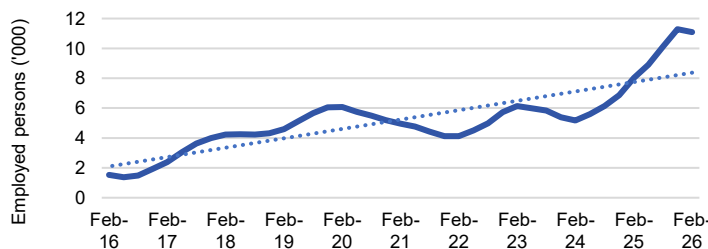
Number employed (Feb-26):	21,800
1 year employment change:	-1.6%
5 year employment change:	-12.5%
10 year employment change:	1.7%
Youth share of employment:	2.0%
Mature age share of employment:	2.4%

## Health Care and Social Assistance



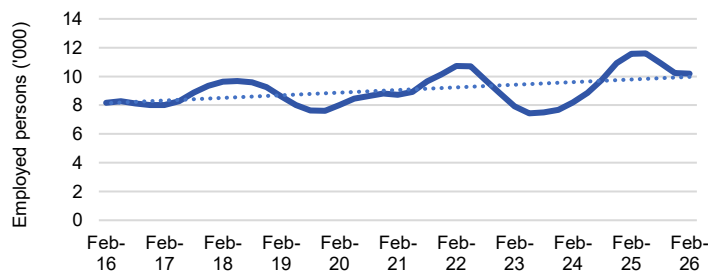
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,200
1 year employment change:	-18.0%
5 year employment change:	7.2%
10 year employment change:	-3.3%
Youth share of employment:	14.3%
Mature age share of employment:	21.1%

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



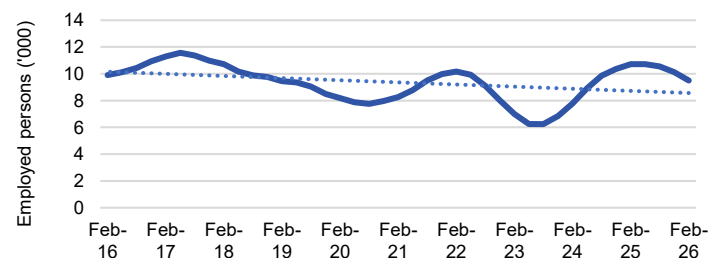
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,100
1 year employment change:	38.4%
5 year employment change:	123.7%
10 year employment change:	625.0%
Youth share of employment:	3.0%
Mature age share of employment:	2.0%

## Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	10,200
1 year employment change:	-11.9%
5 year employment change:	16.7%
10 year employment change:	24.8%
Youth share of employment:	6.4%
Mature age share of employment:	12.3%

## Retail Trade



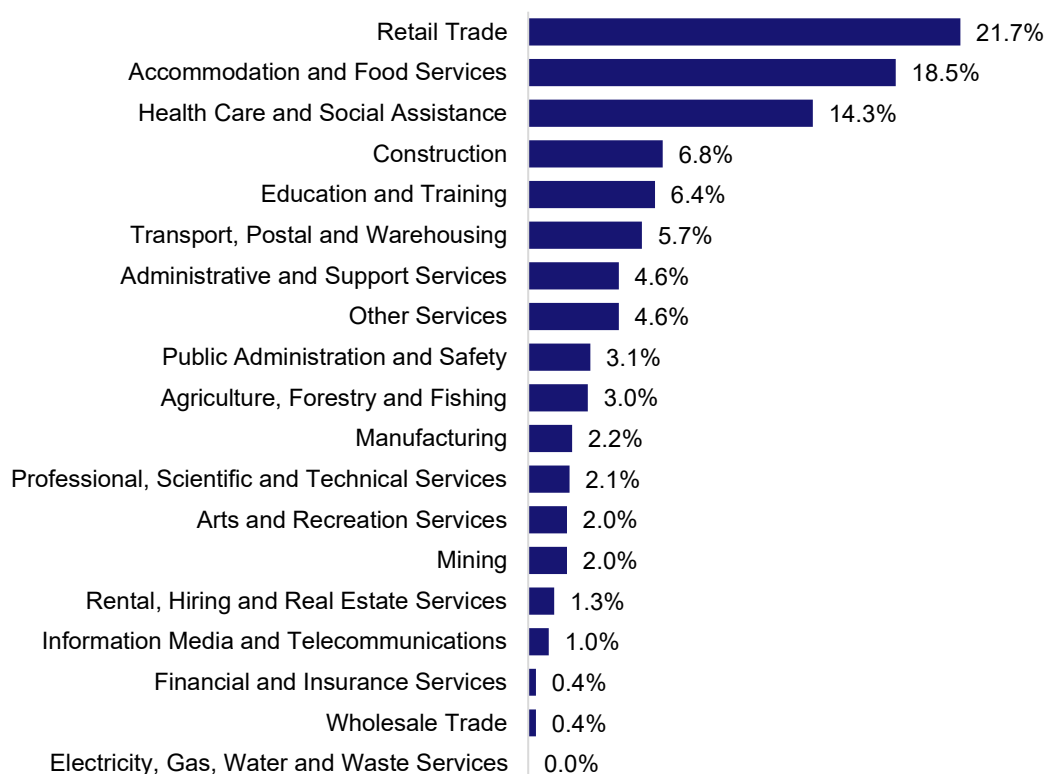
Number employed (Feb-26):	9,500
1 year employment change:	-11.5%
5 year employment change:	14.8%
10 year employment change:	-4.2%
Youth share of employment:	21.7%
Mature age share of employment:	10.2%

