

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Arts and recreation services



The arts and recreation services industry engages in the preservation and exhibition of objects and sites of historical, cultural or educational interest; the production of original artistic works and/ or participation in live performances, events, or exhibits intended for public viewing; and the operation of facilities or the provision of services that enable patrons to participate in sporting or recreational activities, or to pursue amusement interests. It includes museums, racing, gambling activities, performing arts, zoos and fitness centres.

By 2027-28, it is projected* that there will be:

47,679 people employed in arts and recreation services in Queensland

+2,085 additional people employed since 2023-24

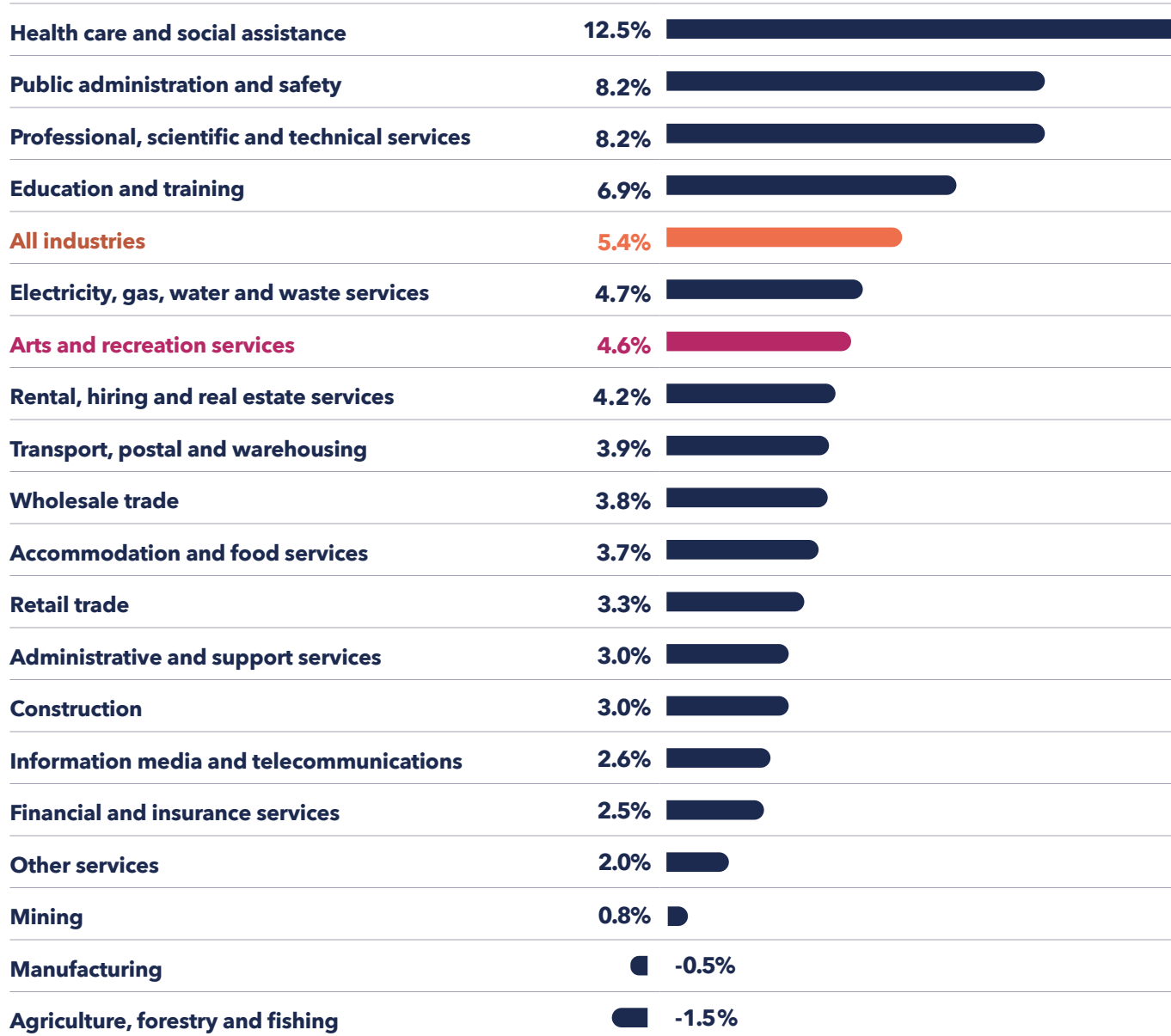


By 2027-28, the four largest arts and recreation services groups will be:

Sports and physical recreation activities	Creative and performing arts activities	Gambling activities	Amusement and other recreation activities
People employed	People employed	People employed	People employed
21,094 44.2% of industry's workforce	8,264 17.3% of industry's workforce	5,649 11.8% of industry's workforce	5,060 10.6% of industry's workforce
4.9% change from 2024 (+987 people)	+6.2% change from 2024 (+479 people)	3.8% change from 2024 (+206 people)	2.2% change from 2024 (+110 people)
Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials ○ Fitness Instructors ○ Sportspeople 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals ○ Music Professionals ○ Journalists and Other Writers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gaming Workers ○ Waiters ○ Betting Clerks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Other Hospitality Workers ○ Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers

*Projections are based on the 2024-25 State Budget and are not directly comparable to subsequent Budget Update forecasts for aggregate employment growth. As these projections are high level, indicative and subject to change, it is recommended that the focus be on employment trends rather than the numbers in isolation.

By 2027-28, employment in arts and recreation services is projected to have the sixth-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



A relatively small proportion of regional workers are employed in this industry, with the highest proportion in the Gold Coast region.

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	650	1.5%
Gold Coast	566	3.1%
Sunshine Coast	249	2.3%
Wide Bay	201	1.7%
Central Queensland	159	1.6%
Toowoomba	147	1.8%
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	58	0.8%
Logan - Beaudesert	57	0.9%
Moreton Bay - North	57	1.1%
Moreton Bay - South	40	1.3%
Ipswich	32	0.8%
Outback - North	-1	0.3%
Outback - Far North	-1	1.5%
Outback - South	-2	0.9%
Cairns	-3	1.2%
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-24	0.5%
Townsville	-99	1.0%

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