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Employment Region Industry profile

Mackay Employment Region

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Overview

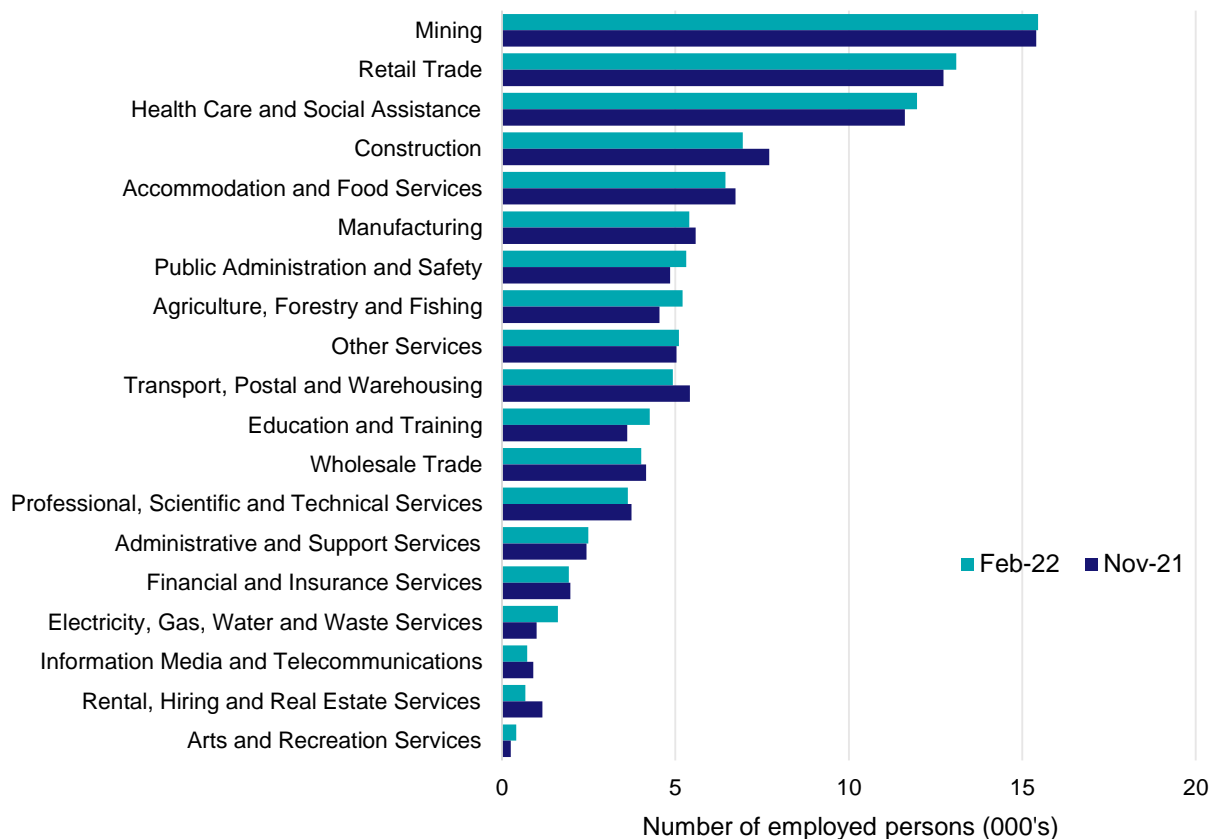
In February 2022, there were around 99,600 people employed in the Mackay Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Mining, Retail Trade, Health Care and Social Assistance, Construction, and Accommodation and Food Services. Together these 5 industries accounted for 54% of employment in the region.

Over the year to February 2022, employment in:

- Mining fell by 4.8% to stand at 15,500
- Retail Trade rose by 70.2% to stand at 13,100
- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 0.8% to stand at 12,000.

The median age of workers in Mining in the region was 41 and 96.4% of these workers were employed on a full-time basis.

