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Employment Region Industry profile

Gold Coast Employment Region

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Overview

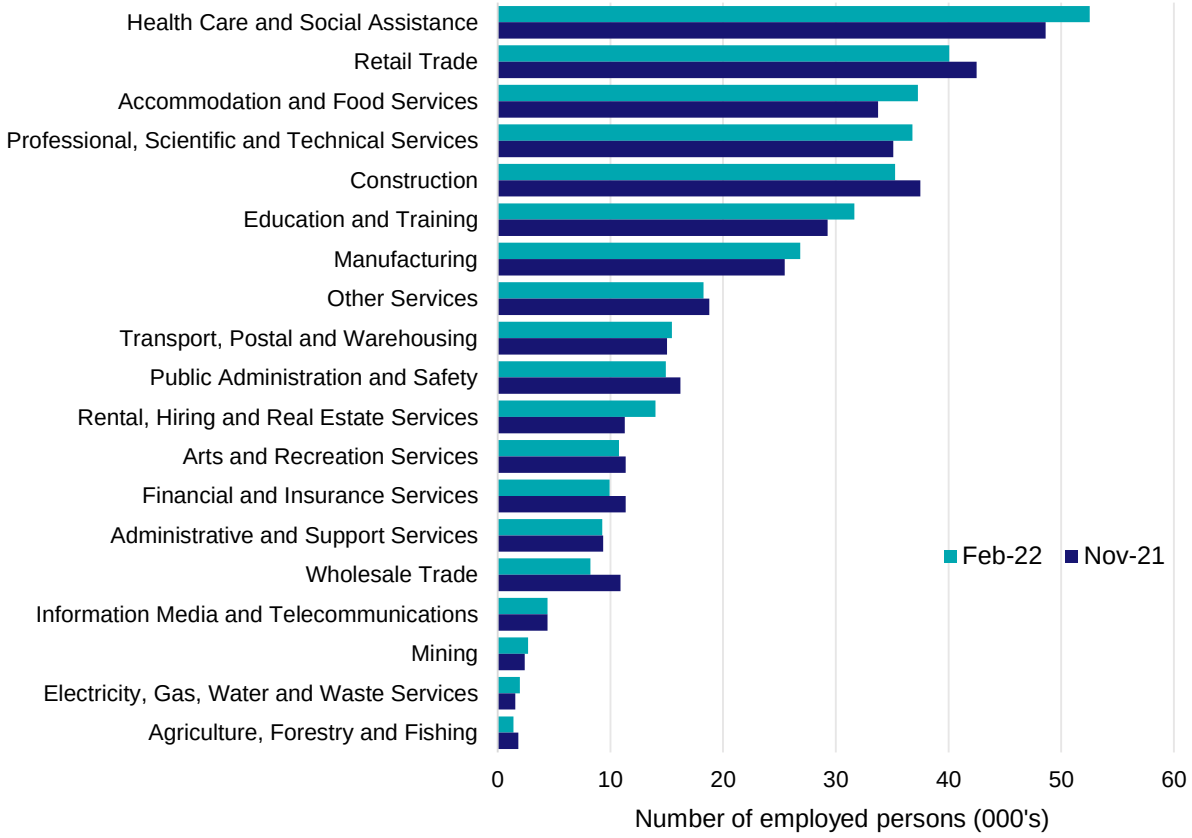
In February 2022, there were around 371,800 people employed in the Gold Coast Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Accommodation and Food Services, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Construction. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2022, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 10.1% to stand at 52,500
- Retail Trade rose by 6.1% to stand at 40,100
- Accommodation and Food Services rose by 20.3% to stand at 37,300.

The median age of workers in Health Care and Social Assistance in the region was 45 and 55.8% of these workers were employed on a full-time basis.

Employment by industry, November 2021 and February 2022



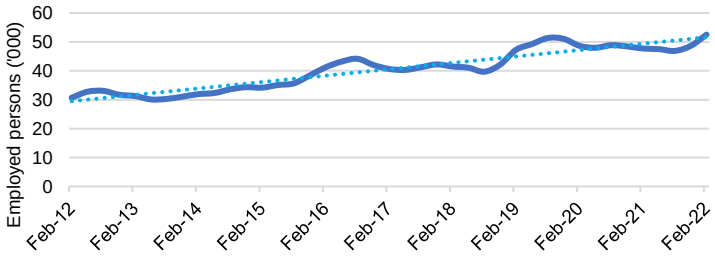
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, 4 quarter averages, February 2022. Note that the sum of 4 quarter averages may not match original data published in the ER dashboards.