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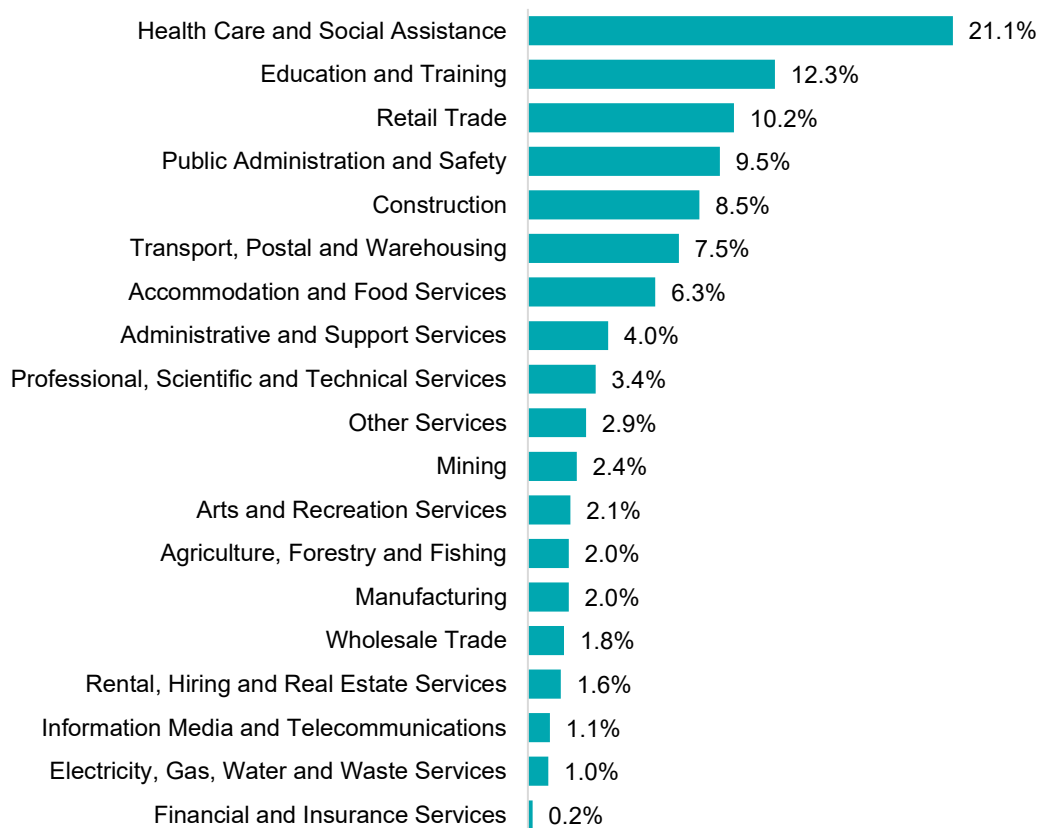
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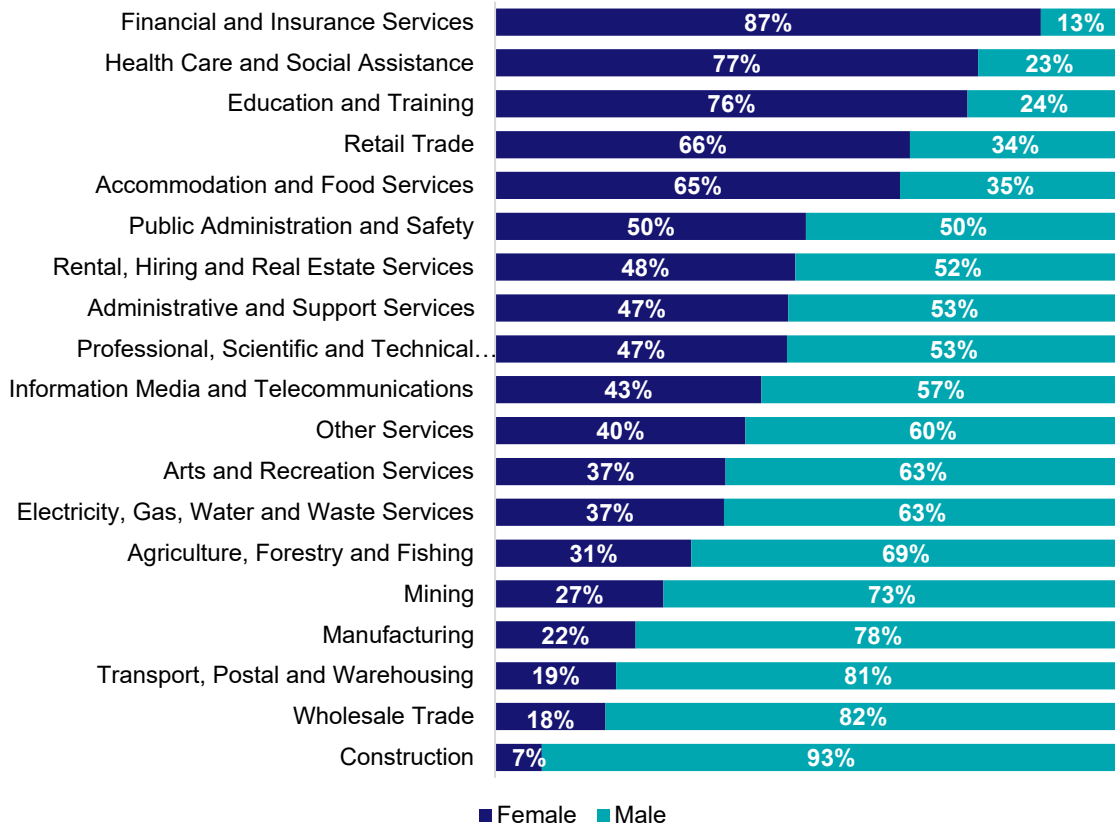
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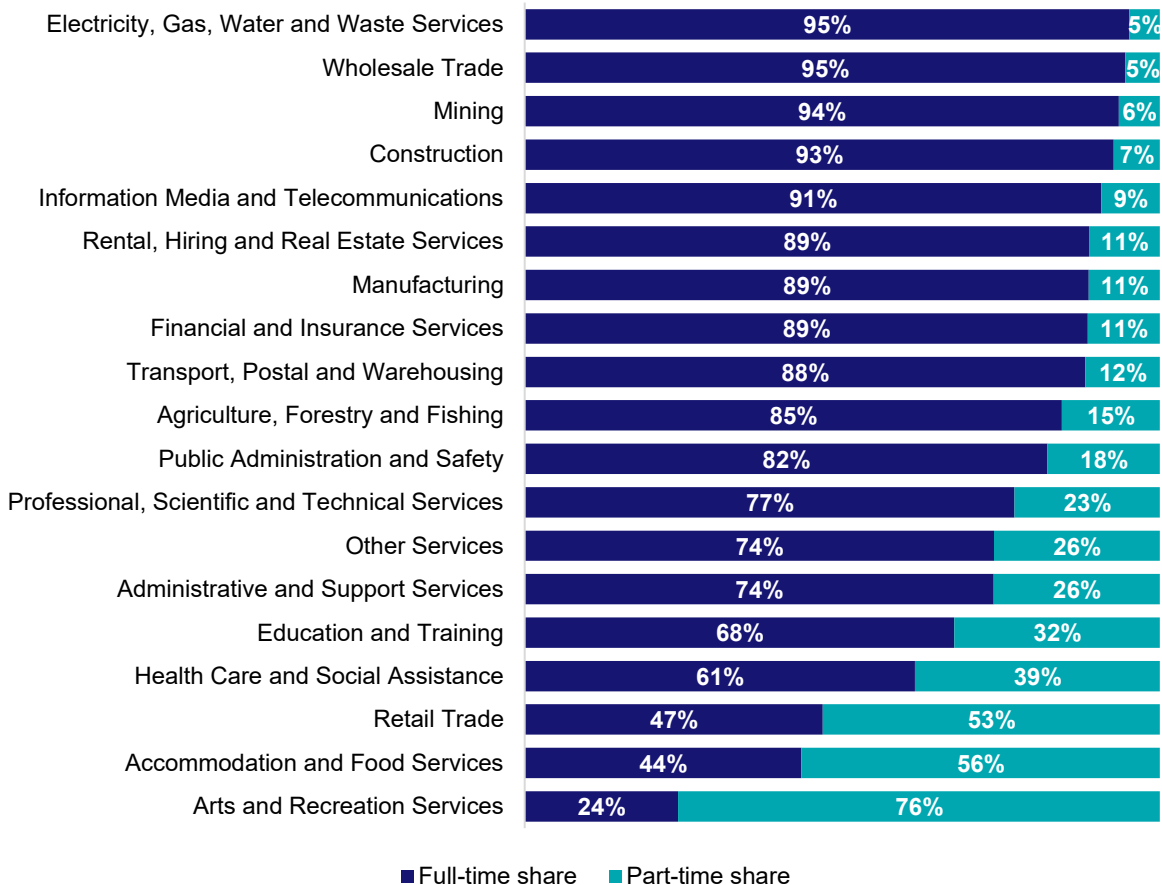
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## Gender share by industry



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



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Broome, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Mining	18.1	21.8	22.2	24.9	93.6	6.4	38
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.2	11.2	13.6	10.4	61.4	38.6	39
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	9.2	11.1	8.0	5.0	84.6	15.4	35
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Retail Trade	7.9	9.5	10.7	8.3	46.9	53.1	38
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Public Administration and Safety	6.6	8.0	7.2	10.4	82.3	17.7	43
Accommodation and Food Services	6.1	7.4	7.5	5.6	43.6	56.4	31
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.4	6.5	7.9	5.3	88.3	11.7	39
Manufacturing	3.9	4.7	2.4	3.6	88.8	11.2	35
Other Services	3.7	4.5	5.4	4.2	73.9	26.1	38
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.6	2.3	1.8	94.6	5.4	50
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	73.8	26.2	43
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.7	3.3	1.9	2.2	95.2	4.8	43
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.2	2.6	3.0	4.7	77.1	22.9	43
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.9	88.9	11.1	43
Arts and Recreation Services	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.9	24.2	75.8	39
Financial and Insurance Services	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.1	88.7	11.3	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7	90.8	9.2	38
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>40</b>

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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Kalgoorlie Employment Region