Employment by industry, November 2021 and February 2022



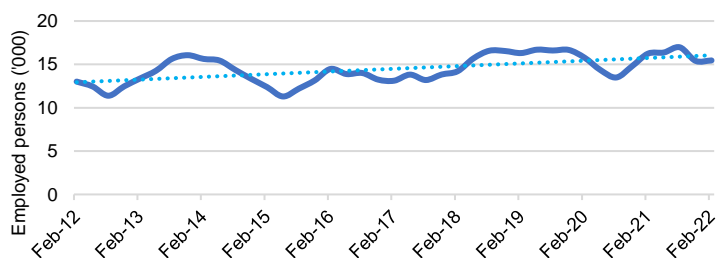
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey*, Detailed, 4 quarter averages, February 2022. Note that the sum of 4 quarter averages may not match original data published in the ER dashboards.

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday 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.

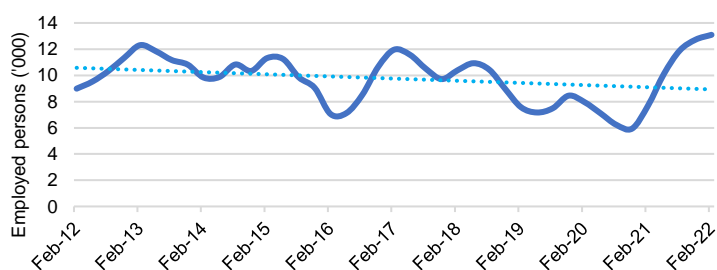
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Mining



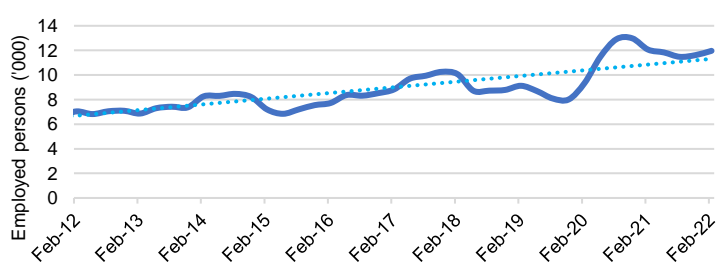
Number employed (Feb-22):	15,500
1 year employment change:	-4.8%
5 year employment change:	17.8%
10 year employment change:	18.8%
Youth share of employment:	6.9%
Mature age share of employment:	9.8%

Retail Trade



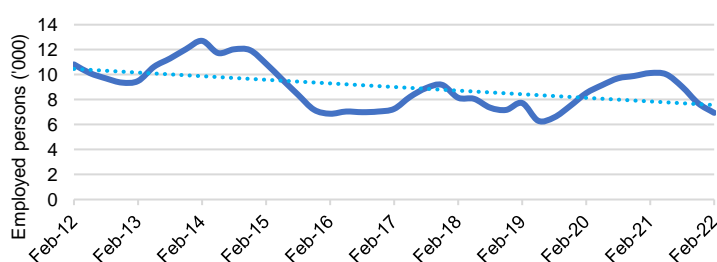
Number employed (Feb-22):	13,100
1 year employment change:	70.2%
5 year employment change:	9.5%
10 year employment change:	45.7%
Youth share of employment:	19.9%
Mature age share of employment:	8.1%

Health Care and Social Assistance



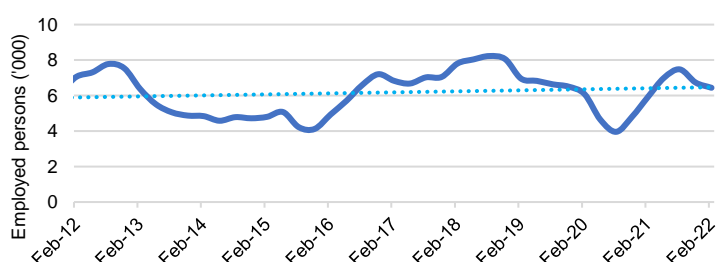
Number employed (Feb-22):	12,000
1 year employment change:	-0.8%
5 year employment change:	35.5%
10 year employment change:	69.9%
Youth share of employment:	6.7%
Mature age share of employment:	11.6%

