



# Industry profile

## Northern Territory

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### Overview

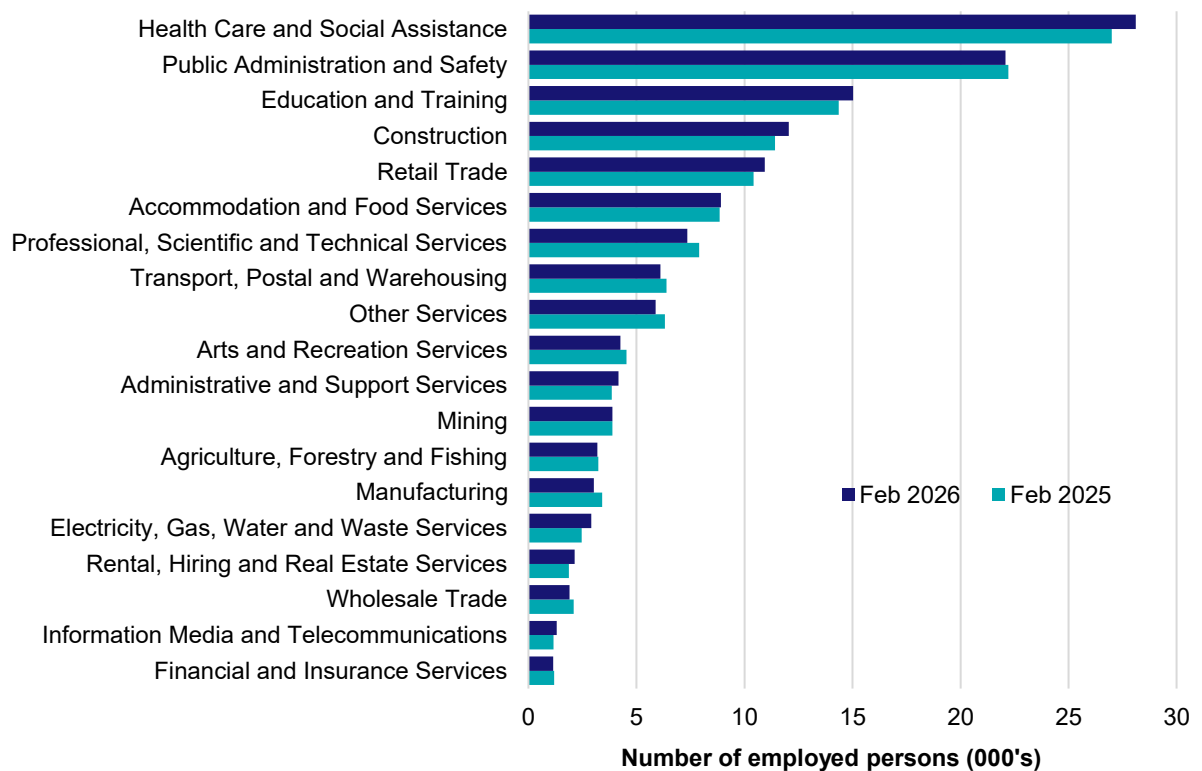
In February 2026, there were around 144,400 people employed in Northern Territory. The 5 largest employing industries in Northern Territory were Health Care and Social Assistance, Public Administration and Safety, Education and Training, Construction and Retail Trade. Together these 5 industries accounted for 61% of all employment.

Over the year to February 2026, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 4.1% to stand at 28,100
- Public Administration and Safety fell by 0.6% to stand at 22,100
- Education and Training rose by 4.6% to stand at 15,000.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in Northern Territory, 78% of workers were employed full-time; 69% were Female; and the median age of the workforce was 38. Around 54% of employed persons in this industry were located in Greater Darwin.

