



Industry profile

Australian Capital Territory

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Overview

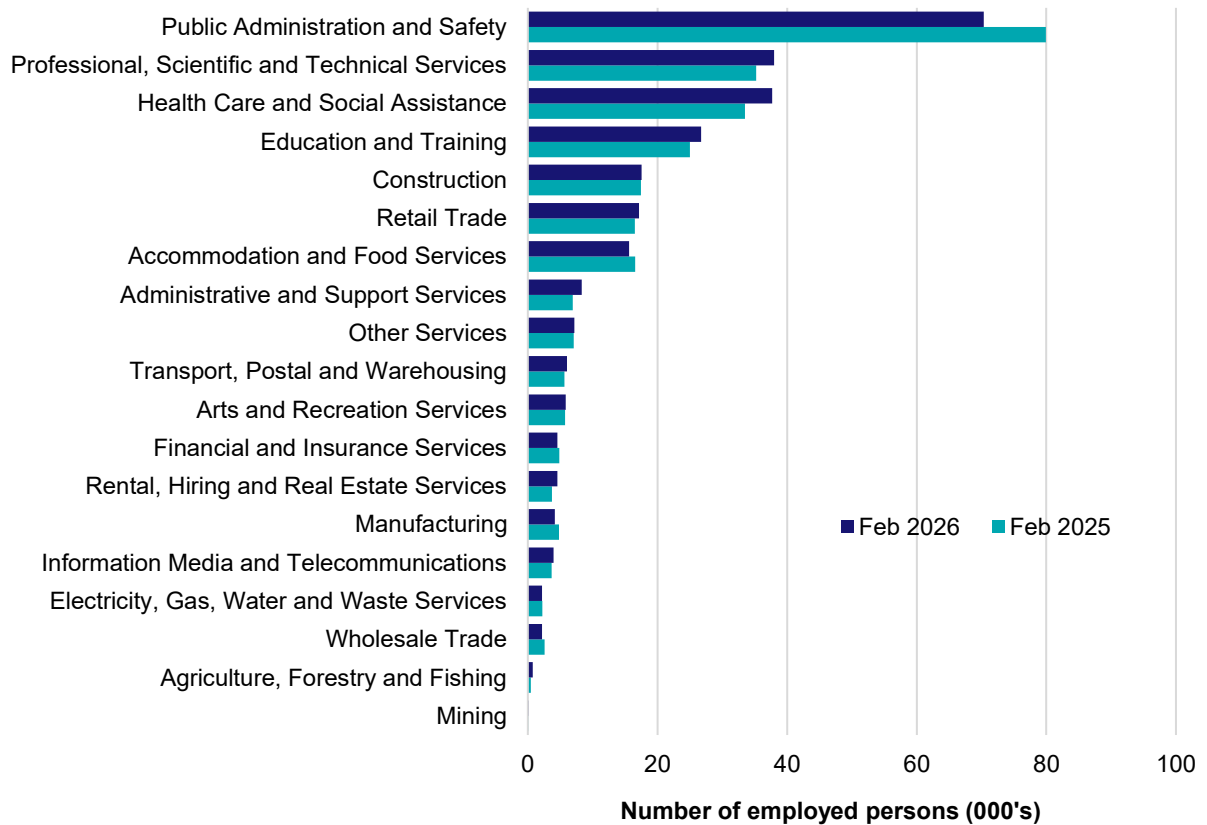
In February 2026, there were around 273,100 people employed in Australian Capital Territory. The 5 largest employing industries in Australian Capital Territory were Public Administration and Safety, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 70% of all employment.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Public Administration and Safety fell by 12.0% to stand at 70,400
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services rose by 8.0% to stand at 38,000
- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 12.6% to stand at 37,700.

In Public Administration and Safety in Australian Capital Territory, 91% of workers were employed full-time; 53% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 41.