Construction



Number employed (Feb-22):	6,900
1 year employment change:	-31.5%
5 year employment change:	-4.4%
10 year employment change:	-35.9%
Youth share of employment:	6.7%
Mature age share of employment:	6.9%

Accommodation and Food Services



Number employed (Feb-22):	6,400
1 year employment change:	8.6%
5 year employment change:	-5.7%
10 year employment change:	-8.9%
Youth share of employment:	20.6%
Mature age share of employment:	5.8%

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.

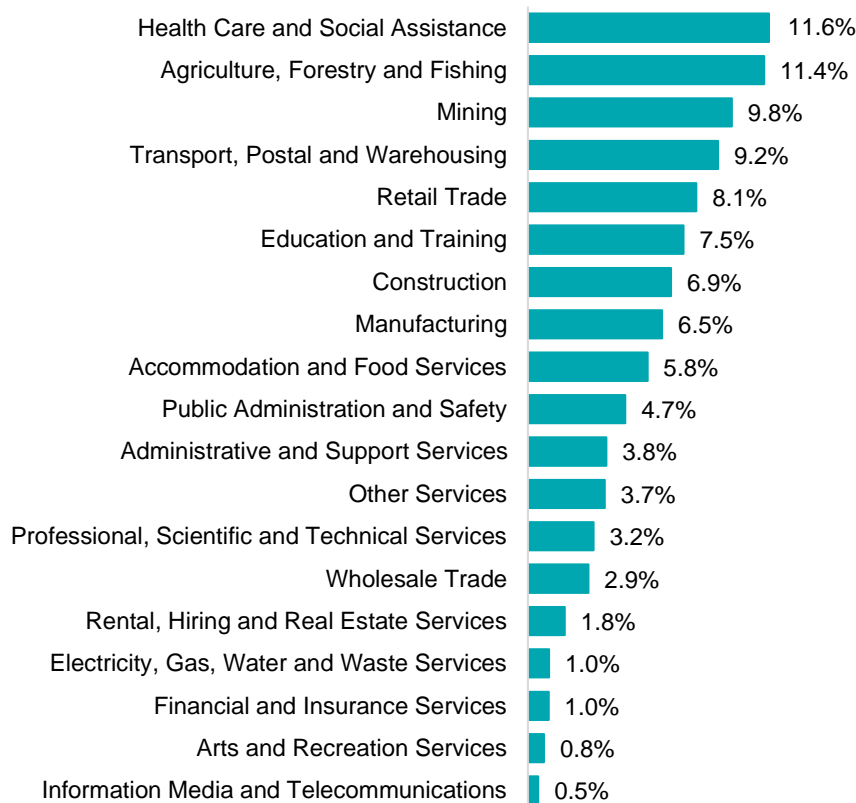
Employment characteristics by Industry

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



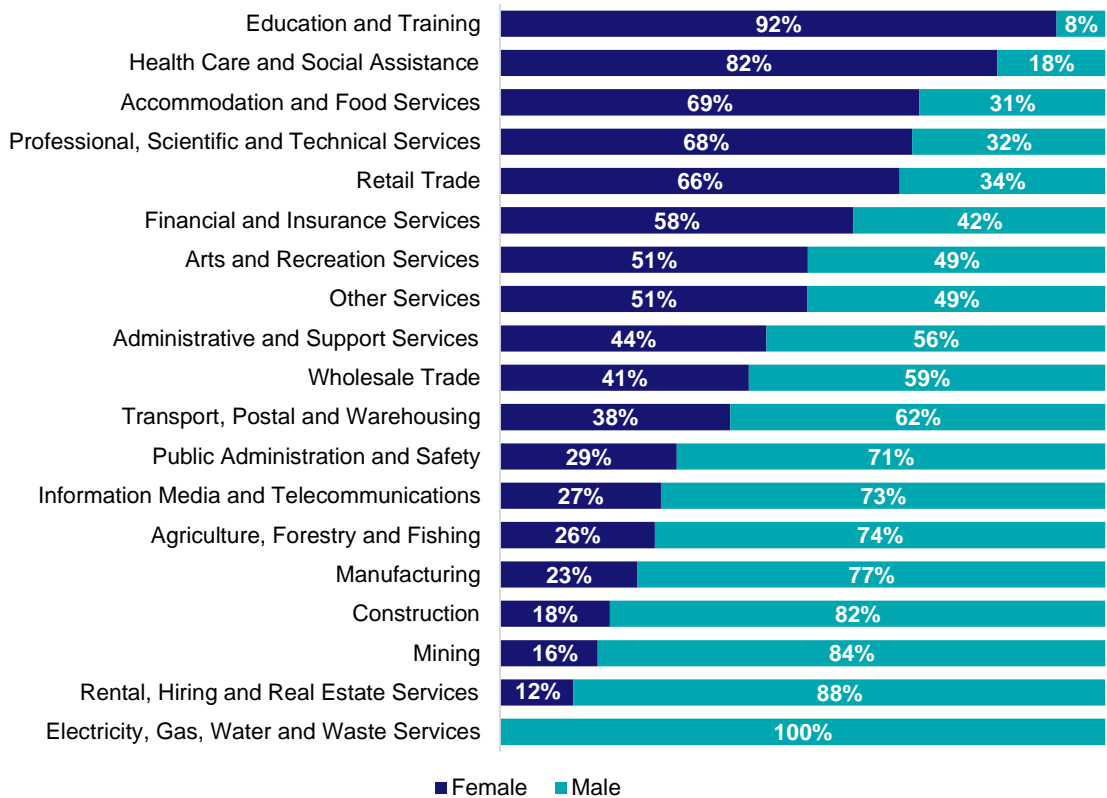
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016.

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



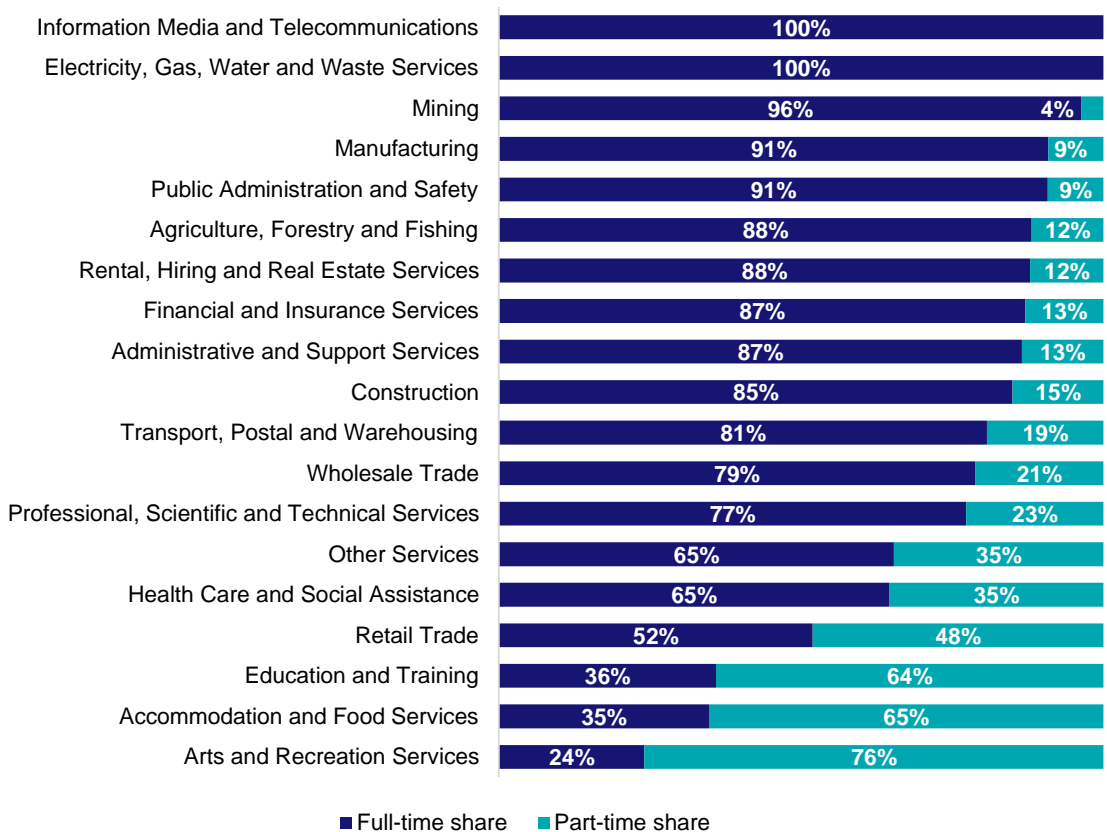
Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016. SA2 boundaries have been aggregated at the Employment Region level (instead of SA4s, which is the best available from the Labour Force Survey).