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

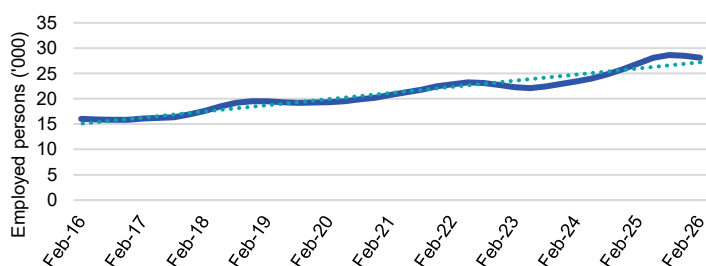


Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2026. Note that total employment (four quarter averaged data) may not match data published in the Labour Market dashboards (6 month averaged data).

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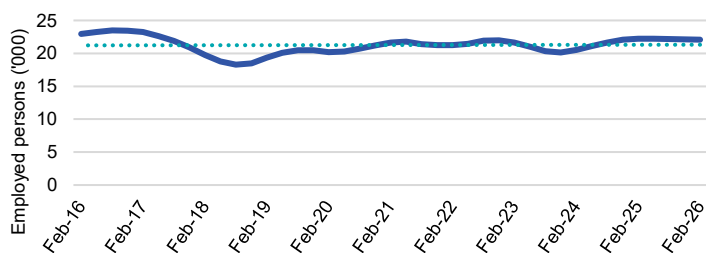
## Five largest employing industries: key statistics

### Health Care and Social Assistance



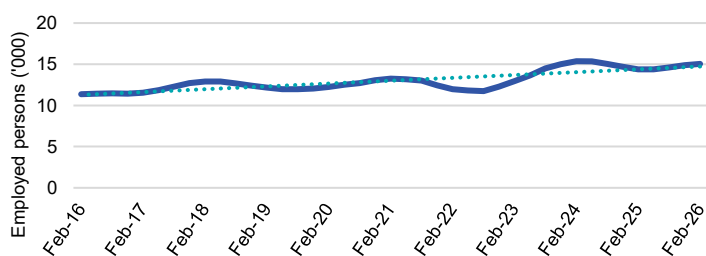
Number employed (Feb-26):	28,100
1 year employment change:	4.1%
5 year employment change:	35.2%
10 year employment change:	75.5%
Youth share of employment:	10.1%
Mature age share of employment:	14.8%

### Public Administration and Safety



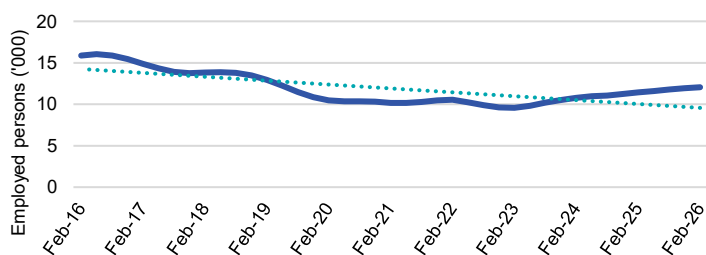
Number employed (Feb-26):	22,100
1 year employment change:	-0.6%
5 year employment change:	2.0%
10 year employment change:	-3.8%
Youth share of employment:	15.1%
Mature age share of employment:	18.0%

### Education and Training



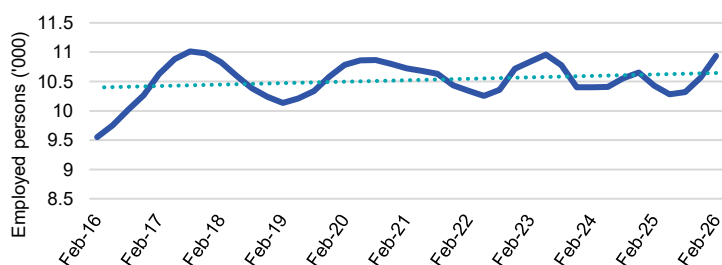
Number employed (Feb-26):	15,000
1 year employment change:	4.6%
5 year employment change:	13.4%
10 year employment change:	32.3%
Youth share of employment:	6.6%
Mature age share of employment:	11.8%