Employment by industry, February 2026 and February 2025

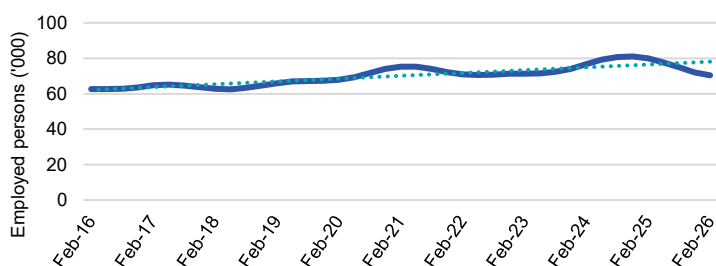


Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026. Note that total employment (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

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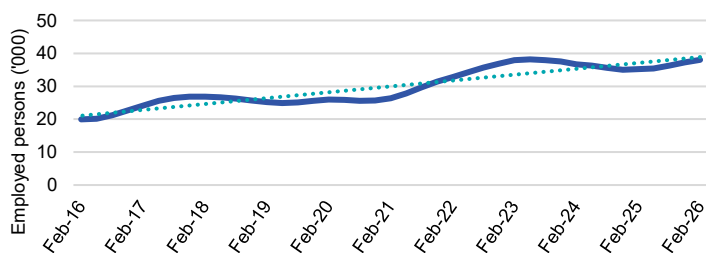
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Public Administration and Safety



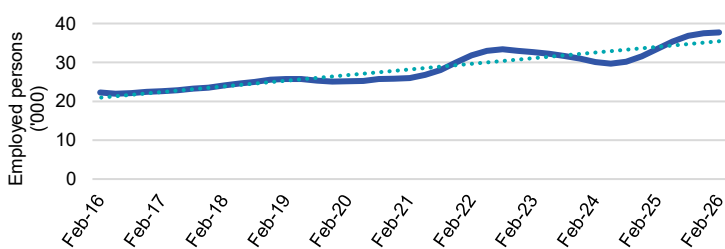
Number employed (Feb-26):	70,400
1 year employment change:	-12.0%
5 year employment change:	-6.5%
10 year employment change:	12.5%
Youth share of employment:	14.0%
Mature age share of employment:	29.9%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



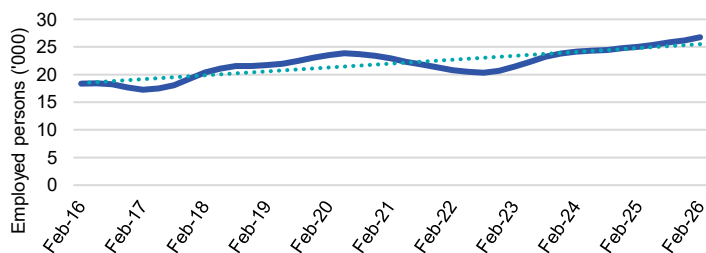
Number employed (Feb-26):	38,000
1 year employment change:	8.0%
5 year employment change:	44.3%
10 year employment change:	90.5%
Youth share of employment:	7.4%
Mature age share of employment:	11.4%

Health Care and Social Assistance



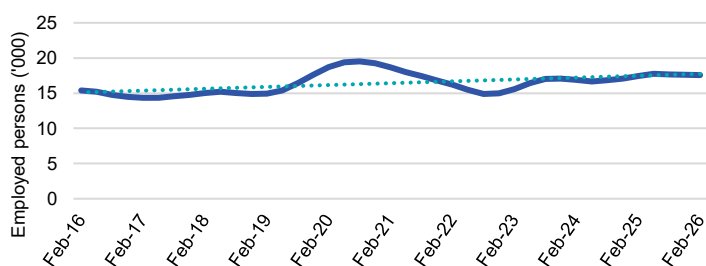
Number employed (Feb-26):	37,700
1 year employment change:	12.6%
5 year employment change:	45.1%
10 year employment change:	69.3%
Youth share of employment:	9.3%
Mature age share of employment:	13.2%

Education and Training



Number employed (Feb-26):	26,800
1 year employment change:	7.0%
5 year employment change:	16.6%
10 year employment change:	45.6%
Youth share of employment:	8.6%
Mature age share of employment:	11.4%