Gender share by industry



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

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry



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

Appendix

Employment by industry, Mackay

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)	%			
Mining	15.5	15.5	16.2	13.1	-0.8	-4.8	2.3	17.8	96.4	3.6	41
Retail Trade	13.2	13.1	7.7	12.0	5.4	70.2	1.1	9.5	51.9	48.1	37
Health Care and Social Assistance	12.0	12.0	12.1	8.8	-0.1	-0.8	3.1	35.5	64.5	35.5	45
Construction	7.0	6.9	10.1	7.3	-3.2	-31.5	-0.3	-4.4	85.0	15.0	41
Accommodation and Food Services	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.8	0.5	8.6	-0.4	-5.7	34.8	65.2	33
Manufacturing	5.4	5.4	6.3	5.9	-0.9	-13.8	-0.5	-8.7	90.9	9.1	43
Public Administration and Safety	5.3	5.3	3.2	2.7	2.1	65.0	2.6	96.0	90.8	9.2	45
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.2	5.2	2.3	5.4	3.0	131.1	-0.2	-3.3	88.1	11.9	50
Other Services	5.1	5.1	5.8	4.7	-0.7	-11.5	0.4	8.0	65.4	34.6	37
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.9	4.9	4.4	5.3	0.5	12.0	-0.3	-6.6	80.8	19.2	47
Education and Training	4.3	4.3	5.2	6.8	-1.0	-18.5	-2.6	-37.8	35.9	64.1	44
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	3.1	3.6	0.9	29.0	0.4	12.0	78.8	21.2	42
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3.6	3.6	4.7	4.4	-1.0	-22.0	-0.8	-18.3	77.3	22.7	38
Administrative and Support Services	2.5	2.5	3.8	2.3	-1.3	-34.1	0.2	9.0	86.5	13.5	42
Financial and Insurance Services	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.7	1.2	160.9	1.3	185.8	87.1	12.9	42
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.6	60.7	1.0	178.6	100.0	0.0	47
Information Media and Telecommunications	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	-0.1	-9.8	0.4	118.5	100.0	0.0	30
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.5	-1.4	-66.9	0.2	32.5	87.9	12.1	43
Arts and Recreation Services	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.0	-0.5	-54.0	-0.5	-56.8	24.1	75.9	33
All industries	100.0	99.6	96.2	92.2	3.4	3.5	7.4	8.0	73.9	26.1	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.