



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 2024-25, it is projected that there will be:

82,119 people employed in Mining in Queensland

+10,372 additional people employed since 2020-21

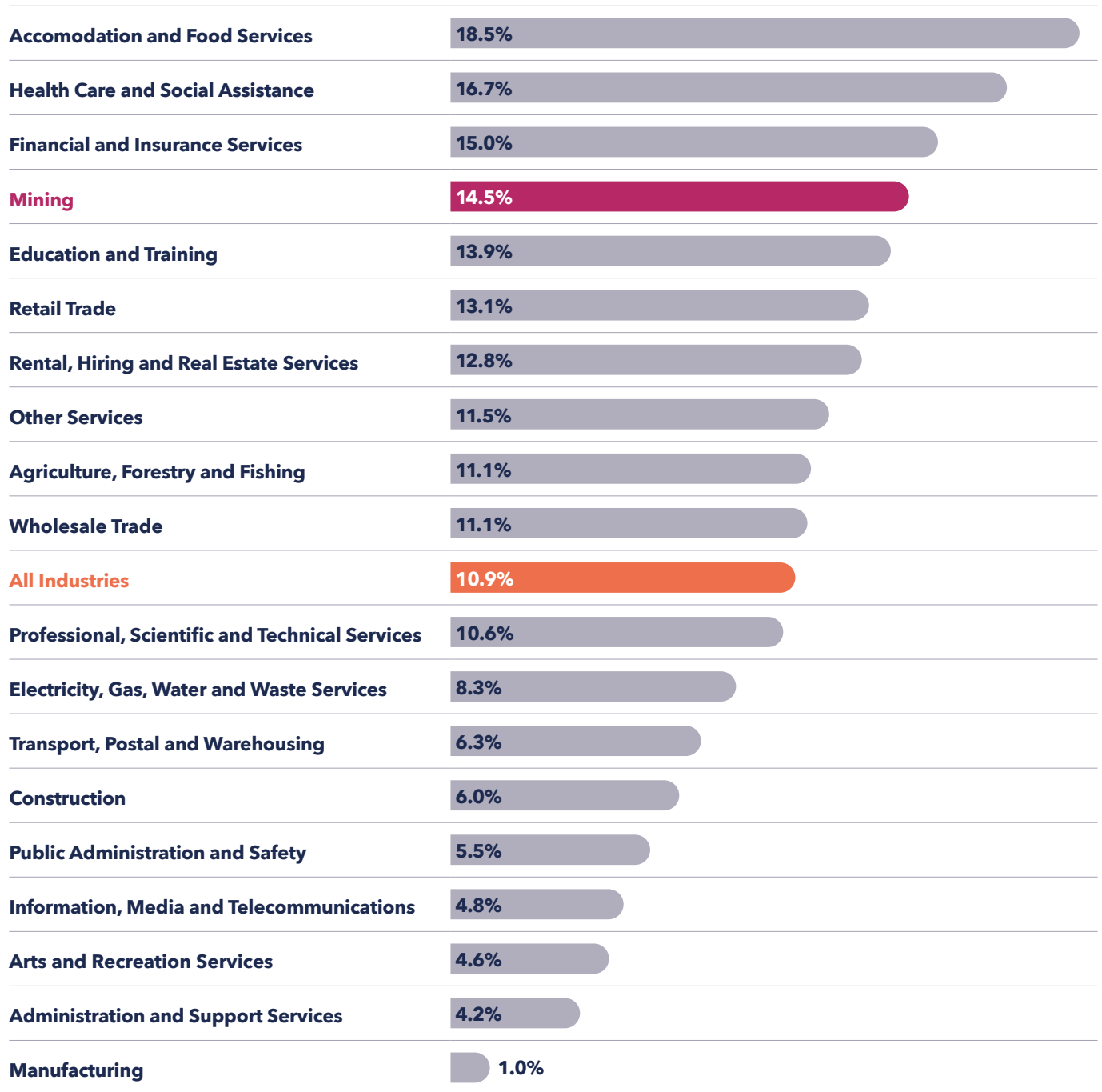
By 2024-25, the four largest Mining subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	Change from 2020-21	Largest occupational groupings
Coal Mining	30,486	37.1	↑12.5% (+3,379 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians
Metal Ore Mining	22,444	27.3	↑23.4% (+4,254 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians
Other Mining Support Services	17,245	21.0	↑24.9% (+3,442 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians
Oil and Gas Extraction	5,776	7.0	↓6.9% (-431 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical, Gas, Petroleum and Power Generation Plant Operators Mining Engineers Metal Fitters and Machinists

The Anticipating Future Skills project provides employment projections for Queensland between 2020-21 and 2024-25, enabling Queenslanders to identify job opportunities across industries, occupations and regions.

As these projections are high level and indicative, it is recommended that the focus be on employment trends rather than the numbers in isolation.

By 2024-25, employment in Mining is projected to have the fourth fastest growth out of all industries in Queensland.



Almost one in five people in Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday are projected to be employed in Mining by 2024-25.

Region	New jobs in 2024-25	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	1,766	1.6%
Cairns	149	0.8%
Darling Downs - Maranoa	151	4.5%
Central Queensland	1,366	9.3%
Gold Coast	225	0.5%
Ipswich	198	0.9%
Logan - Beaudesert	70	0.4%
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	2,434	19.3%
Moreton Bay - North	108	0.8%

Region	New jobs in 2024-25	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	51	0.6%
Far North	521	18.9%
Outback - North	2,288	42.2%
Outback - South	4	1.8%
Sunshine Coast	110	0.4%
Toowoomba	227	2.5%
Townsville	452	2.2%
Wide Bay	252	1.5%

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