Construction



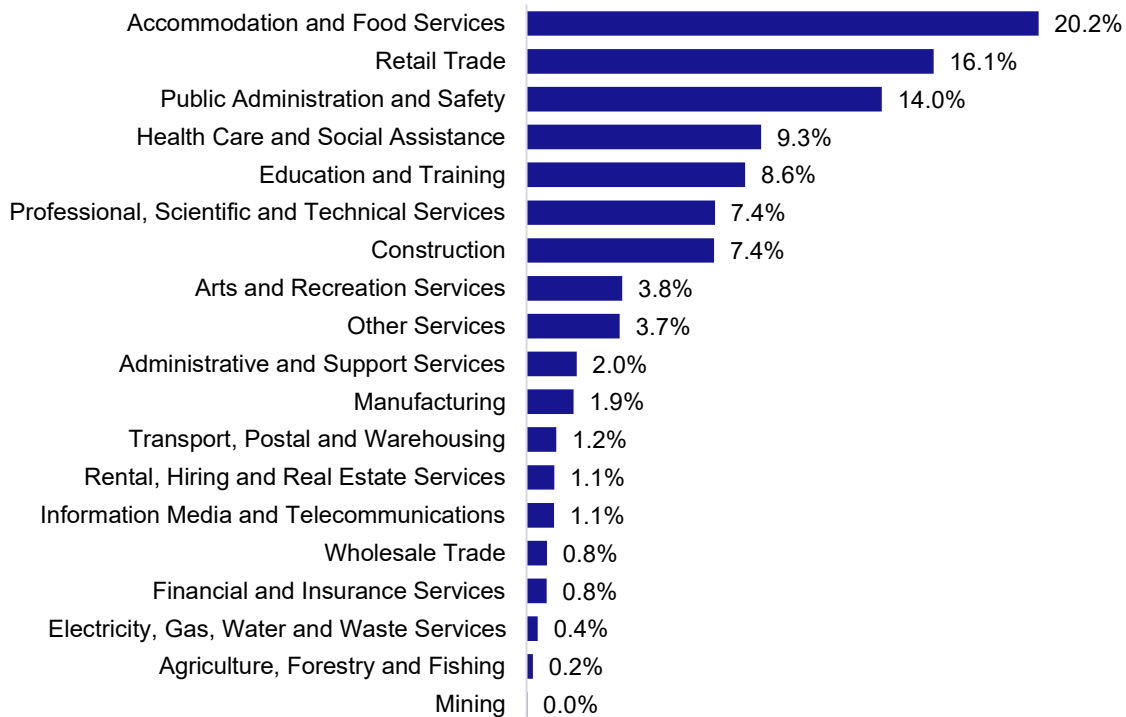
Number employed (Feb-26):	17,600
1 year employment change:	0.7%
5 year employment change:	-5.8%
10 year employment change:	14.0%
Youth share of employment:	7.4%
Mature age share of employment:	5.8%

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.

Note: In each chart, the solid line is the level of employment and the dotted line is a simple linear trend line for the 10 year period.

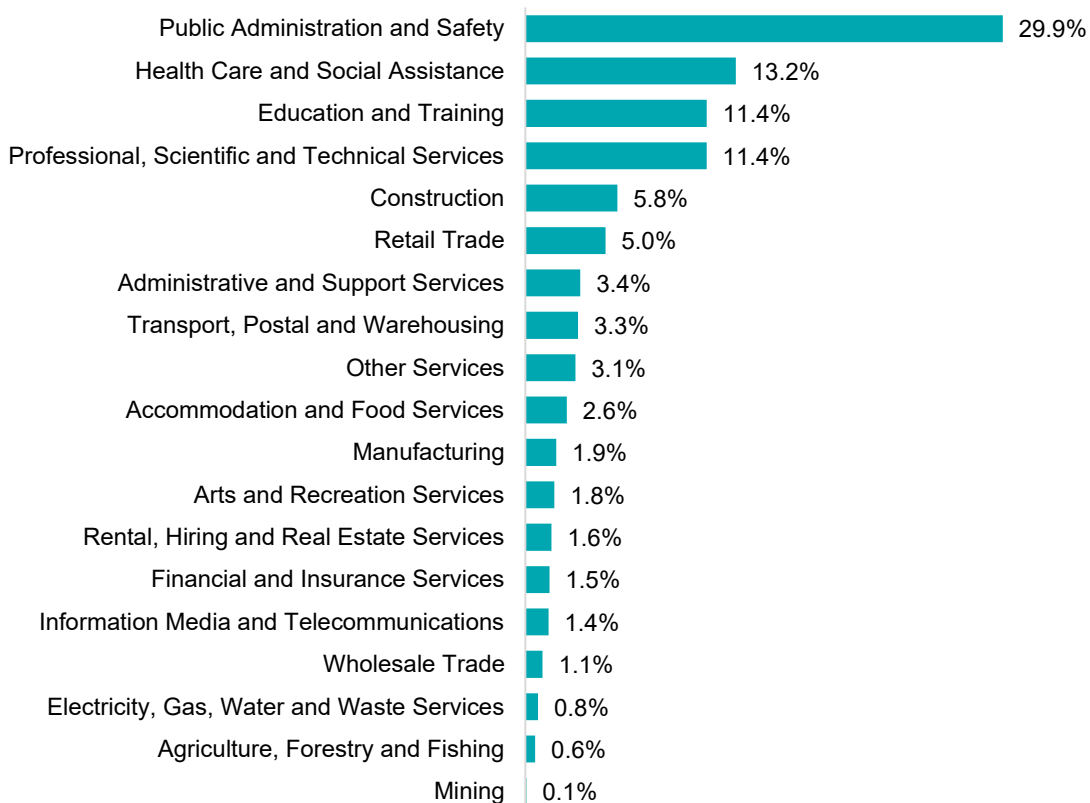
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