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### Overview

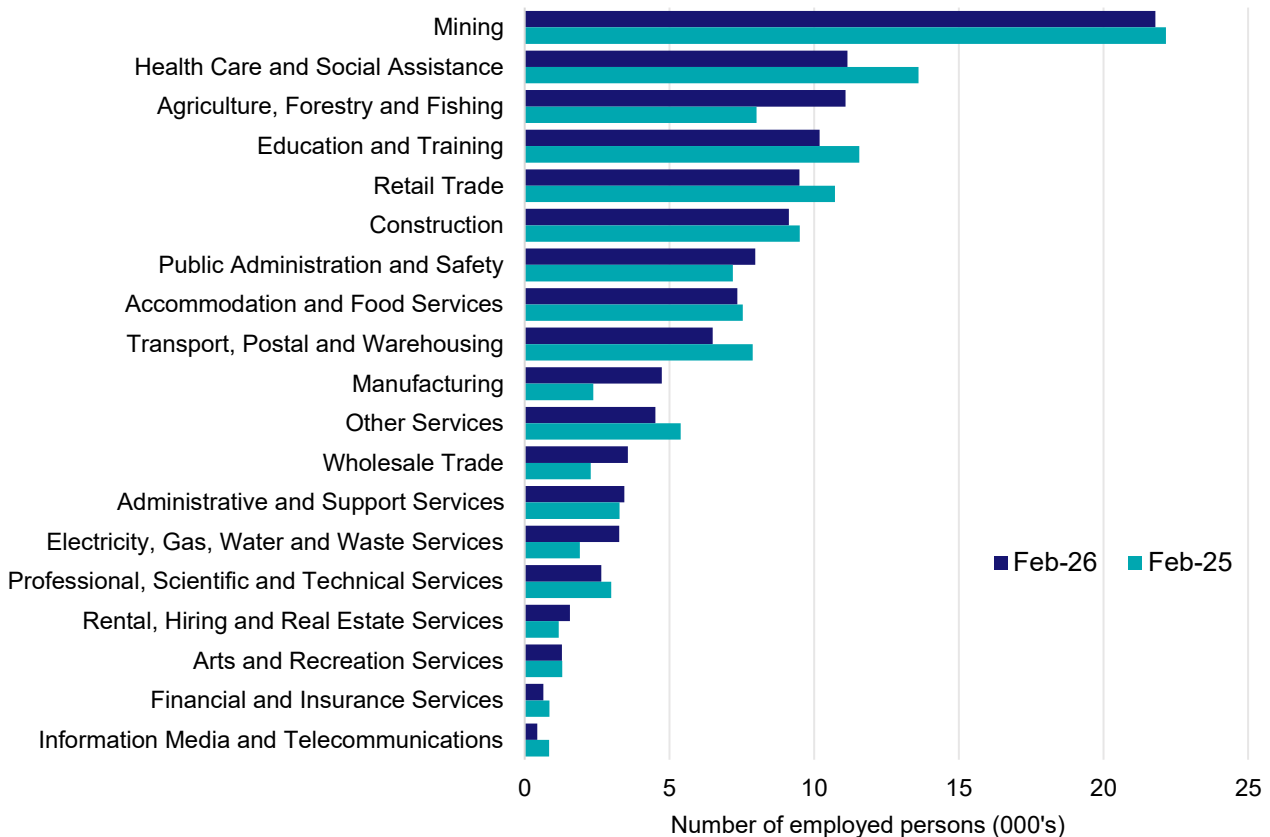
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### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



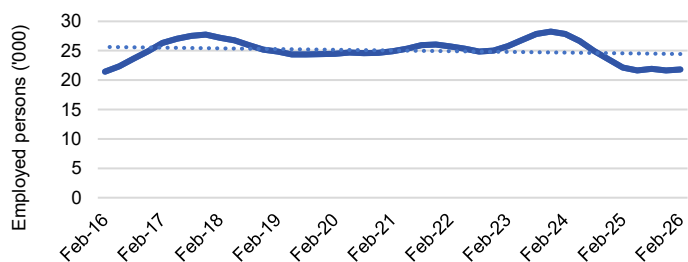
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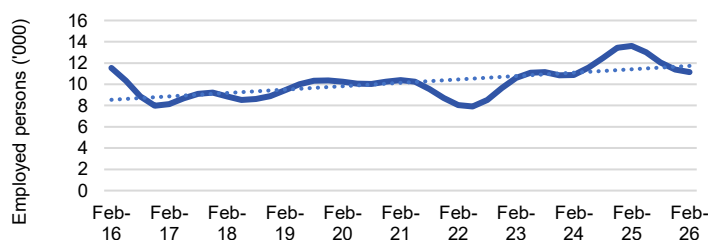
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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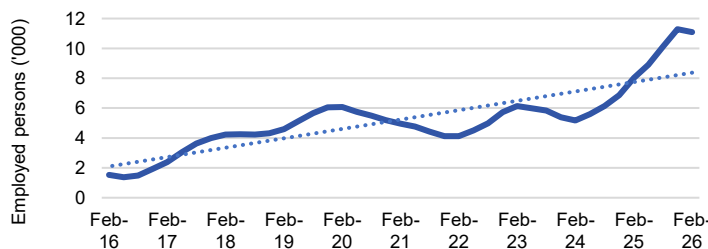
Number employed (Feb-26):	21,800
1 year employment change:	-1.6%
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10 year employment change:	1.7%
Youth share of employment:	21.6%
Mature age share of employment:	23.1%

## Health Care and Social Assistance



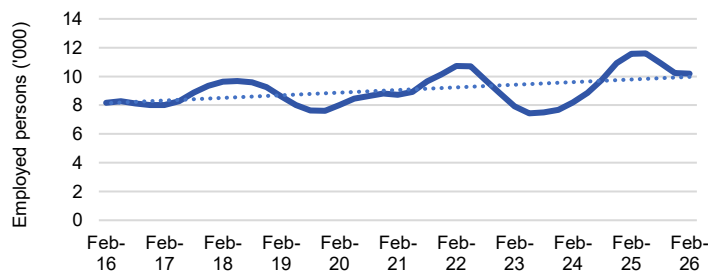
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,200
1 year employment change:	-18.0%
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Youth share of employment:	6.8%
Mature age share of employment:	11.3%

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



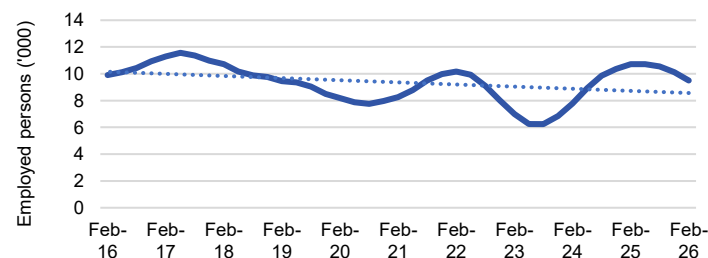
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,100
1 year employment change:	38.4%
5 year employment change:	123.7%
10 year employment change:	625.0%
Youth share of employment:	0.0%
Mature age share of employment:	0.1%

## Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	10,200
1 year employment change:	-11.9%
5 year employment change:	16.7%
10 year employment change:	24.8%
Youth share of employment:	4.4%
Mature age share of employment:	9.1%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	9,500
1 year employment change:	-11.5%
5 year employment change:	14.8%
10 year employment change:	-4.2%
Youth share of employment:	17.1%
Mature age share of employment:	6.6%

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

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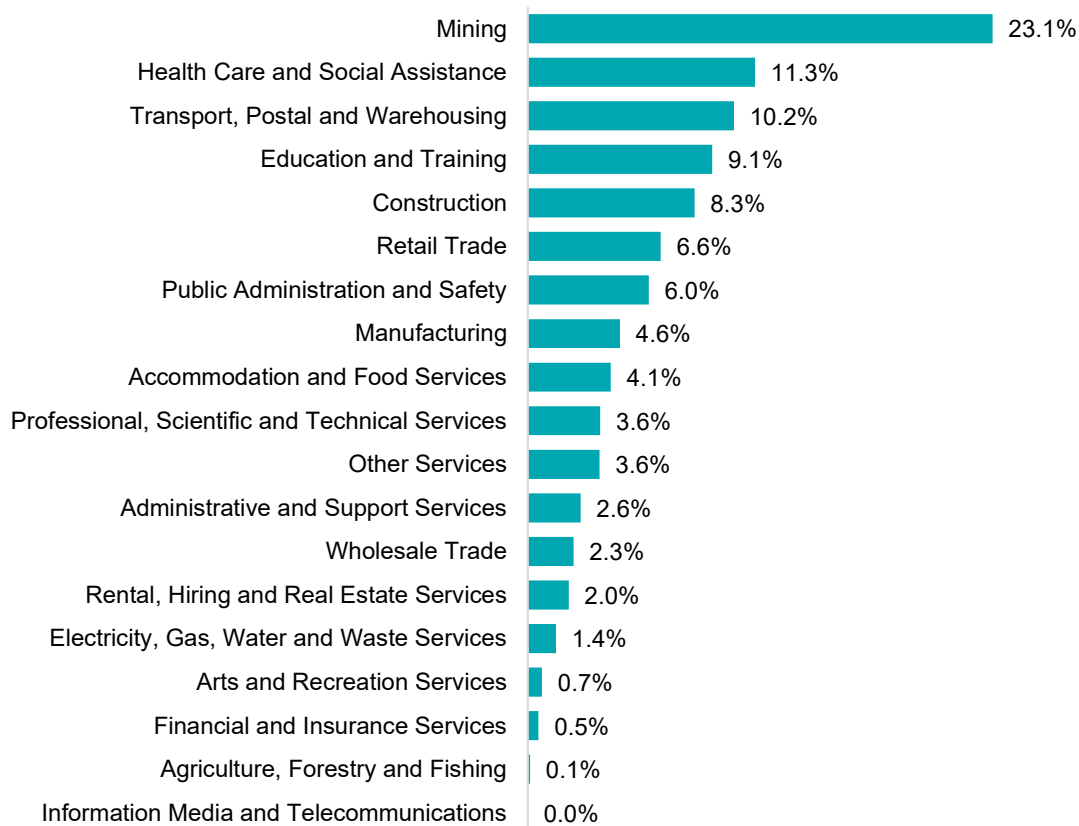
## Employment characteristics by Industry

