

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Professional, scientific and technical services



The professional, scientific and technical services industry engages in providing professional, scientific and technical services, and often requires a high level of expertise, training and formal qualifications. These services include scientific research, architecture, engineering, computer systems design, law, accountancy, advertising, market research, management and other consultancy, veterinary science and professional photography.

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

246,699 people employed in professional, scientific and technical services in Queensland

+18,609 additional people employed since 2023-24



By 2027-28, the four largest professional, scientific and technical services groups will be:

Legal and accounting services

People employed

65,524

26.6% of industry's workforce

+5.9%

change from 2024
(+3,660 people)

Largest occupations

- Solicitors
- Accountants
- Bookkeepers

Architectural, engineering and technical services

People employed

61,514

24.9% of industry's workforce

+6.4%

change from 2024
(+3,718 people)

Largest occupations

- Civil Engineering Professionals
- Architectural, Building and Surveying Technicians
- Graphic and Web Designers, and Illustrators

Computer system design and related services

People employed

55,224

22.4% of industry's workforce

+13.8%

change from 2024
(+6,692 people)

Largest occupations

- Software and Applications Programmers
- ICT Managers
- ICT Support Technicians

Management and related consulting services

People employed

26,514

10.7% of industry's workforce

+8.0%

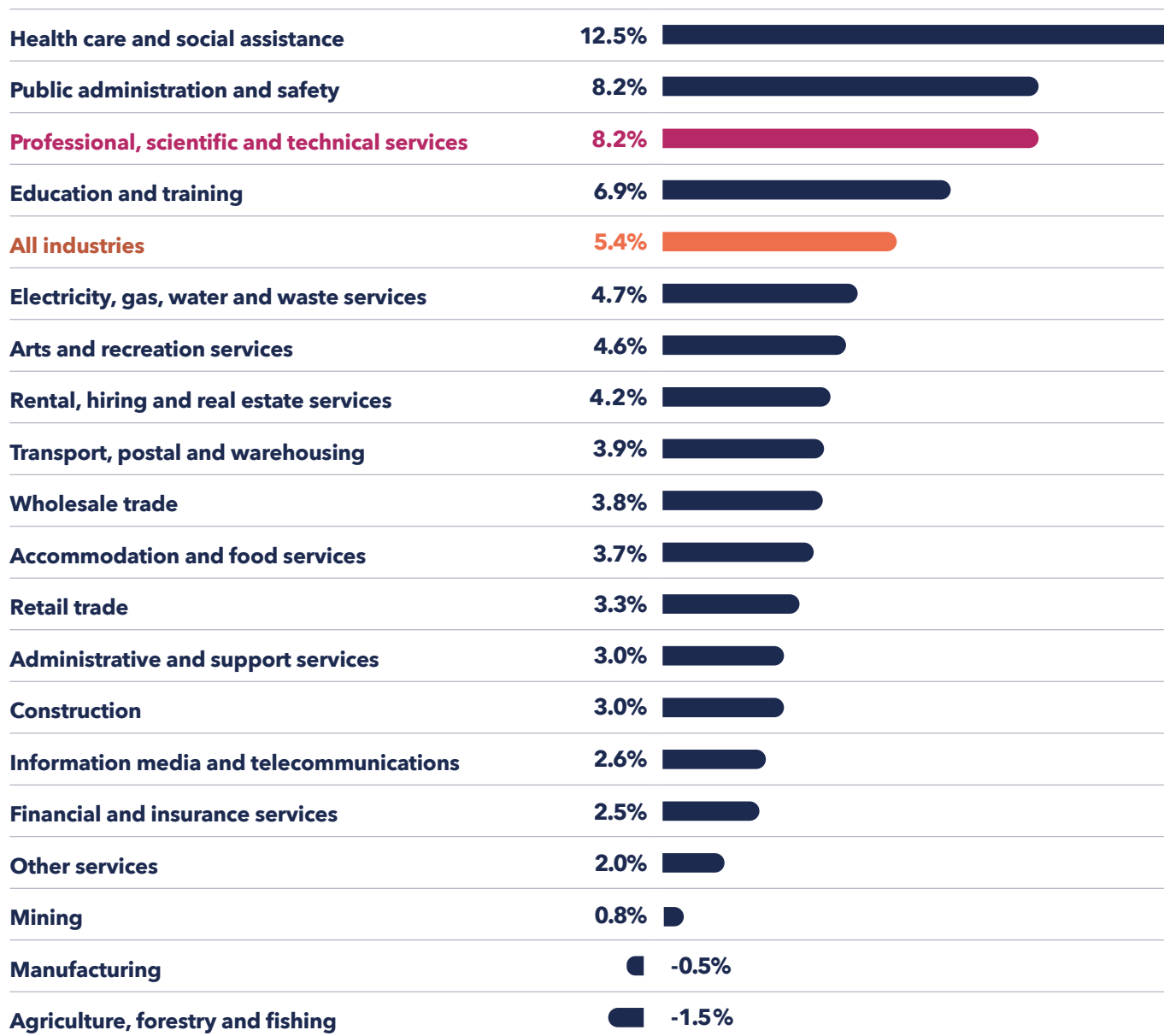
change from 2024
(+1,964 people)

Largest occupations

- Management and Organisation Analysts
- Environmental Scientists
- Advertising, Public Relations and Sales 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 professional, scientific and technical services is projected to have the third-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



More than 12% of workers in the Brisbane region will be employed in this industry by 2027-28.

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	10,524	12.7%
Gold Coast	2,436	8.7%
Sunshine Coast	1,261	7.5%
Cairns	729	6.3%
Townsville	555	5.6%
Logan - Beaudesert	543	4.7%
Central Queensland	540	4.5%
Ipswich	529	3.9%
Moreton Bay - South	428	6.6%

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Darling Downs - Maranoa	253	4.1%
Wide Bay	251	2.8%
Moreton Bay - North	244	4.0%
Toowoomba	160	4.2%
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	115	3.1%
Outback - North	22	1.4%
Outback - Far North	11	1.2%
Outback - South	9	2.2%

For more detailed analysis and to access interactive data tools, visit www.jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au/afs

