



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

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

**71,326** people employed in this industry in Queensland

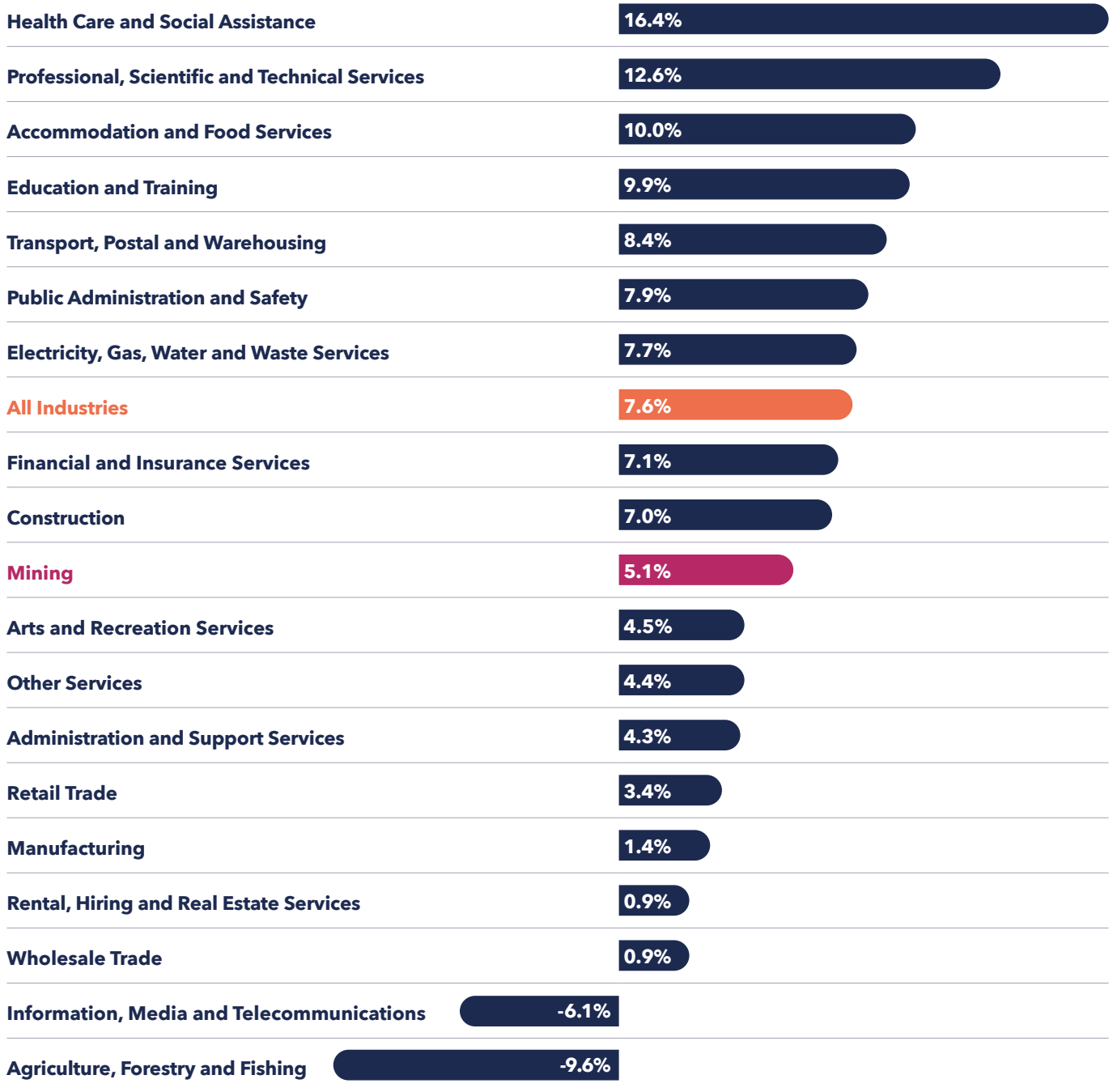
**+3,457** additional people employed since 2021-22

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

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Coal Mining	27,020	37.9	↑0.7 (+179 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>○ Other Building and Engineering Technicians</li> </ul>
Other Mining Support Services	15,134	21.2	↑11.1 (+1,514 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>○ Other Building and Engineering Technicians</li> </ul>
Metal Ore Mining	16,401	23.0	↑9.5 (+1,418 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>○ Other Building and Engineering Technicians</li> </ul>
Exploration	4,158	5.8	↑4.4 (+174 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Geologists, Geophysicists and Hydrogeologists</li> <li>○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> </ul>

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 Mining is projected to have the 10th fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.**



**More than 1 in 3 people in Outback - North are projected to be employed in Mining by 2025-26.**

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	699	1.4
Cairns	62	0.6
Darling Downs - Maranoa	143	4.6
Central Queensland	791	8.1
Gold Coast	35	0.5
Ipswich	55	0.8
Logan - Beaudesert	39	0.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	54	16.8
Moreton Bay - North	59	0.7

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	30	0.5
Far North	127	15.1
<b>Outback - North</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>39.5</b>
Outback - South	-2	0.9
Sunshine Coast	69	0.4
Toowoomba	193	2.3
Townsville	280	1.6
Wide Bay	182	1.2

For more detailed analysis and to access interactive data tools, visit [www.jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au/afs](http://www.jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au/afs)