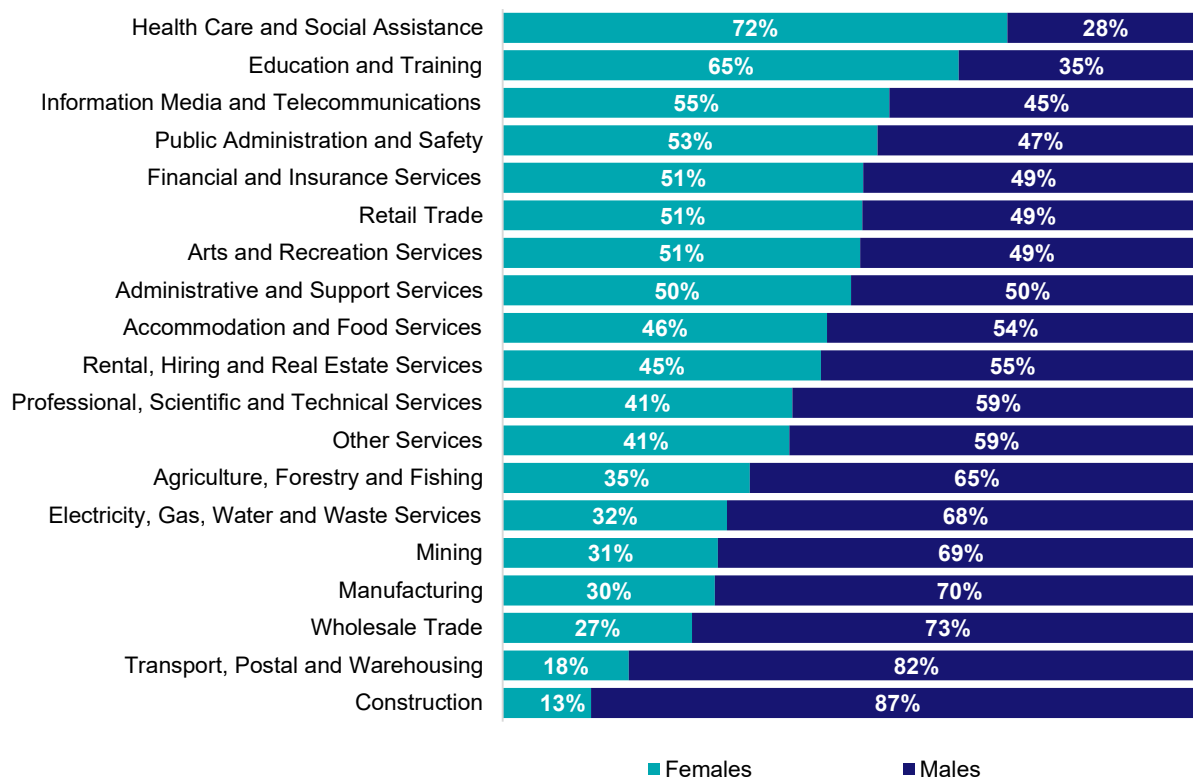
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