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the Gold Coast SA4.

Notes: Data are the latest available. Estimates should be treated with caution, as data can be volatile at a regional level. For any enquiries related to the data in this report, please contact ***EmploymentPathwaysAnalysis@skillscommission.gov.au*** .

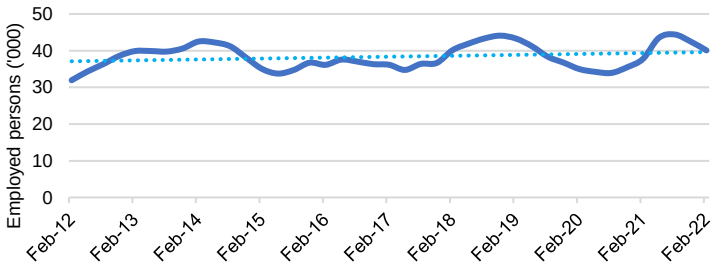
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance



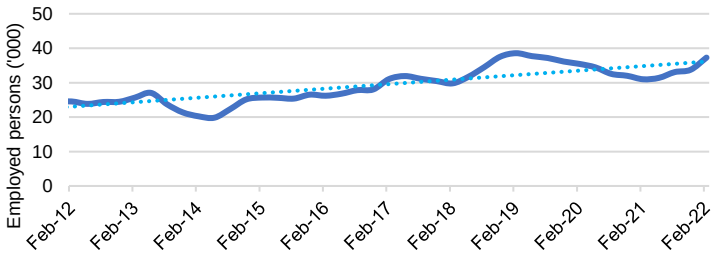
Number employed (Feb-22):	52,500
1 year employment change:	10.1%
5 year employment change:	29.2%
10 year employment change:	71.2%
Youth share of employment:	7.4%
Mature age share of employment:	16.0%

Retail Trade



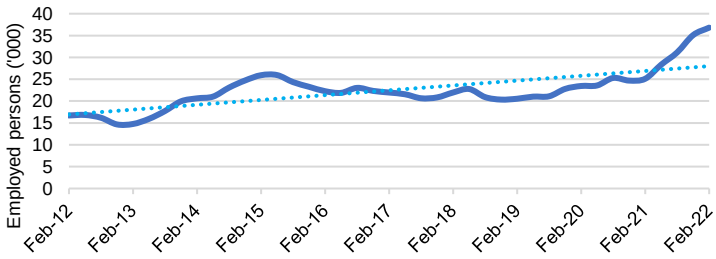
Number employed (Feb-22):	40,100
1 year employment change:	6.1%
5 year employment change:	10.8%
10 year employment change:	25.5%
Youth share of employment:	23.0%
Mature age share of employment:	9.6%

Accommodation and Food Services



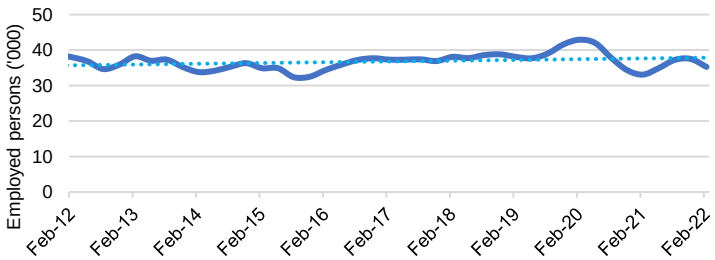
Number employed (Feb-22):	37,300
1 year employment change:	20.3%
5 year employment change:	20.1%
10 year employment change:	51.9%
Youth share of employment:	25.9%
Mature age share of employment:	6.1%

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



Number employed (Feb-22):	36,800
1 year employment change:	46.6%
5 year employment change:	67.6%
10 year employment change:	120.2%
Youth share of employment:	3.7%
Mature age share of employment:	6.7%