### Construction



Number employed (Feb-26):	12,100
1 year employment change:	5.6%
5 year employment change:	18.5%
10 year employment change:	-24.1%
Youth share of employment:	7.3%
Mature age share of employment:	8.4%

### Retail Trade



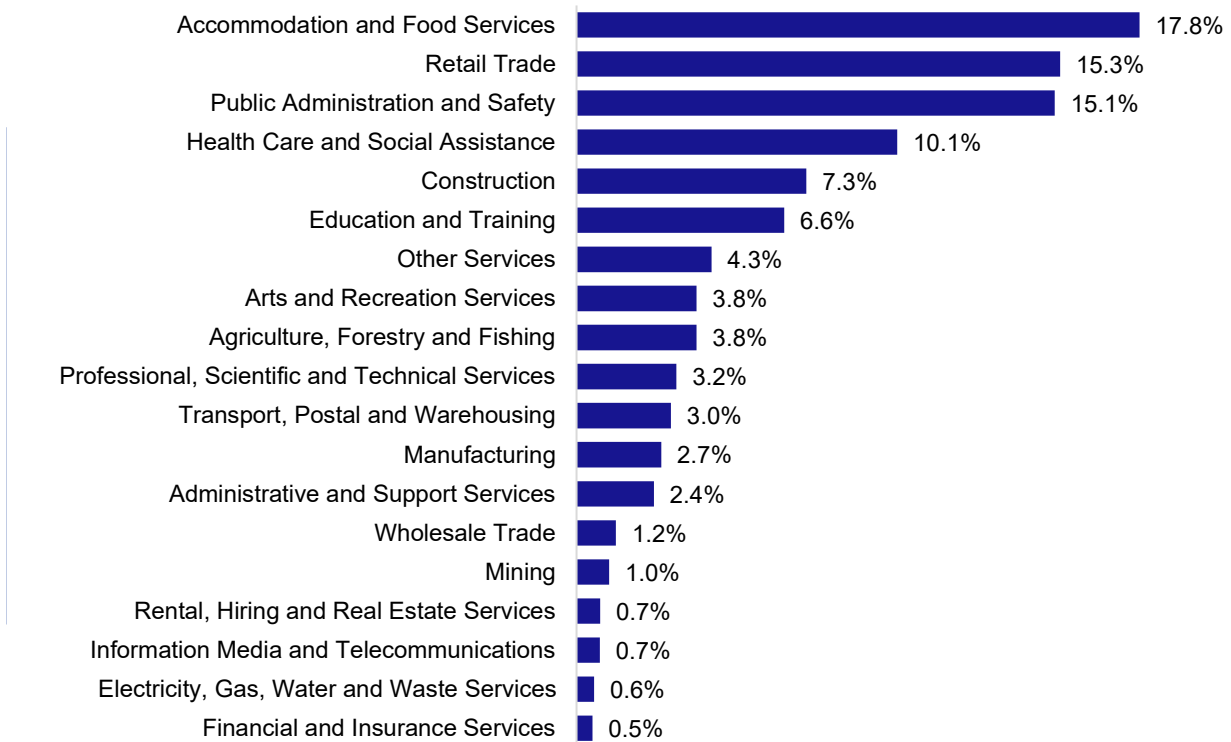
Number employed (Feb-26):	10,900
1 year employment change:	4.8%
5 year employment change:	2.0%
10 year employment change:	14.5%
Youth share of employment:	15.3%
Mature age share of employment:	6.3%

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.