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



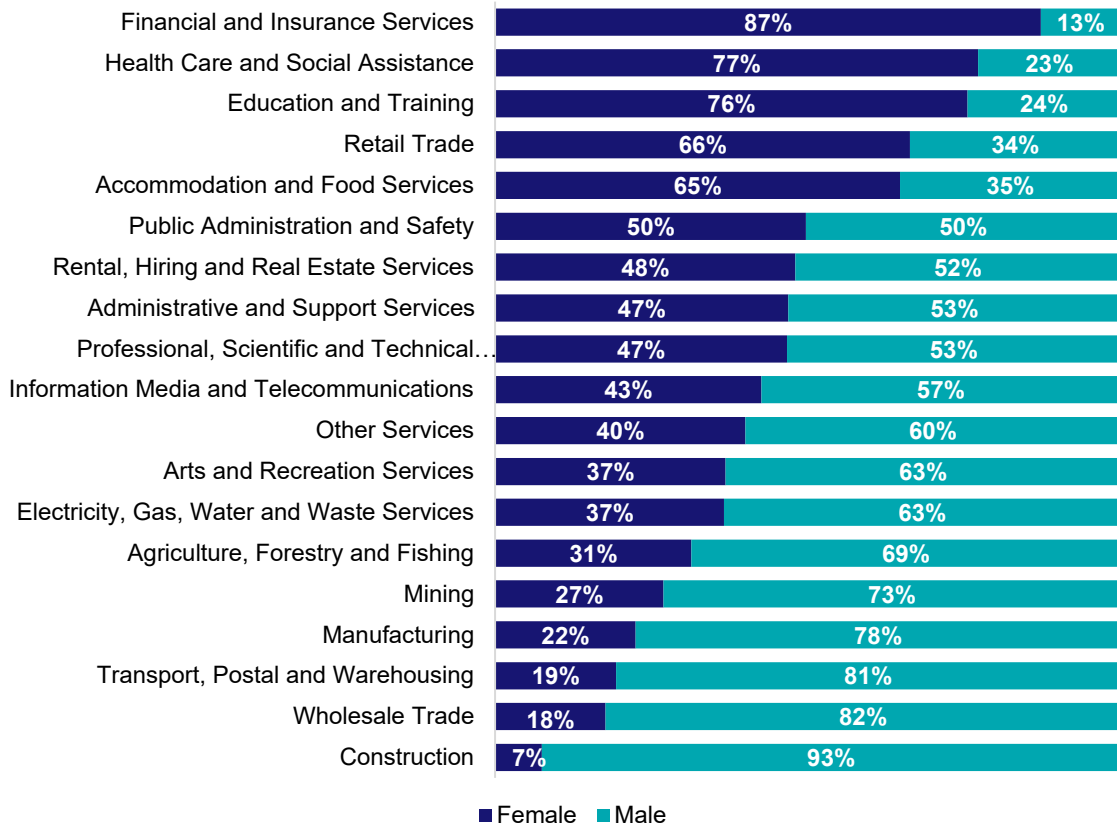
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### Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



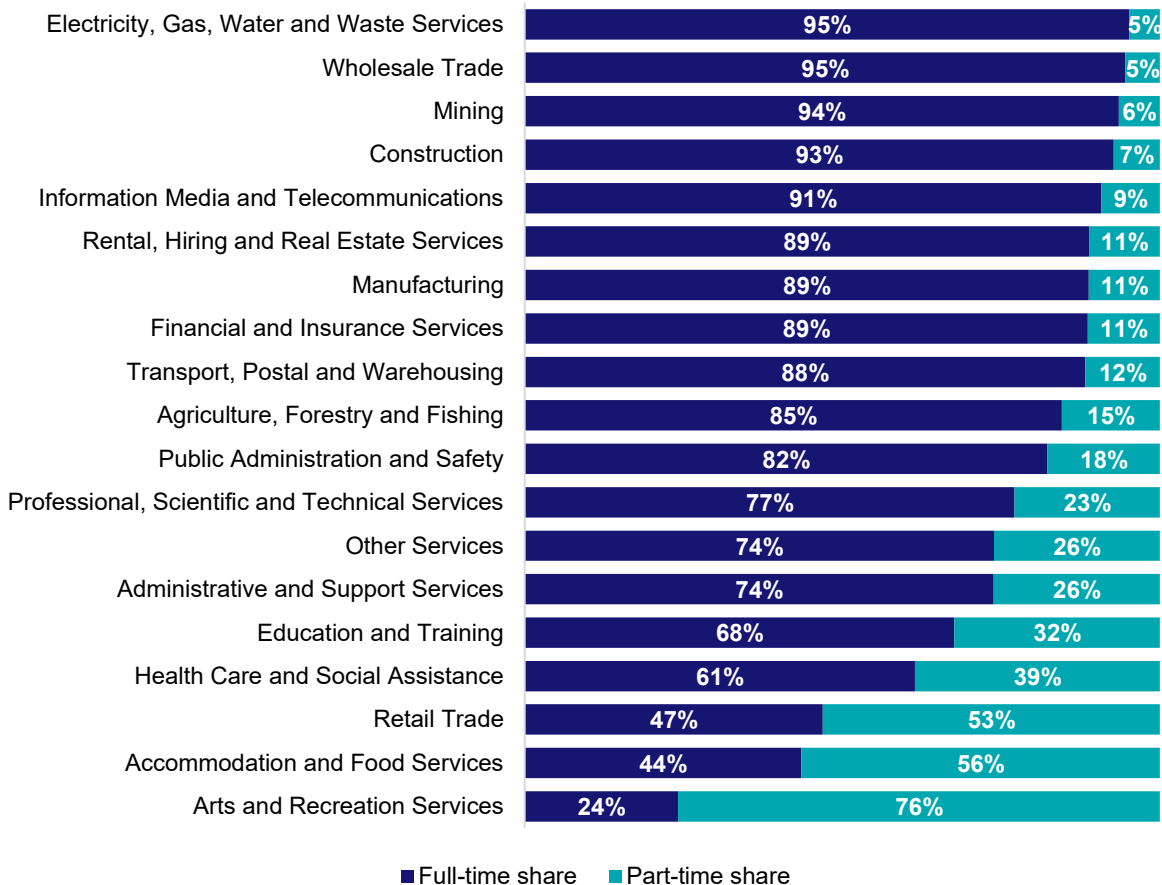
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## Gender share by industry



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

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



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Kalgoorlie, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Mining	18.1	21.8	22.2	24.9	93.6	6.4	39
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.2	11.2	13.6	10.4	61.4	38.6	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	9.2	11.1	8.0	5.0	84.6	15.4	31
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Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.4	6.5	7.9	5.3	88.3	11.7	50
Manufacturing	3.9	4.7	2.4	3.6	88.8	11.2	38
Other Services	3.7	4.5	5.4	4.2	73.9	26.1	37
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.6	2.3	1.8	94.6	5.4	36
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	73.8	26.2	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.7	3.3	1.9	2.2	95.2	4.8	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.2	2.6	3.0	4.7	77.1	22.9	37
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Arts and Recreation Services	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.9	24.2	75.8	36
Financial and Insurance Services	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.1	88.7	11.3	39
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7	90.8	9.2	32
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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Esperance Employment Region