Construction



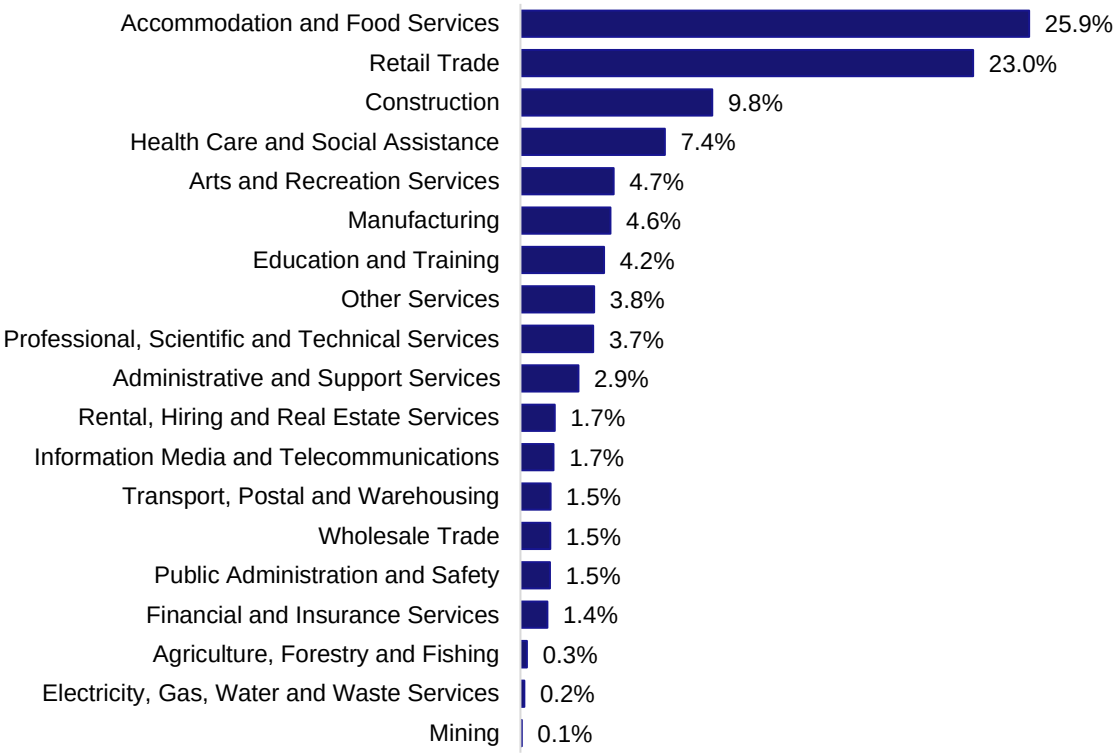
Number employed (Feb-22):	35,300
1 year employment change:	6.6%
5 year employment change:	-5.5%
10 year employment change:	-7.2%
Youth share of employment:	9.8%
Mature age share of employment:	10.2%

Source: data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2022, except youth and mature age data which are from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016.

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.

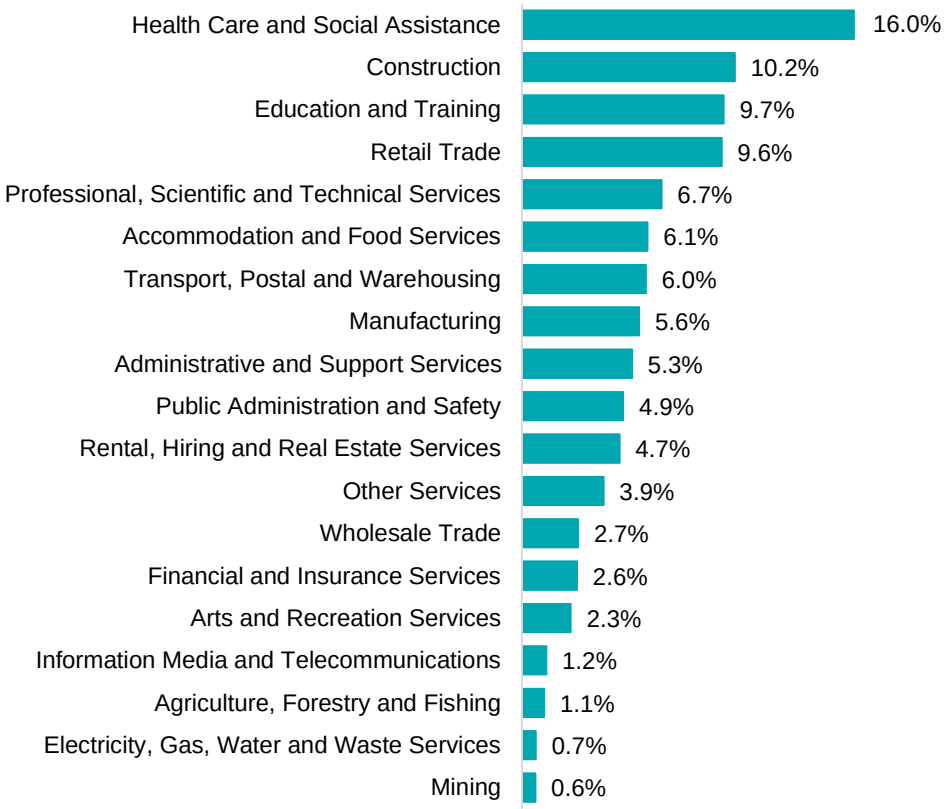
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



