



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Health Care and Social Assistance

The Health Care and Social Assistance industry is mainly engaged in providing human health care and social assistance. It includes hospitals, medical and other care services (including allied health, ambulances and pathology), residential care services and social assistance services, such as child care, disabilities assistance, and welfare counselling services.



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

487,597 people employed in this industry in Queensland

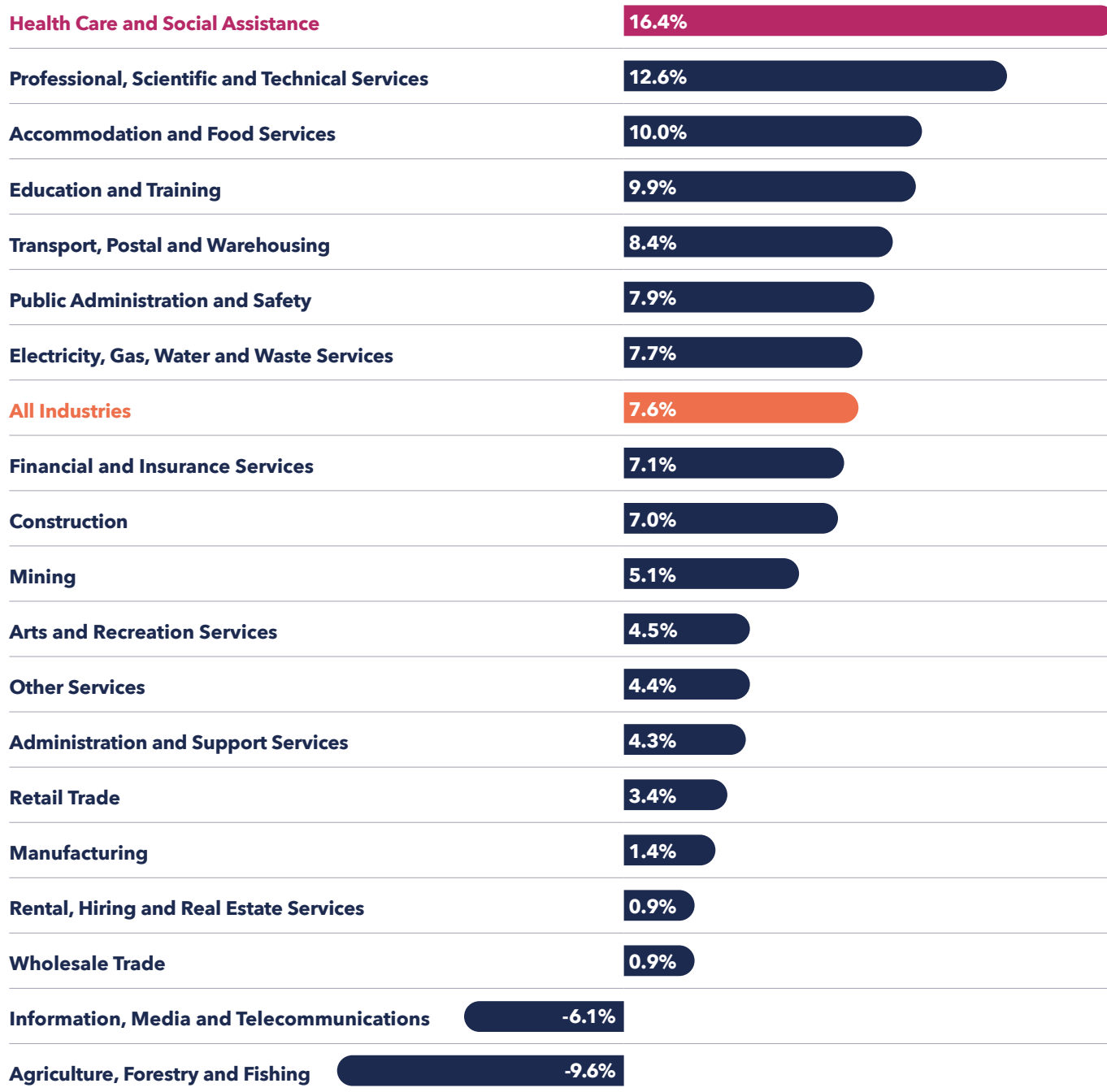
+68,552 additional people employed since 2021-22

By 2025-26, the four largest Health Care and Social Assistance subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Hospitals	148,192	30.4	↑19.1 (+23,791 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
Other Social Assistance Services	118,077	24.2	↑30.0 (+27,234 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aged and Disabled Carers Welfare Support Workers Welfare, Recreation and Community Arts Workers
Allied Health Services	59,448	12.2	↑6.9 (+3,833 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental Assistants Receptionists Physiotherapists
Residential Care Services	52,703	10.8	↑8.6 (+4,178 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aged and Disabled Carers Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers Registered Nurses

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 Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to have the fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



Across Queensland, Health Care and Social Assistance is one of the largest and fastest growing industries.

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	22,029	16.5
Cairns	3,219	17.6
Darling Downs - Maranoa	571	10.4
Central Queensland	3,537	14.0
Gold Coast	4,952	15.8
Ipswich	3,762	16.5
Logan - Beaudesert	4,059	17.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	1,356	11.6
Moreton Bay - North	3,296	21.3

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	1,692	14.0
Far North	186	13.7
Outback - North	127	9.0
Outback - South	162	16.3
Sunshine Coast	7,299	19.6
Toowoomba	2,772	20.5
Townsville	4,150	18.6
Wide Bay	5,383	21.2

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