



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry is mainly engaged in growing crops, raising animals, growing and harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from farms or their natural habitats. It also includes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services such as reforestation, shearing and aerial crop spraying.



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

63,426 people employed in this industry in Queensland

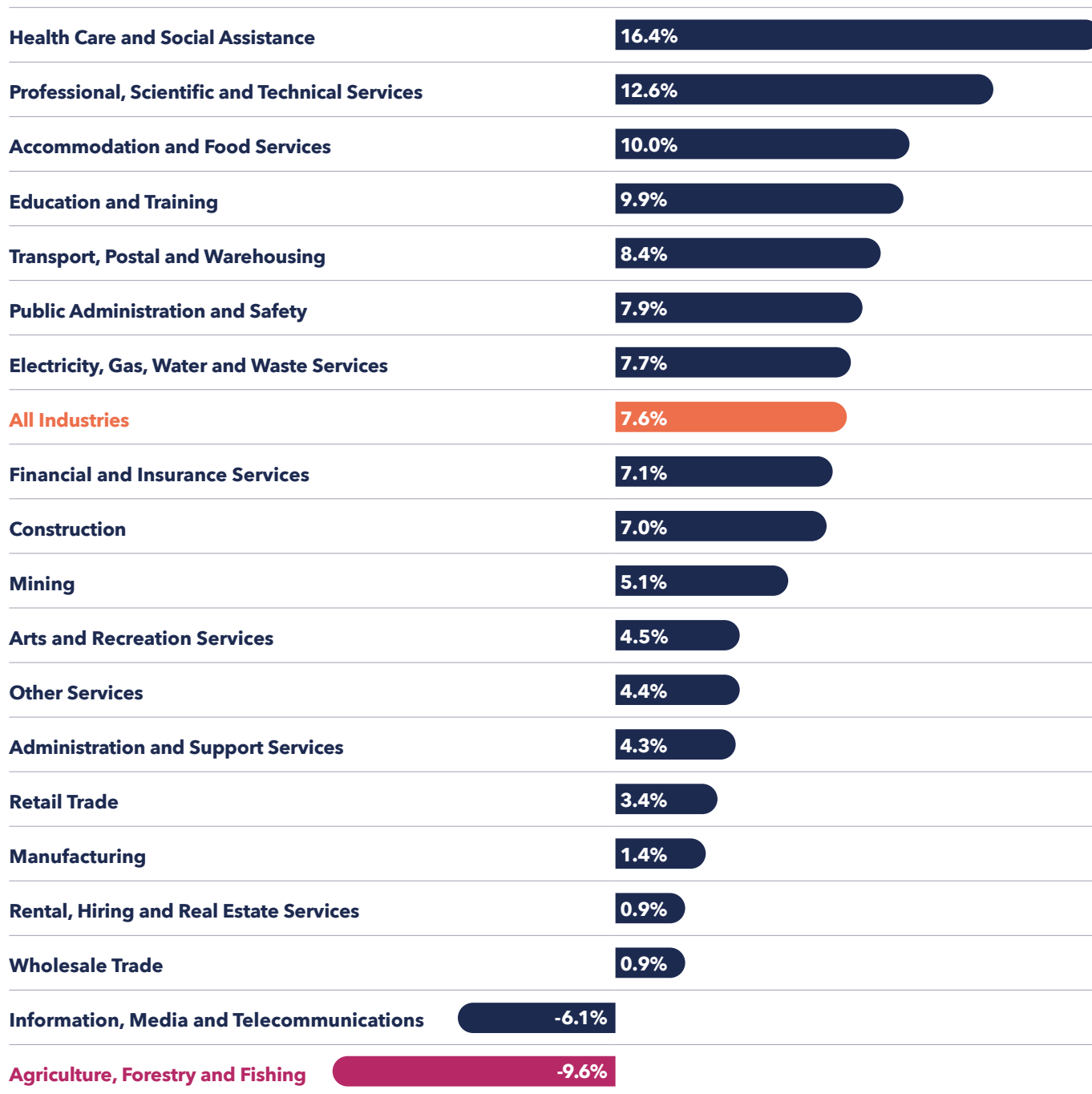
-6,709 fewer people employed since 2021-22

By 2025-26, the four largest Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming	23,719	37.4	↓23.2 (-7,176 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Farmers ○ Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers
Fruit and Tree Nut Growing	7,546	11.9	↓5.1 (-409 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop Farmers ○ Crop Farm Workers ○ Agricultural, Forestry and Horticultural Plant Operators
Other Crop Growing	5,996	9.5	↑10.0 (+543 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop Farmers ○ Agricultural, Forestry and Horticultural Plant Operators ○ Crop Farm Workers
Mushroom and Vegetable Growing	5,288	8.3	↓7.2 (-409 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop Farmers ○ Crop Farm Workers ○ Packers

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 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is projected to continue its downwards trend as it has for several decades.



Despite some falls in employment, there will be job opportunities in this industry in every region.

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	-140	0.2
Cairns	-243	4.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-2,504	17.9
Central Queensland	-891	3.7
Gold Coast	-161	0.5
Ipswich	-336	2.3
Logan - Beaudesert	-66	1.2
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	-718	4.1
Moreton Bay - North	-42	2.6

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	-8	0.4
Far North	-154	7.8
Outback - North	-379	5.2
Outback - South	-537	17.7
Sunshine Coast	-5	1.5
Toowoomba	-141	3.0
Townsville	-25	2.7
Wide Bay	-360	6.8

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