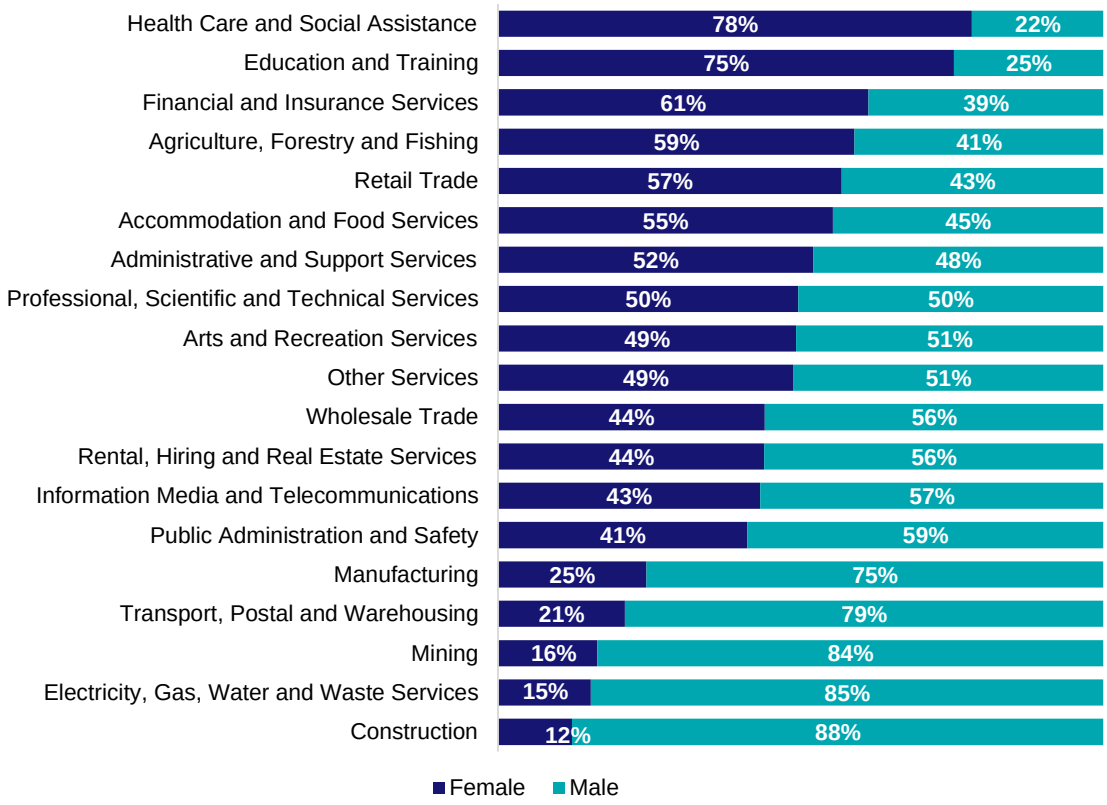
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016.

