


ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Manufacturing

The Manufacturing industry mainly engages in the physical or chemical transformation of materials, substances or components into new products. It is a large and diverse industry that includes sectors such as food products, pulp and paper products, fabricated metal products, furniture and printing.



By 2025-26, it is projected that there will be:

182,038 people employed in this industry in Queensland

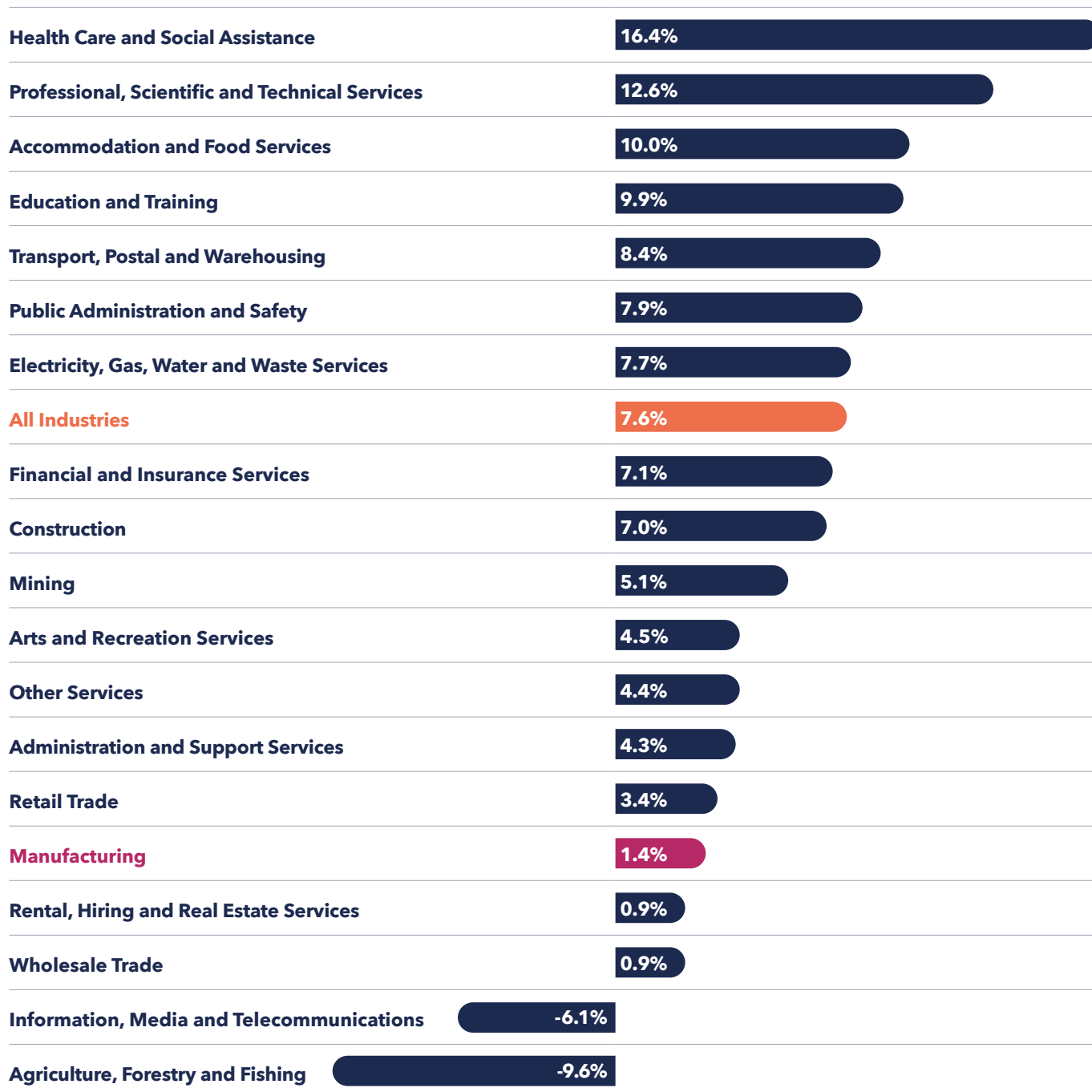
+2,531 additional people employed since 2021-22

By 2025-26, the four largest Manufacturing subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Meat and Meat Product Manufacturing	18,606	10.2	↓5.2 (-1,030 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat, Poultry and Seafood Process Workers Packers Meat Boners and Slicers, and Slaughterers
Other Transport Equipment Manufacturing	11,909	6.5	↑15.0 (+1,551 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Builders and Shipwrights Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Metal Fitters and Machinists
Furniture Manufacturing	10,593	5.8	↑4.8 (+489 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinetmakers Carpenters and Joiners Upholsterers
Bakery Product Manufacturing	10,181	5.6	↓3.6 (-379 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bakers and Pastrycooks Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers

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 2025-26, employment in Manufacturing is projected to have the 15th fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



Despite a slight fall in employment, 1 in 8 workers in Ipswich will be employed in this industry.

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	1,148	5.3
Cairns	185	4.7
Darling Downs - Maranoa	68	8.1
Central Queensland	117	7.2
Gold Coast	-679	6.7
Ipswich	-152	12.9
Logan - Beaudesert	181	7.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	-235	5.8
Moreton Bay - North	194	6.8

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	216	7.2
Far North	1	2.8
Outback - North	-36	2.9
Outback - South	-1	2.7
Sunshine Coast	290	4.7
Toowoomba	191	5.6
Townsville	356	5.5
Wide Bay	685	7.1

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