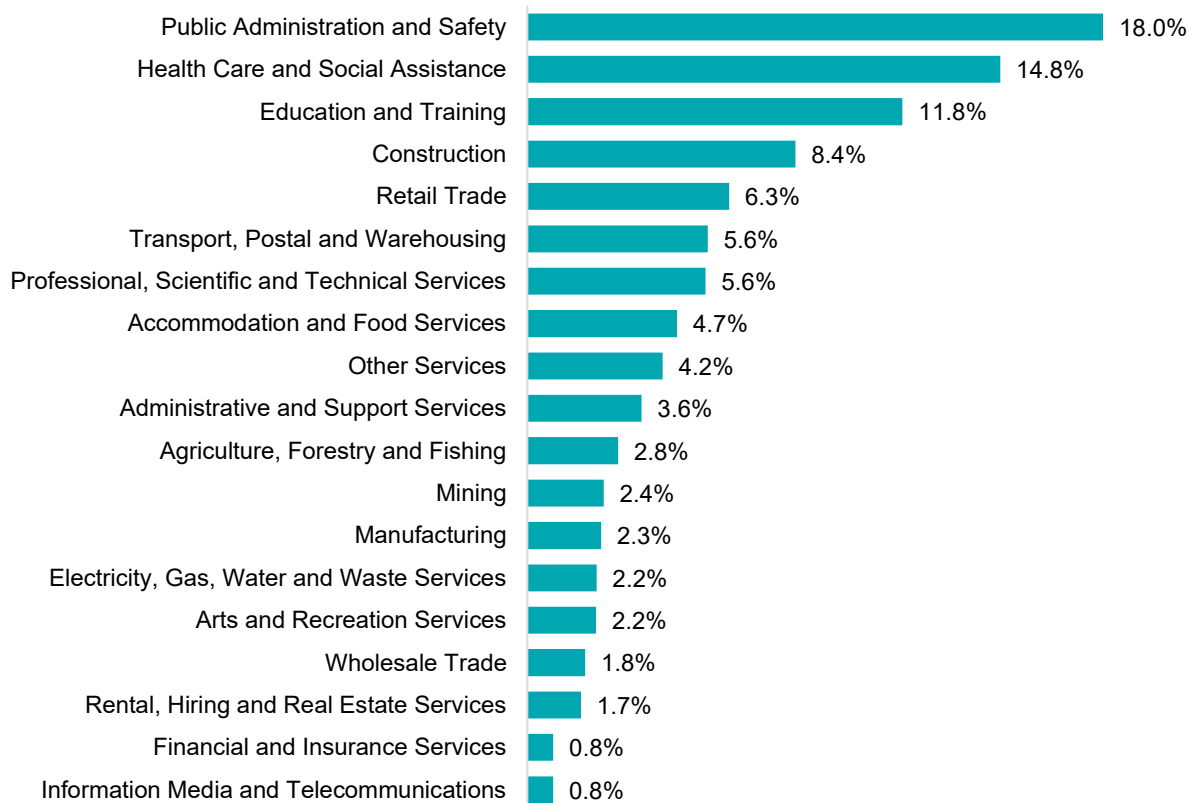
## Employment characteristics by Industry

