



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Arts and Recreation Services

The Arts and Recreation Services industry engages in the preservation and exhibition of objects and sites of historical, cultural or educational interest; the production of original artistic works and/or participation in live performances, events, or exhibits intended for public viewing; and the operation of facilities or the provision of services that enable patrons to participate in sporting or recreational activities, or to pursue amusement interests. It includes museums, racing, gambling activities, performing arts, zoos and fitness centres.



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

47,068 people employed in this industry in Queensland

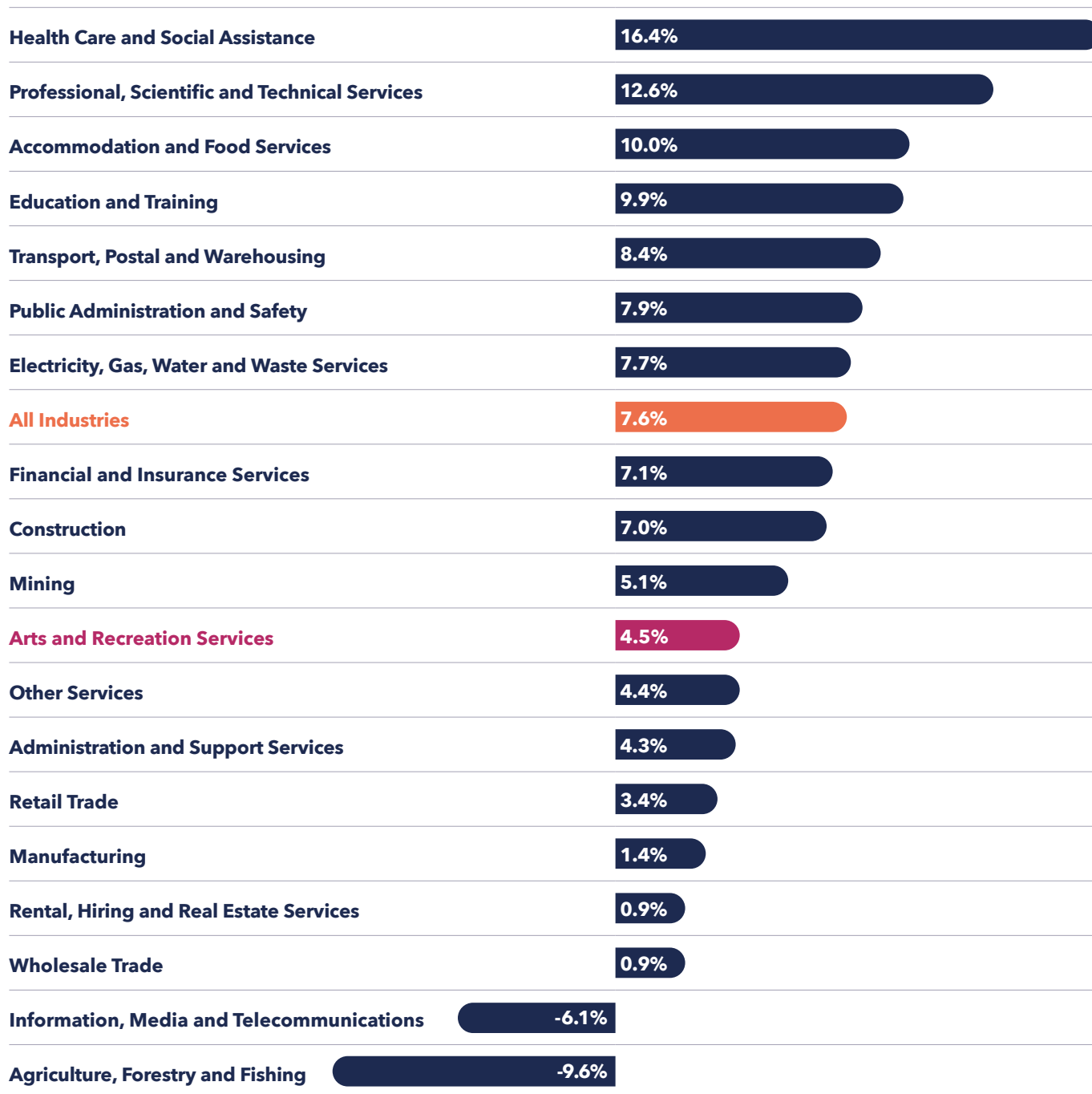
+2,043 additional people employed since 2021-22

By 2025-26, the four largest Arts and Recreation Services subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Sports and Physical Recreation Activities	19,724	41.9	↑3.1 (+601 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers Fitness Instructors
Creative and Performing Arts Activities	7,969	16.9	↑13.3 (+937 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals Music Professionals Journalists and Other Writers
Gambling Activities	6,113	13.0	↑4.4 (+260 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaming Workers Waiters Security Officers and Guards
Parks and Gardens Operations	5,544	11.8	↑5.7 (+300 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Scientists Animal Attendants and Trainers Gardeners

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 Arts and Recreation Services is projected to have the 11th fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



A relatively small proportion of regional workers are employed in this industry, with the highest proportion in the Gold Coast region.

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	823	1.7
Cairns	162	2.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	10	0.6
Central Queensland	115	0.8
Gold Coast	-146	3.2
Ipswich	50	0.9
Logan - Beaudesert	96	1.1
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	16	0.8
Moreton Bay - North	62	1.1

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	78	1.5
Far North	15	1.8
Outback - North	2	0.4
Outback - South	11	1.2
Sunshine Coast	384	2.1
Toowoomba	64	1.0
Townsville	163	1.3
Wide Bay	138	0.9

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