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



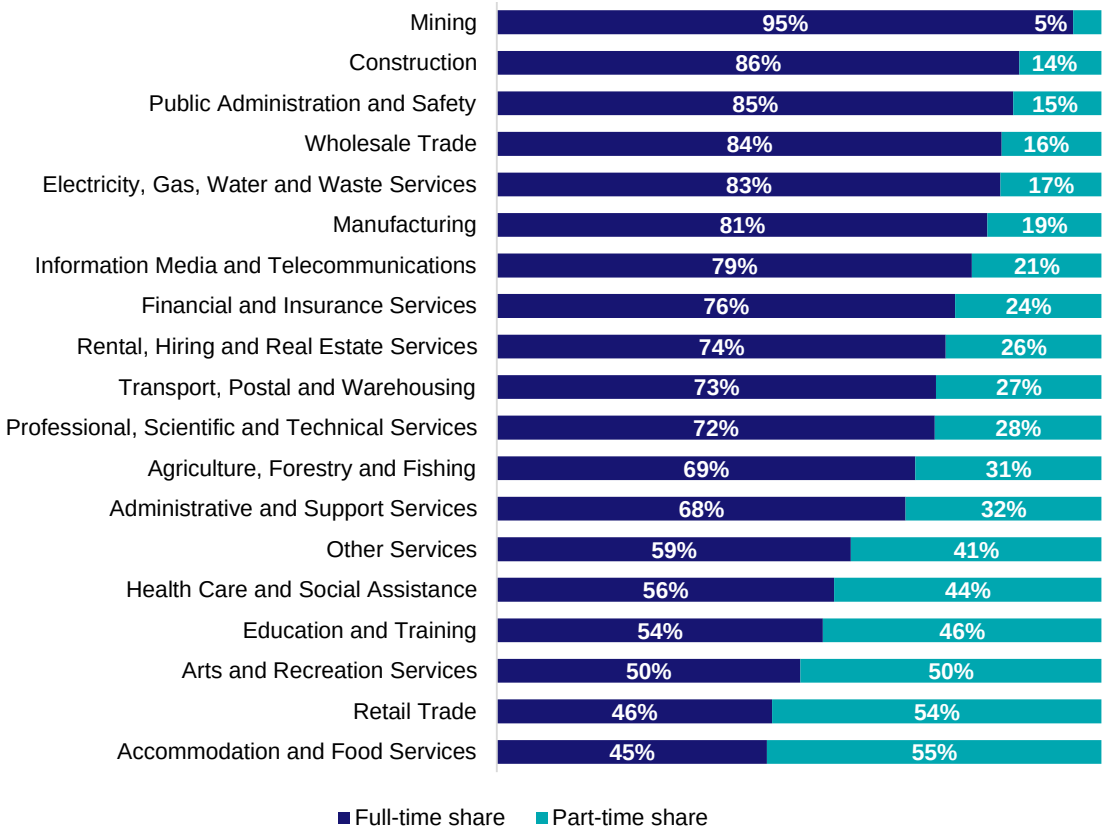
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016. SA2 boundaries have been aggregated at the Employment Region level (instead of SA4s, which is the best available from the Labour Force Survey).

Gender share by industry



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2022.

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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Appendix

Employment by industry, Gold Coast

Industry (in order of size)	Share of regional employment Feb-22 (%)	Employed ('000)			1 year change		5 year change		Full-time share %	Part-time share %	Median age *
		Feb-22	Feb-21	Feb-17	('000)	%	('000)	%			
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.1	52.5	47.7	40.7	4.8	10.1	11.9	29.2	55.8	44.2	45
Retail Trade	10.8	40.1	37.8	36.2	2.3	6.1	3.9	10.8	45.5	54.5	36
Accommodation and Food Services	10.0	37.3	31.0	31.0	6.3	20.3	6.2	20.1	44.7	55.3	31
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	9.9	36.8	25.1	22.0	11.7	46.6	14.8	67.6	72.4	27.6	43
Construction	9.5	35.3	33.1	37.3	2.2	6.6	-2.0	-5.5	86.4	13.6	41
Education and Training	8.5	31.7	28.9	21.8	2.8	9.7	9.9	45.5	53.9	46.1	45
Manufacturing	7.2	26.9	17.7	16.9	9.1	51.7	9.9	58.5	81.2	18.8	43
Other Services	4.9	18.3	14.1	13.7	4.1	29.2	4.6	33.6	58.6	41.4	40
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.2	15.5	12.9	11.2	2.5	19.6	4.2	37.6	72.7	27.3	48
Public Administration and Safety	4.0	14.9	19.0	14.5	-4.0	-21.3	0.4	2.9	85.5	14.5	45
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	3.8	14.0	8.9	9.9	5.1	58.0	4.1	40.8	74.3	25.7	47
Arts and Recreation Services	2.9	10.8	10.1	7.5	0.7	6.4	3.3	43.5	50.2	49.8	37
Financial and Insurance Services	2.7	9.9	10.8	8.1	-0.8	-7.8	1.8	22.1	75.8	24.2	43
Administrative and Support Services	2.5	9.3	10.7	15.2	-1.4	-13.0	-5.9	-38.9	67.6	32.4	44
Wholesale Trade	2.2	8.2	11.7	8.0	-3.5	-29.7	0.2	2.8	83.5	16.5	44
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.2	4.4	4.6	8.0	-0.2	-3.4	-3.6	-44.8	78.6	21.4	40
Mining	0.7	2.7	1.6	0.6	1.1	67.5	2.1	328.2	95.3	4.7	41
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0.5	2.0	1.1	2.7	0.8	74.8	-0.7	-26.3	83.3	16.7	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.4	1.4	2.6	1.1	-1.2	-45.6	0.3	26.8	69.2	30.8	48
All industries	**100.0**	**371.8**	**329.3**	**306.4**	**42.5**	**12.9**	**65.4**	**21.3**	**64.6**	**35.4**	**42**

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February 2022; * Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016.

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