

## ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



# Health care and social assistance



The health care and social assistance industry is mainly engaged in providing human health care and social assistance. It includes hospitals, medical and other care services (including allied health, ambulances and pathology), residential care services and social assistance services, such as child care, disabilities assistance, and welfare counselling services.

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

**522,446** people employed in health care and social assistance in Queensland

**+57,856** additional people employed since 2023-24

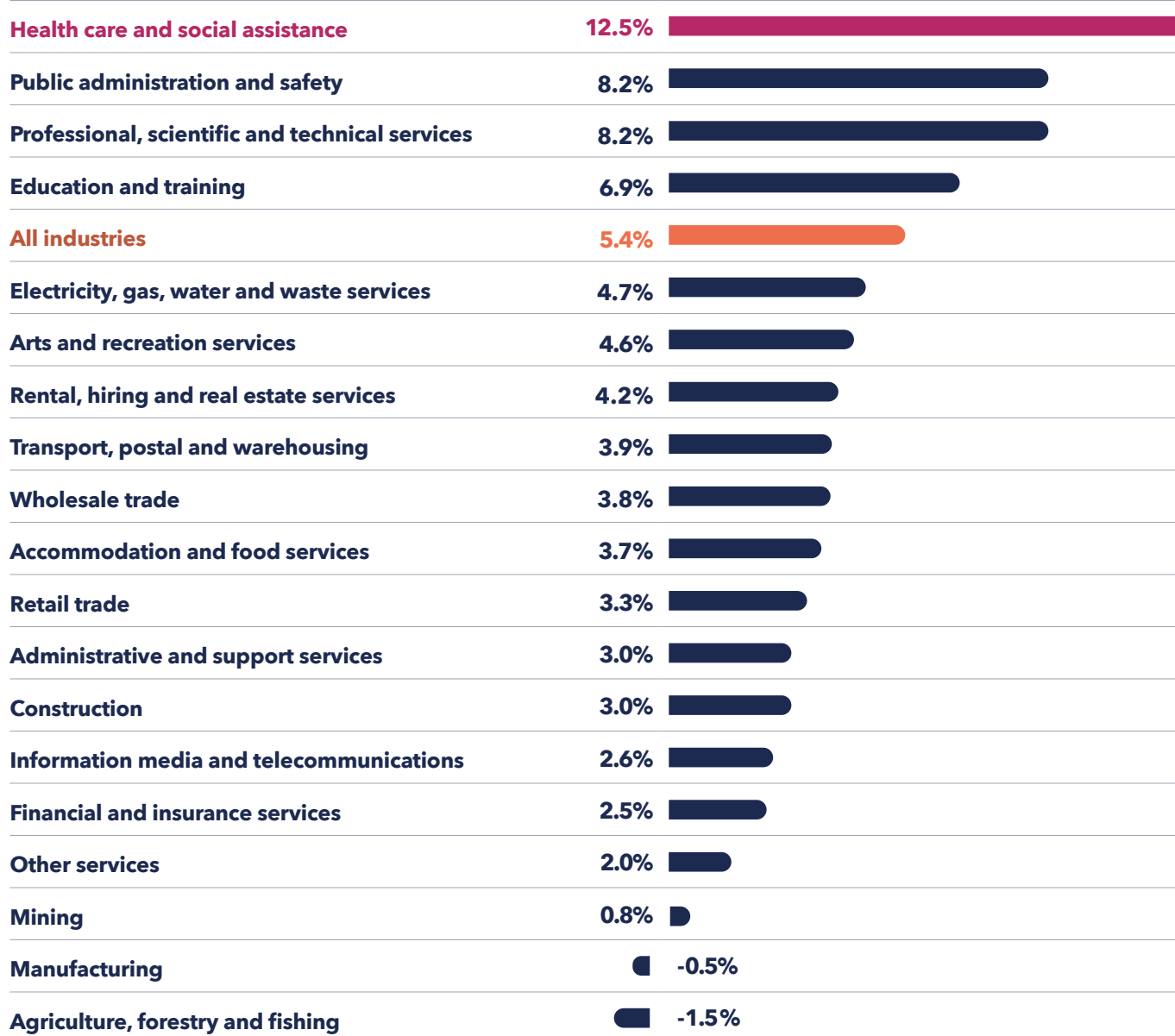


By 2027-28, the four largest health care and social assistance groups will be:

Hospitals	Other social assistance services	Allied health services	Residential care services
<b>People employed</b>	<b>People employed</b>	<b>People employed</b>	<b>People employed</b>
<b>146,395</b> 28.0% of industry's workforce	<b>125,405</b> 24.0% of industry's workforce	<b>74,725</b> 14.3% of industry's workforce	<b>54,537</b> 10.4% of industry's workforce
<b>+11.8%</b> change from 2024 (+15,471 people)	<b>+15.8%</b> change from 2024 (+17,117 people)	<b>+14.4%</b> change from 2024 (+9,383 people)	<b>+13.3%</b> change from 2024 (+6,404 people)
<b>Largest occupations</b>	<b>Largest occupations</b>	<b>Largest occupations</b>	<b>Largest occupations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registered Nurses</li><li>Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers</li><li>General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li><li>Welfare Support Workers</li><li>Social Workers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dental Assistants</li><li>Physiotherapists</li><li>Receptionists</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li><li>Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers</li><li>Registered Nurses</li></ul>

\*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 health care and social assistance is projected to have the fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



Across Queensland, health care and social assistance is one of the largest-employing and fastest-growing industries.

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce	Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	19,156	16.2%	Townsville	2,071	17.5%
Gold Coast	7,362	16.5%	Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	1,785	13.2%
Sunshine Coast	5,856	21.2%	Moreton Bay - South	1,451	15.9%
Logan - Beaudesert	3,720	19.0%	Toowoomba	1,398	19.5%
Cairns	3,357	20.4%	Darling Downs - Maranoa	261	9.3%
Ipswich	3,223	15.9%	Outback - North	122	9.4%
Moreton Bay - North	3,138	23.7%	Outback - Far North	94	13.4%
Wide Bay	2,598	20.5%	Outback - South	13	12.8%
Central Queensland	2,250	15.9%			

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