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



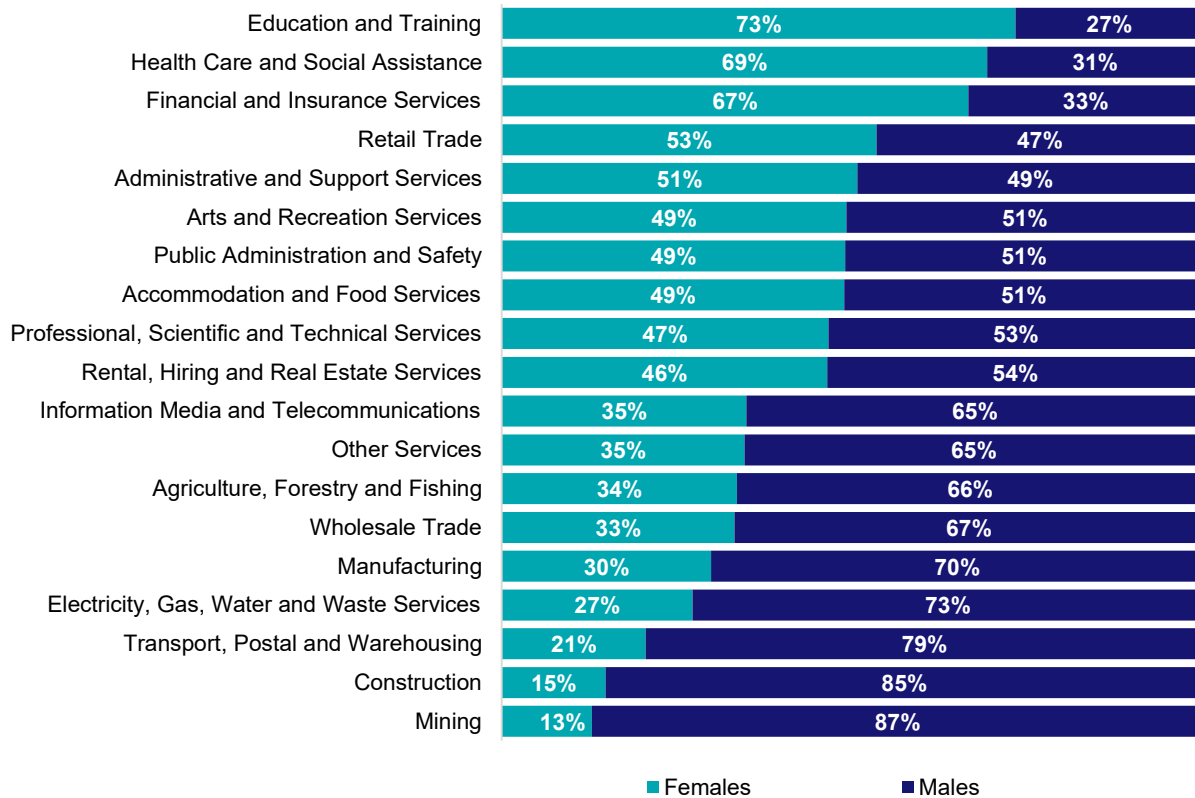
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

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



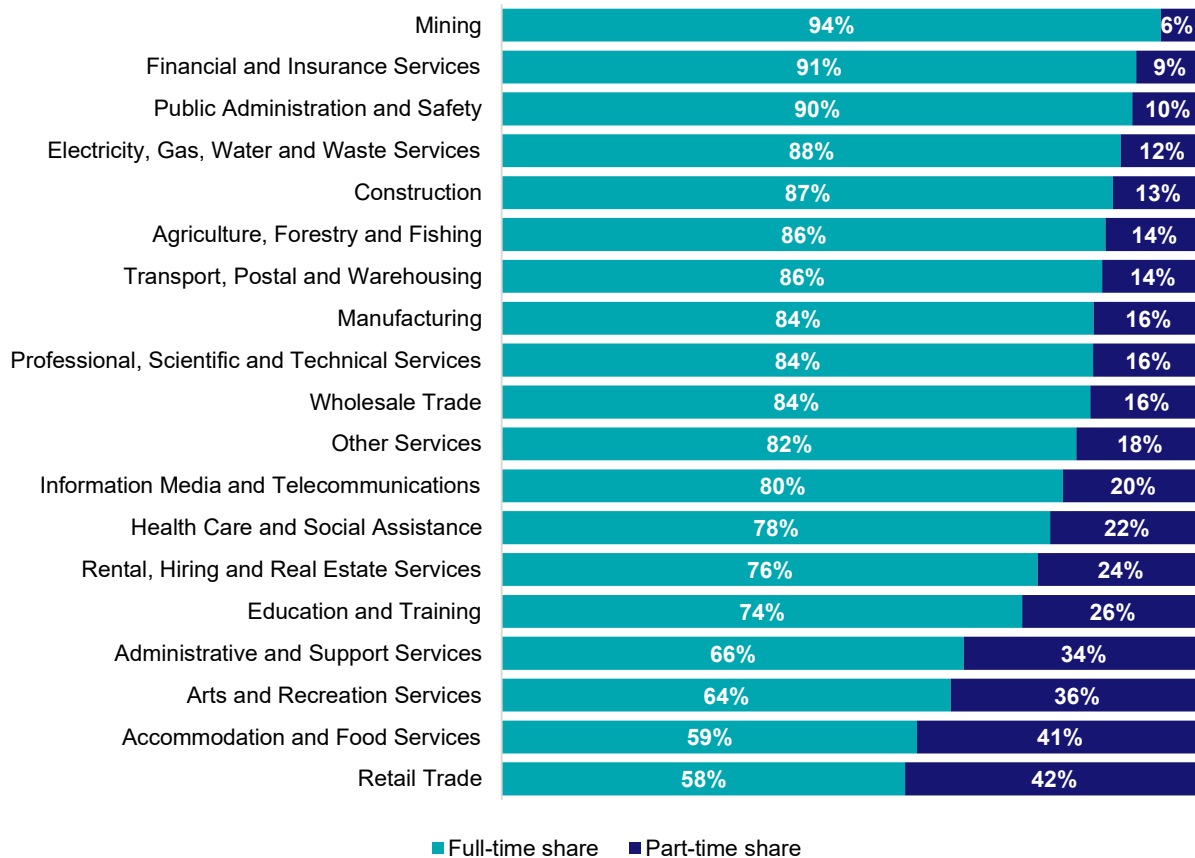
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## Gender share by industry