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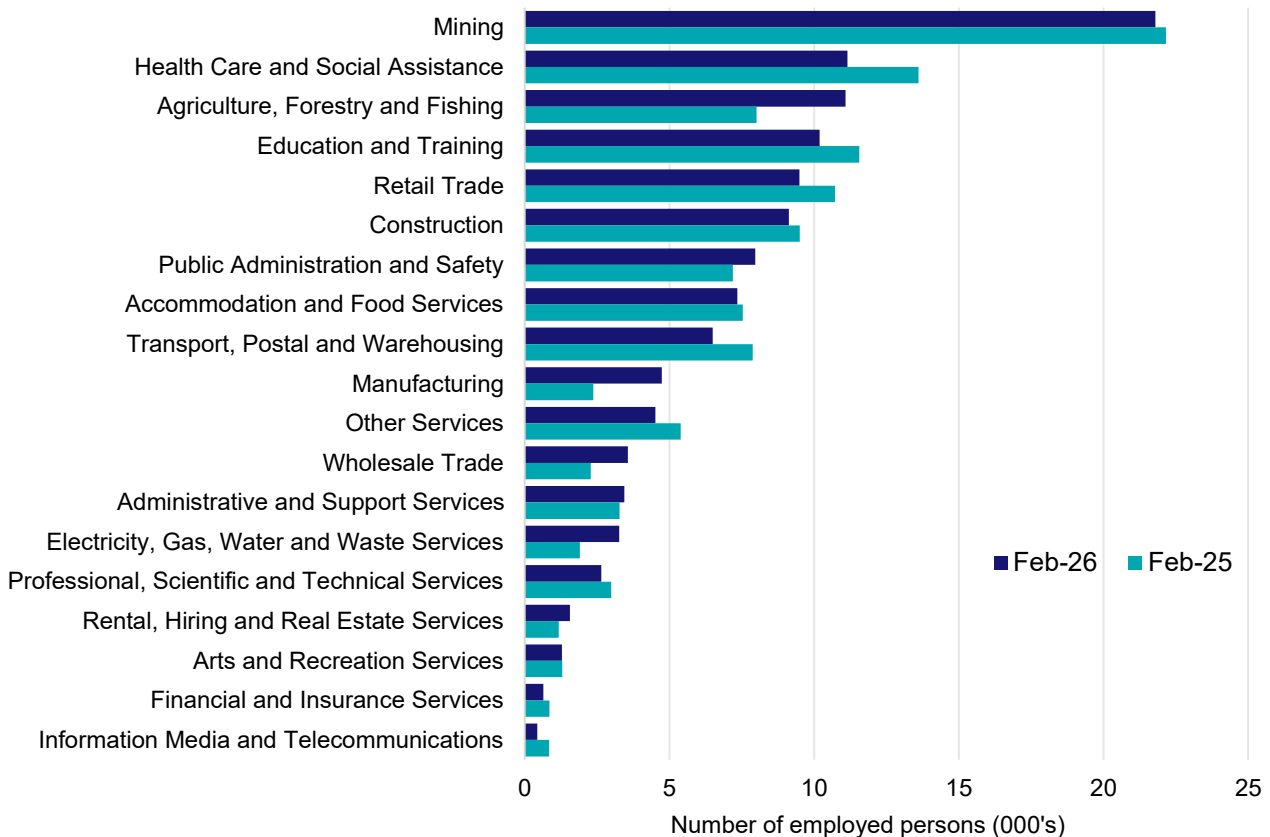
In February 2026, there were around 120,800 people employed in the Esperance Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Mining, Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Education and Training, and Retail Trade. Together these 5 industries accounted for 53% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

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



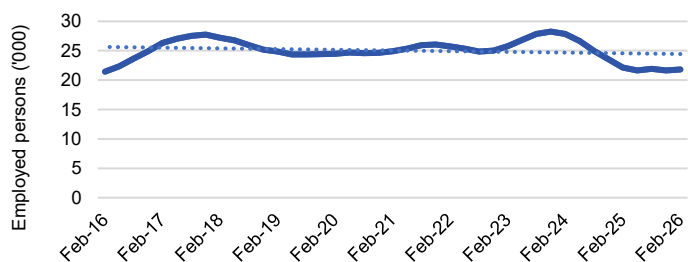
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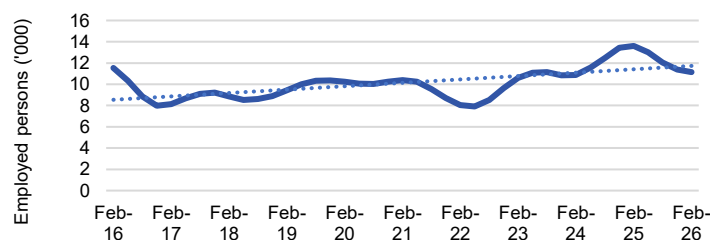
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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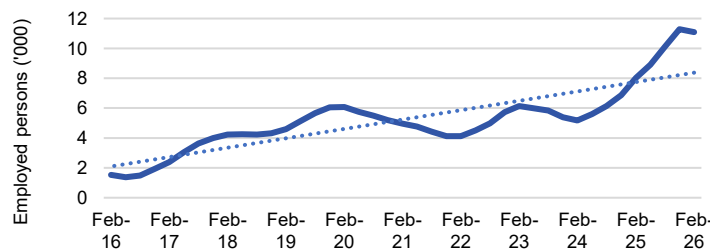
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Mature age share of employment:	4.2%

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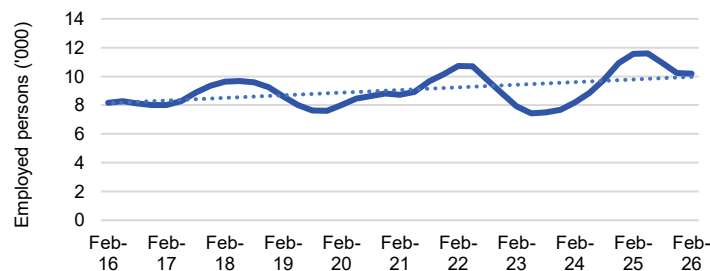
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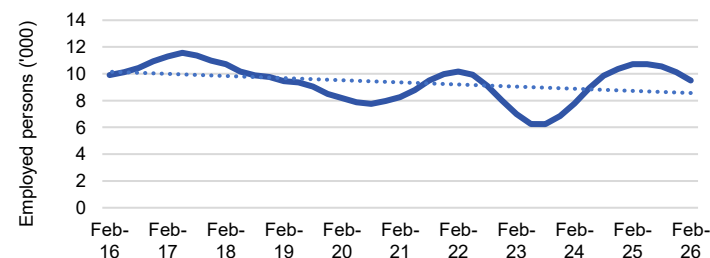
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,100
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10 year employment change:	625.0%
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## Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	10,200
1 year employment change:	-11.9%
5 year employment change:	16.7%
10 year employment change:	24.8%
Youth share of employment:	3.6%
Mature age share of employment:	11.1%

