

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

People employed

146,395

28.0% of industry's workforce

+11.8%

change from 2024

(+15,471 people)

Largest occupations

- Registered Nurses
- Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
- General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers

Other social assistance services

People employed

125,405

24.0% of industry's workforce

+15.8%

change from 2024

(+17,117 people)

Largest occupations

- Aged and Disabled Carers
- Welfare Support Workers
- Social Workers

Allied health services

People employed

74,725

14.3% of industry's workforce

+14.4%

change from 2024

(+9,383 people)

Largest occupations

- Dental Assistants
- Physiotherapists
- Receptionists

Residential care services

People employed

54,537

10.4% of industry's workforce

+13.3%

change from 2024

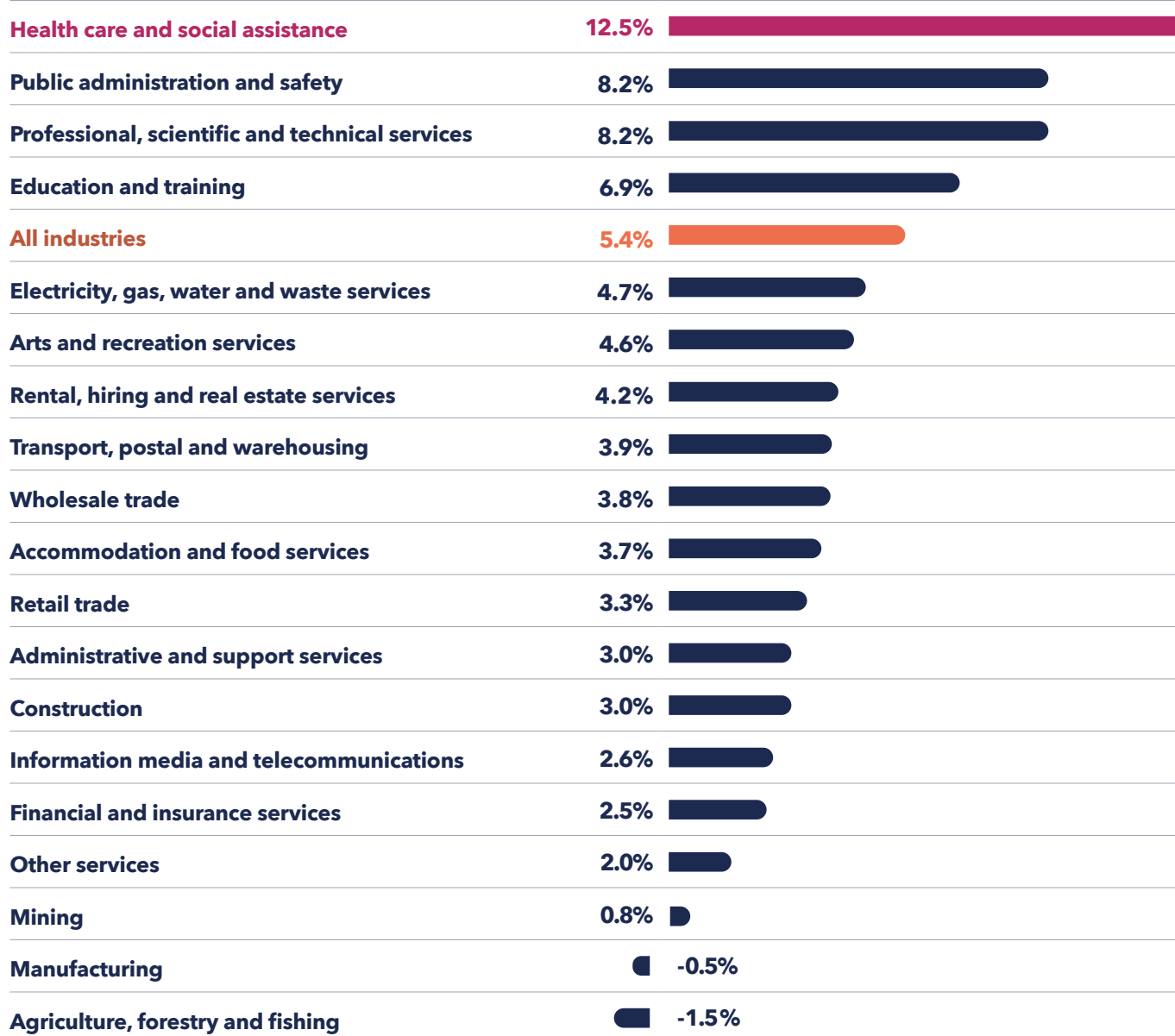
(+6,404 people)

Largest occupations

- Aged and Disabled Carers
- Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
- Registered Nurses

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

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