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, Northern Territory, February 2026

Industry (in order of size)	Share of emp't Feb-26 (%)	Share of emp't in Greater Darwin (%)	Share of emp't in Rest of NT (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Median age *
				Feb-26	Feb-25	Feb-21	('000)	%	('000)	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	19.5	53.6	46.4	28.1	27.0	20.8	1.1	4.1	7.3	35.2	38
Public Administration and Safety	15.3	61.2	38.8	22.1	22.2	21.6	-0.1	-0.6	0.4	2.0	40
Education and Training	10.4	54.7	45.3	15.0	14.4	13.2	0.7	4.6	1.8	13.4	42
Construction	8.3	69.7	30.3	12.1	11.4	10.2	0.6	5.6	1.9	18.5	39
Retail Trade	7.6	68.0	32.0	10.9	10.4	10.7	0.5	4.8	0.2	2.0	33
Accommodation and Food Services	6.2	65.4	34.6	8.9	8.8	8.3	0.1	0.8	0.6	7.5	30
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5.1	80.0	20.0	7.4	7.9	7.3	-0.5	-6.9	0.0	0.4	39
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.2	72.5	27.5	6.1	6.4	5.7	-0.3	-4.5	0.4	7.5	42
Other Services	4.1	65.0	35.0	5.9	6.3	7.0	-0.4	-6.7	-1.2	-16.3	38
Arts and Recreation Services	2.9	56.9	43.1	4.3	4.5	2.6	-0.3	-6.3	1.6	62.3	35
Administrative and Support Services	2.9	72.2	27.8	4.2	3.9	3.8	0.3	8.0	0.3	9.0	41
Mining	2.7	61.1	38.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	-0.2	0.1	3.1	42
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2.2	23.6	76.4	3.2	3.2	3.4	0.0	-1.5	-0.3	-7.3	38
Manufacturing	2.1	72.4	27.6	3.0	3.4	3.5	-0.4	-11.3	-0.5	-13.0	40
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2.0	72.9	27.1	2.9	2.5	1.8	0.4	18.1	1.1	58.6	44
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1.5	79.1	20.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	0.3	13.9	0.2	8.3	43
Wholesale Trade	1.3	79.8	20.2	1.9	2.1	2.0	-0.2	-8.9	-0.1	-5.7	41
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.9	63.6	36.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.2	13.3	-0.1	-4.5	38
Financial and Insurance Services	0.8	79.7	20.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	-0.1	-4.2	-0.3	-22.7	39
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>142.6</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>39</b>

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