## Retail Trade



Number employed (Feb-26):	9,500
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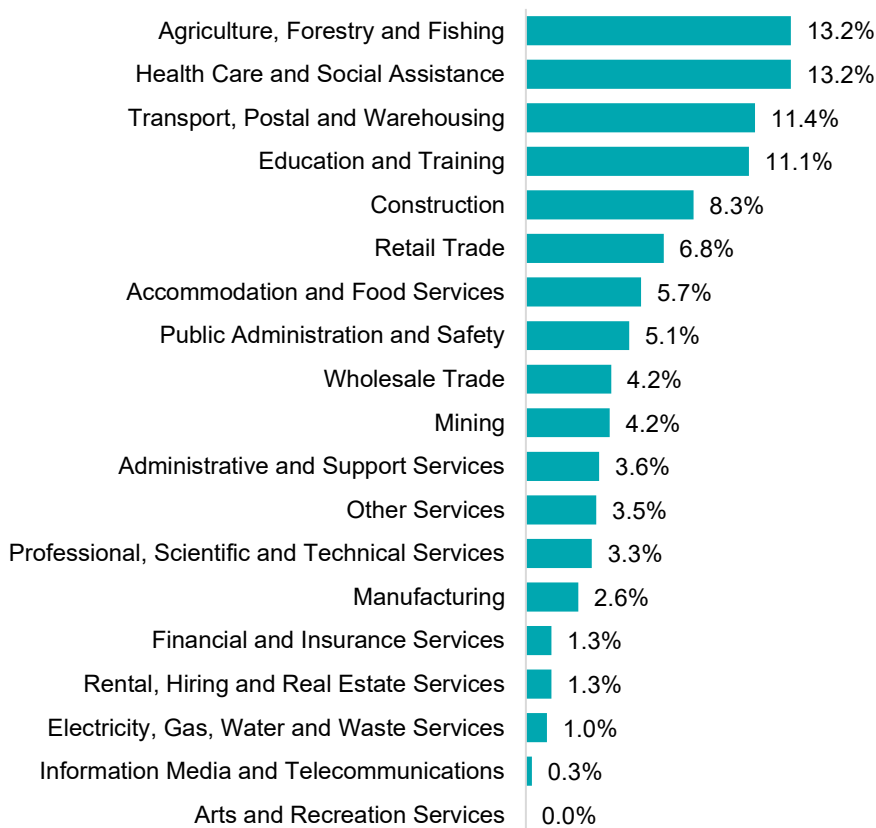
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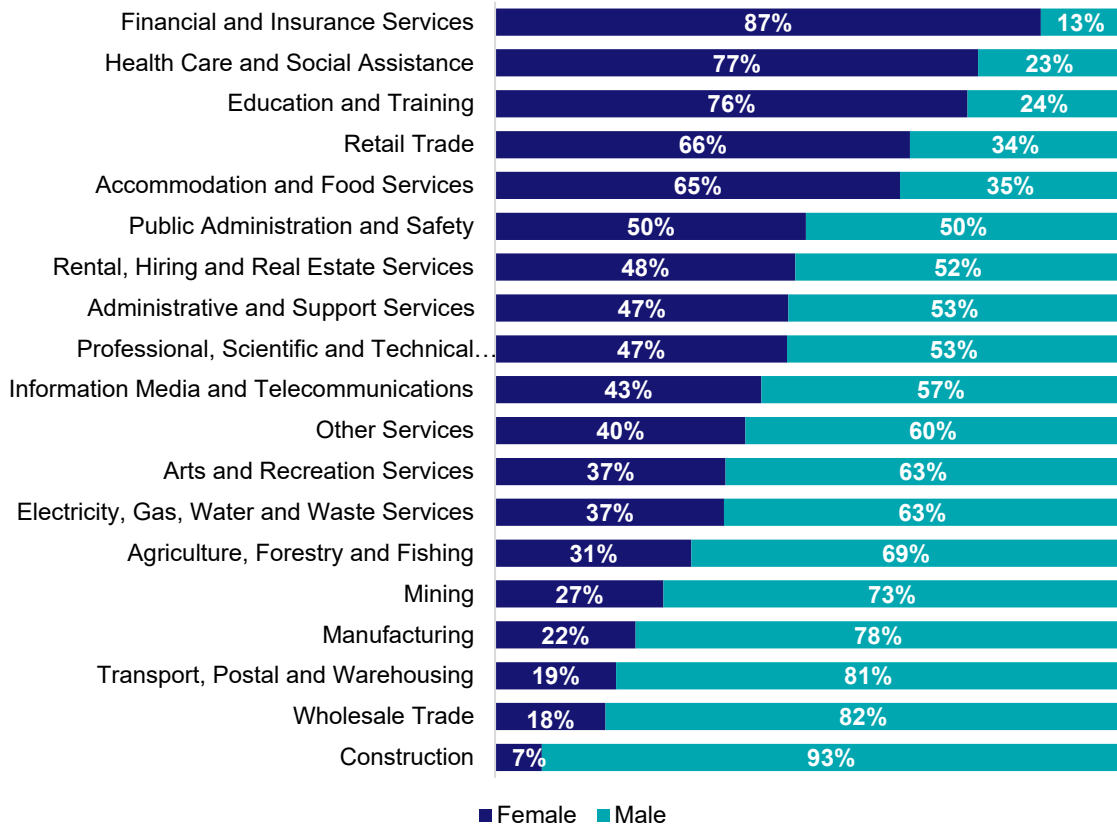
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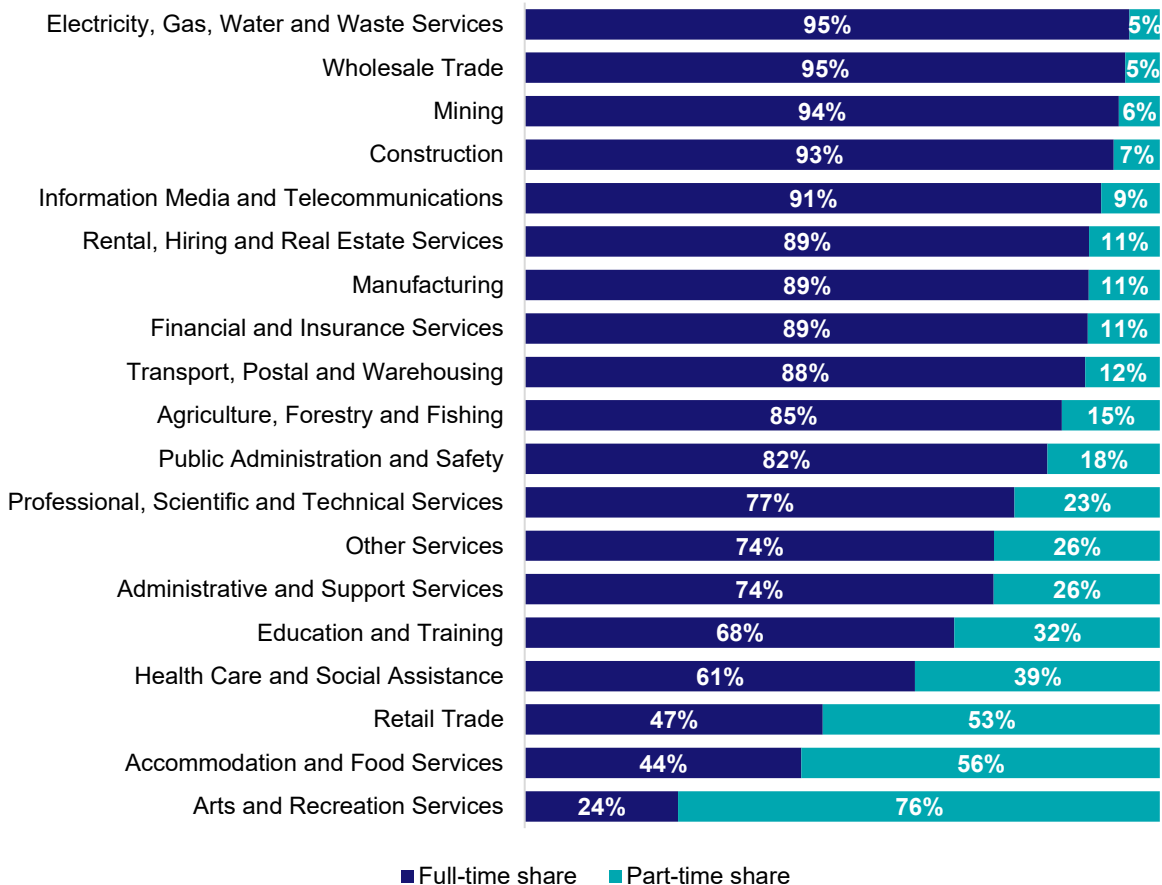
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## Gender share by industry



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



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## Appendix

### Employment by industry, Esperance, 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 *
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Accommodation and Food Services	6.1	7.4	7.5	5.6	43.6	56.4	34
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.4	6.5	7.9	5.3	88.3	11.7	47
Manufacturing	3.9	4.7	2.4	3.6	88.8	11.2	37
Other Services	3.7	4.5	5.4	4.2	73.9	26.1	38
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# Employment Region Industry profile

## Geraldton Employment Region

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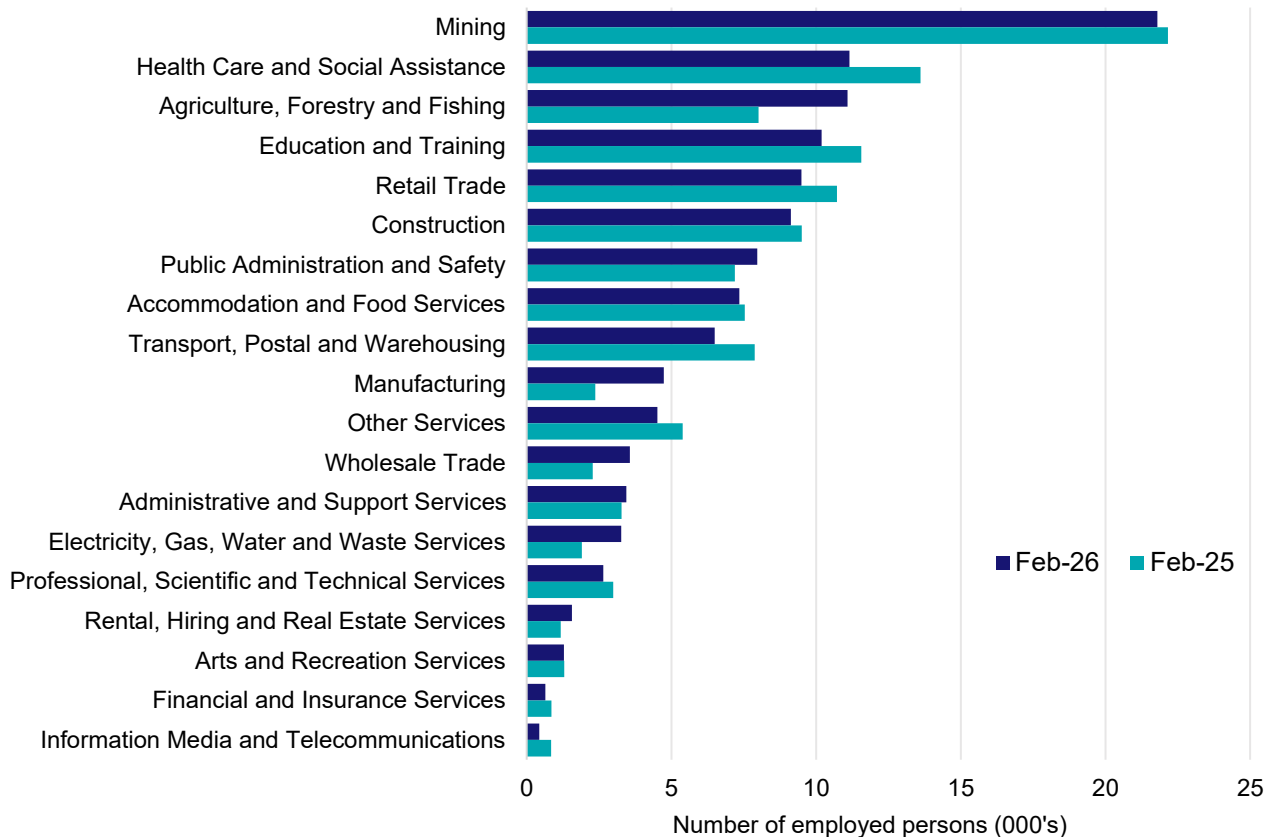
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### Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025