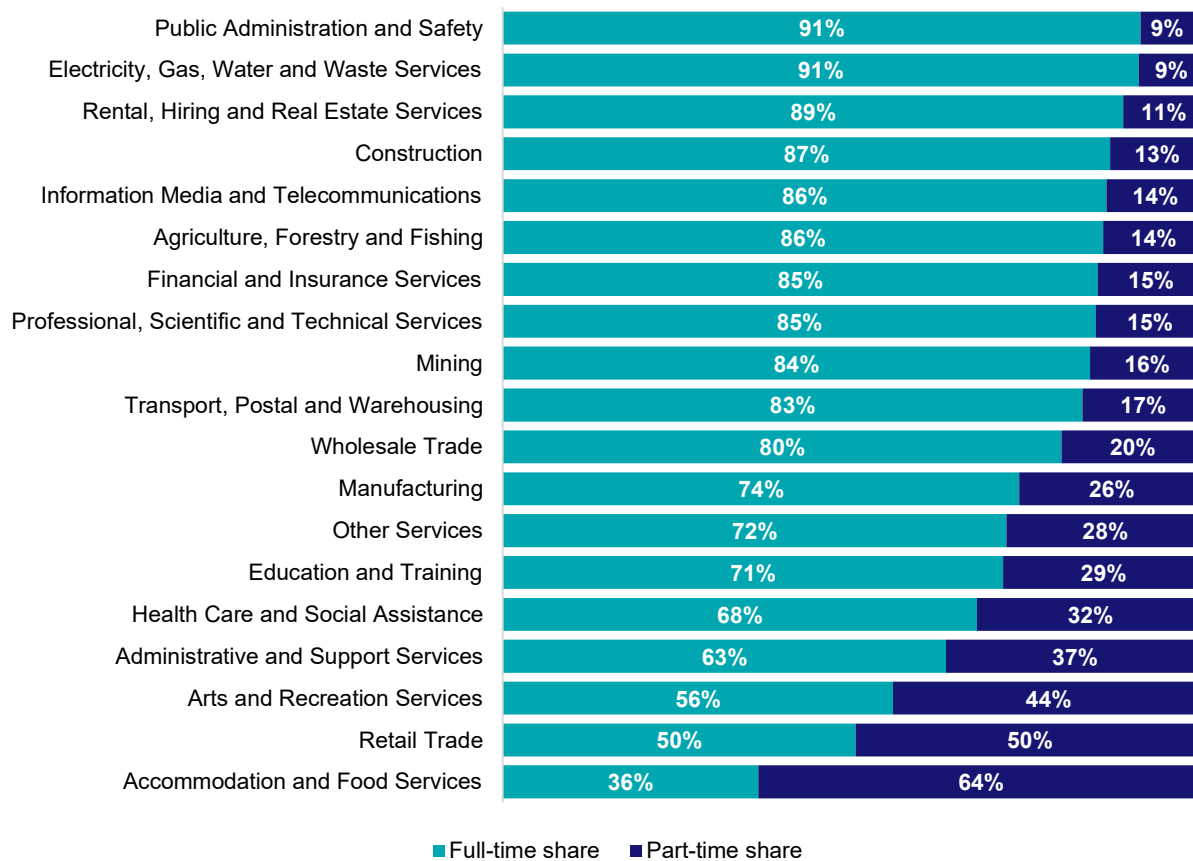
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Gender share by industry



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, Australian Capital Territory, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Feb-26 (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
		Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Public Administration and Safety	27.4	75.0	80.6	71.6	-5.6	-7.0	3.4	4.7	41
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.5	36.8	30.2	25.7	6.6	21.9	11.1	43.3	38
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	13.3	36.3	35.6	25.6	0.7	2.0	10.7	41.8	#N/A
Education and Training	9.5	25.8	24.4	23.7	1.4	5.7	2.2	9.1	40
Construction	6.5	17.7	16.9	19.5	0.8	4.7	-1.9	-9.5	35
Retail Trade	6.1	16.7	17.4	15.2	-0.7	-3.7	1.5	10.0	28
Accommodation and Food Services	5.9	16.1	17.0	14.9	-0.9	-5.3	1.1	7.7	25
Administrative and Support Services	2.8	7.7	6.7	7.8	1.0	15.3	-0.1	-0.8	39
Other Services	2.6	7.2	7.4	7.4	-0.2	-2.8	-0.1	-2.0	36
Arts and Recreation Services	2.0	5.5	5.9	4.3	-0.3	-5.5	1.3	29.6	41
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1.9	5.3	6.0	5.6	-0.7	-11.6	-0.3	-4.7	32
Financial and Insurance Services	1.9	5.1	4.6	3.4	0.4	9.5	1.7	49.1	39
Manufacturing	1.7	4.6	4.8	4.0	-0.2	-4.3	0.7	17.0	38
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.6	4.5	3.3	3.0	1.2	36.4	1.4	47.9	38
Wholesale Trade	1.0	2.6	2.7	3.3	-0.1	-3.8	-0.7	-21.3	39
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.8	2.1	2.4	1.8	-0.3	-10.8	0.4	21.0	40
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	-0.2	-32.1	0.1	28.8	41
Mining	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	152.5	0.0	NA	43
All Industries	100.0	273.4	270.7	240.8	2.7	1.0	32.6	13.5	38

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