

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Mining



The mining industry mainly extracts naturally occurring mineral solids, such as coal and ores; liquid minerals, such as crude petroleum; and gases, such as natural gas. It includes activities such as underground or open cut mining, quarrying and mining support, including exploration and directional drilling.

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

72,958 people employed in mining in Queensland

+548 additional people employed since 2023-24

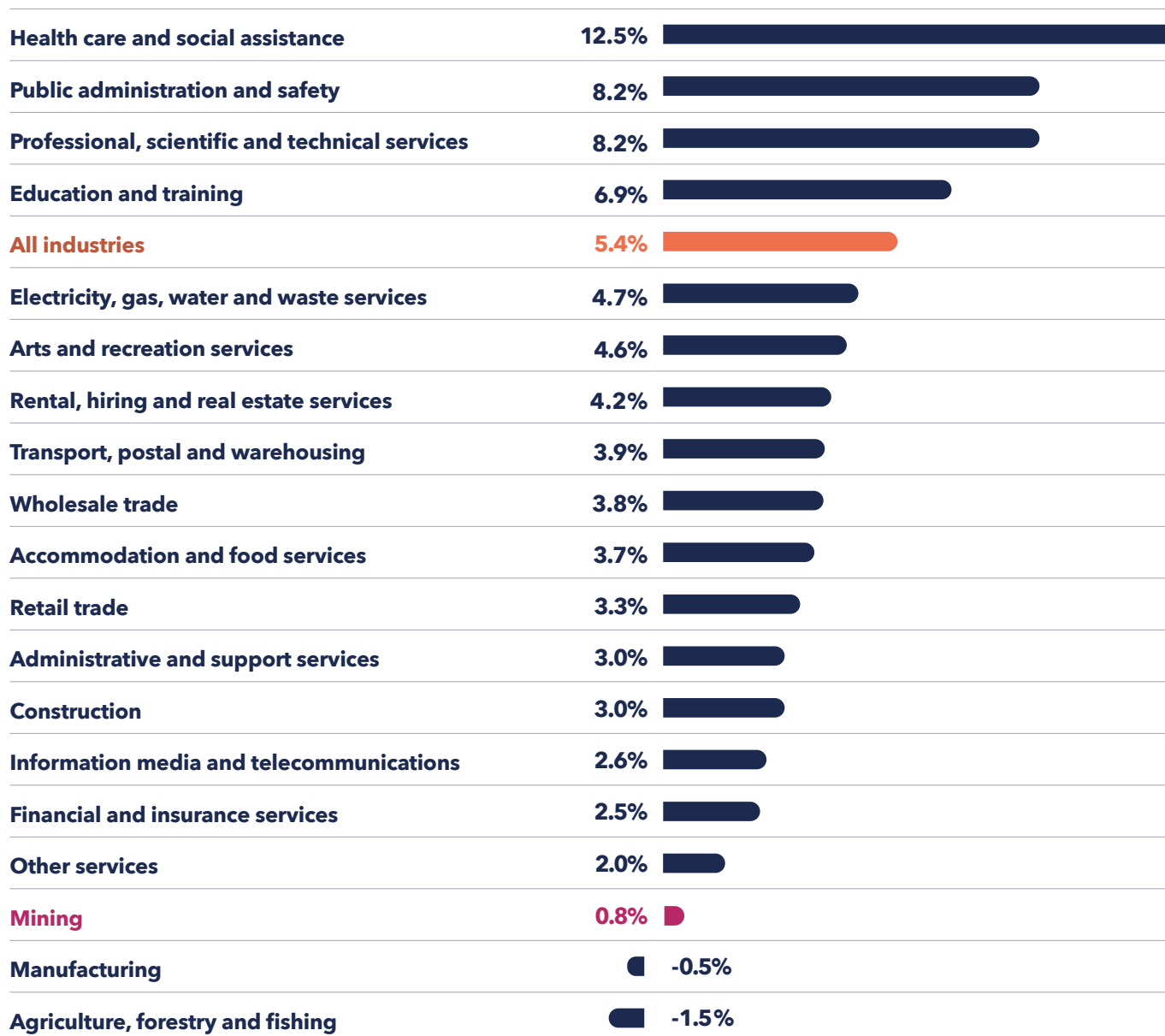


By 2027-28, the four largest mining groups will be:

Coal mining	Metal ore mining	Other mining support services	Exploration
People employed	People employed	People employed	People employed
29,149 40.0% of industry's workforce	17,308 23.7% of industry's workforce	12,053 16.5% of industry's workforce	5,888 8.1% of industry's workforce
+0.8% change from 2024 (+230 people)	+2.0% change from 2024 (+333 people)	-1.1% change from 2024 (-137 people)	+5.6% change from 2024 (+314 people)
Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations
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*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 mining is projected to have the seventeenth-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



Despite a slight fall in employment, one in three workers in Outback - North will be employed in mining by 2027-28.

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce	Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Central Queensland	391	10.4%	Cairns	11	0.8%
Brisbane	93	1.3%	Moreton Bay - North	8	0.7%
Sunshine Coast	69	0.7%	Outback - Far North	-1	10.8%
Wide Bay	59	1.0%	Outback - South	-1	0.7%
Toowoomba	46	2.2%	Logan - Beaudesert	-4	0.3%
Gold Coast	34	0.3%	Outback - North	-23	30.7%
Townsville	33	1.8%	Darling Downs - Maranoa	-50	3.3%
Ipswich	31	0.7%	Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	-161	17.5%
Moreton Bay - South	13	0.5%			

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