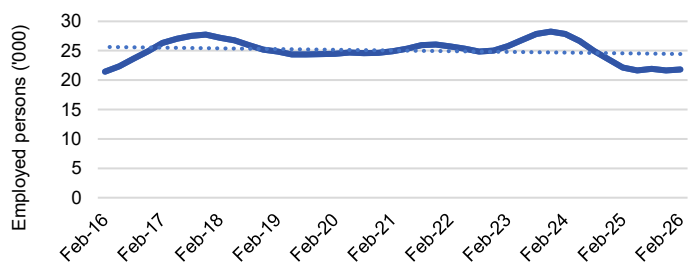
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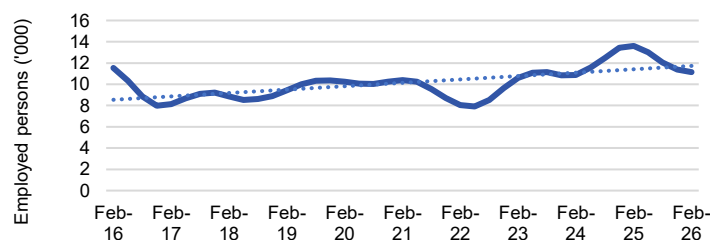
# Five largest employing industries: key statistics

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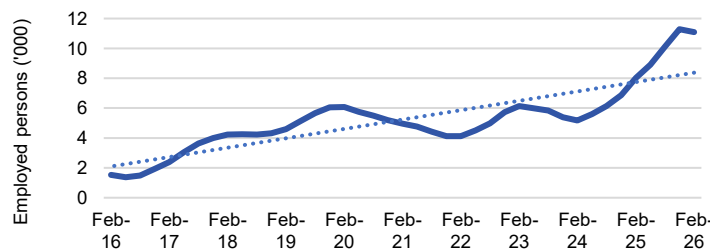
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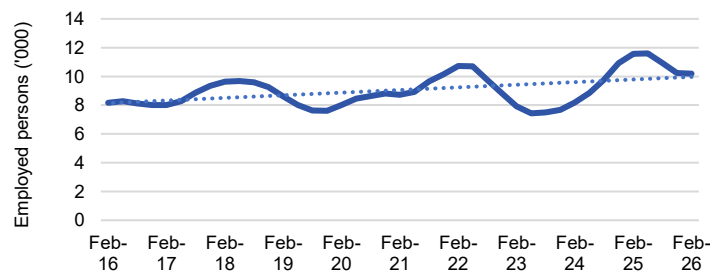
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,200
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Youth share of employment:	9.9%
Mature age share of employment:	16.3%

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing



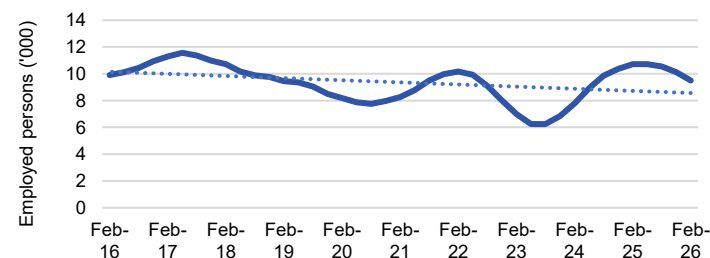
Number employed (Feb-26):	11,100
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Youth share of employment:	2.7%
Mature age share of employment:	5.1%

## Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	10,200
1 year employment change:	-11.9%
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10 year employment change:	24.8%
Youth share of employment:	4.0%
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## Retail Trade



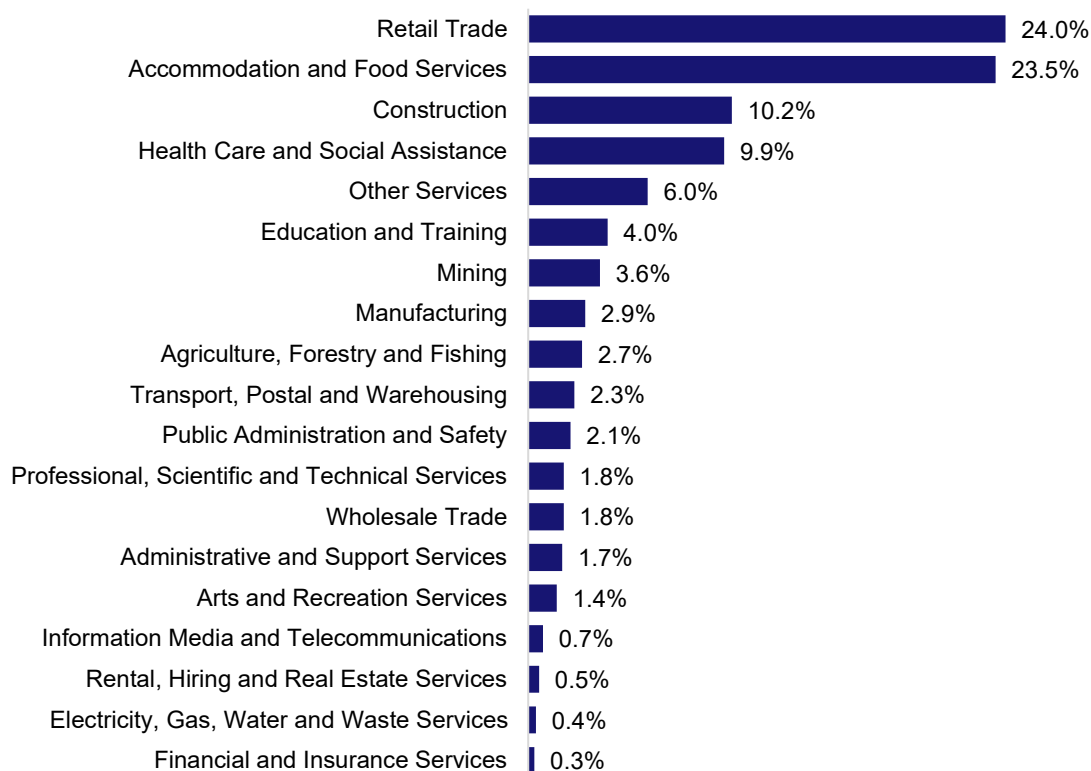
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Youth share of employment:	24.0%
Mature age share of employment:	8.4%

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.

**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.

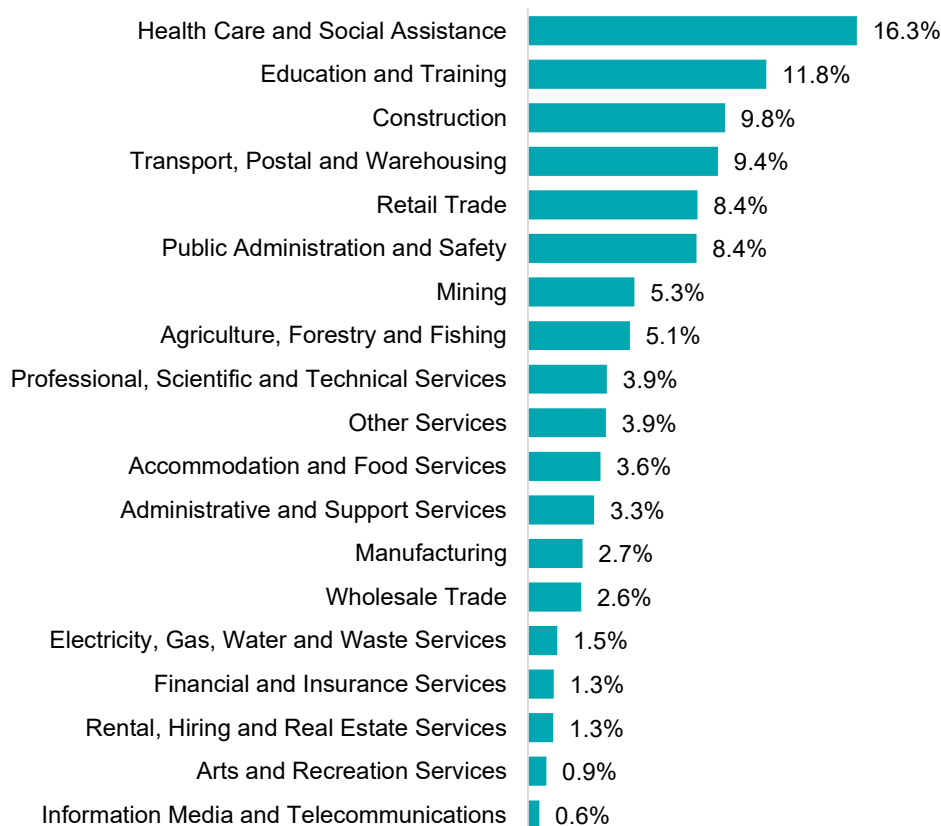
# Employment characteristics by Industry

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



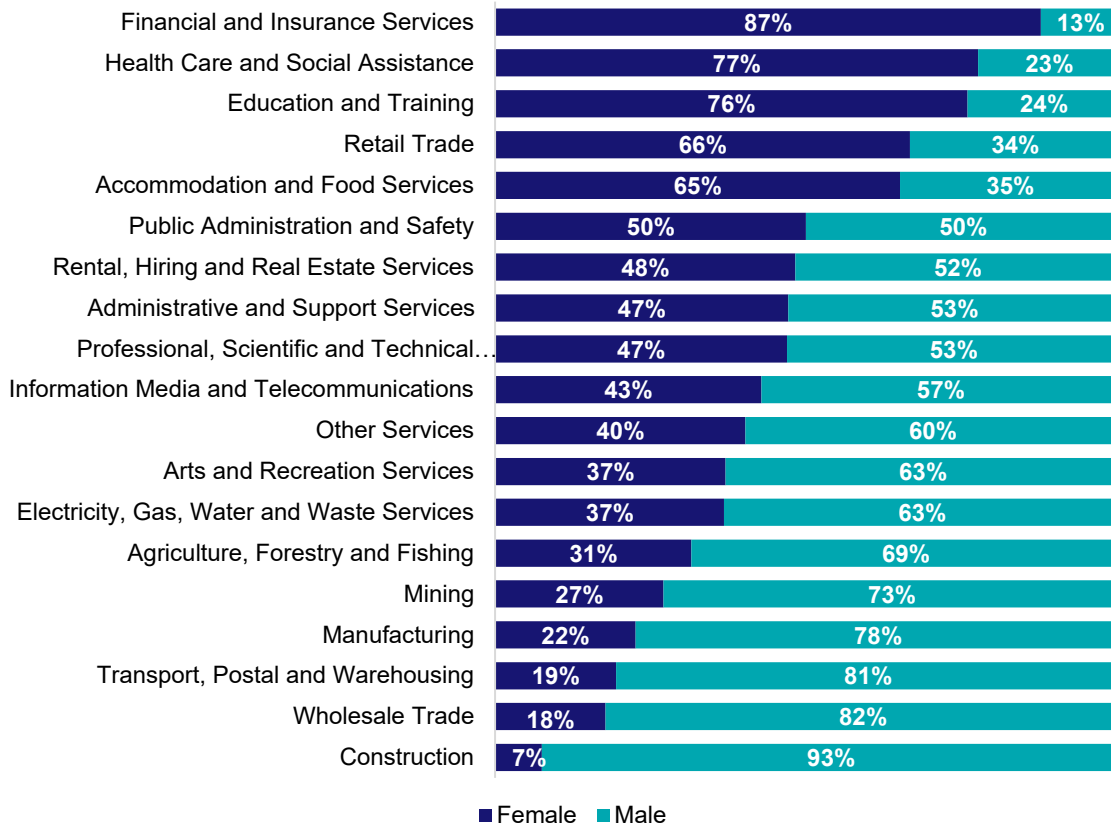
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



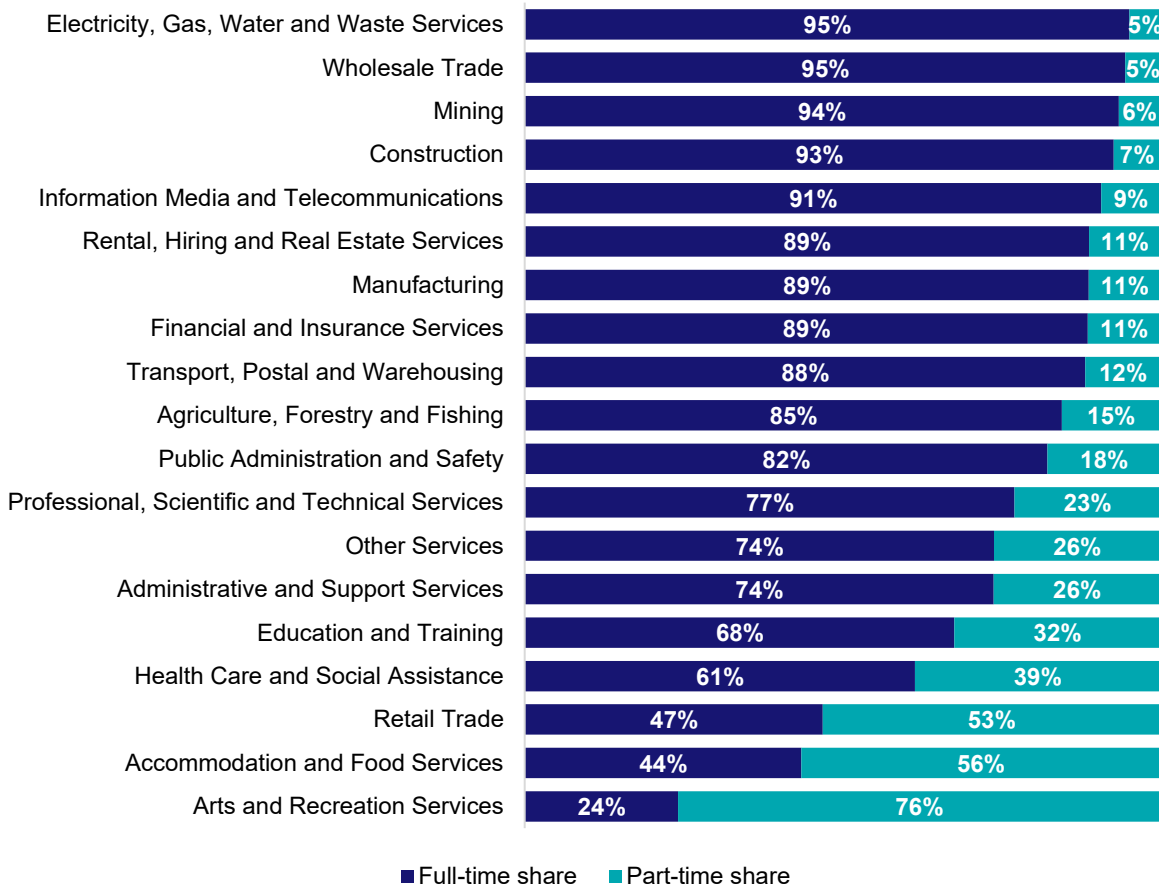
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

## 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, Geraldton, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21			
Mining	18.1	21.8	22.2	24.9	93.6	6.4	41
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.2	11.2	13.6	10.4	61.4	38.6	44
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	9.2	11.1	8.0	5.0	84.6	15.4	48
Education and Training	8.4	10.2	11.6	8.7	67.7	32.3	46
Retail Trade	7.9	9.5	10.7	8.3	46.9	53.1	34
Construction	7.6	9.1	9.5	9.7	92.7	7.3	40
Public Administration and Safety	6.6	8.0	7.2	10.4	82.3	17.7	47
Accommodation and Food Services	6.1	7.4	7.5	5.6	43.6	56.4	23
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5.4	6.5	7.9	5.3	88.3	11.7	48
Manufacturing	3.9	4.7	2.4	3.6	88.8	11.2	42
Other Services	3.7	4.5	5.4	4.2	73.9	26.1	38
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.6	2.3	1.8	94.6	5.4	43
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	73.8	26.2	45
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.7	3.3	1.9	2.2	95.2	4.8	53
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2.2	2.6	3.0	4.7	77.1	22.9	44
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.9	88.9	11.1	48
Arts and Recreation Services	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.9	24.2	75.8	38
Financial and Insurance Services	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.1	88.7	11.3	48
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7	90.8	9.2	27
<b>All industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>42</b>

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

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