



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Retail Trade

The Retail Trade engages in the purchase and/or on-selling, without significant transformation, to the general public. It also includes the commission-based buying and the commission-based selling of goods. Goods may be sold using non-traditional means including the internet. It is a large and diverse industry that includes sectors such as motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts retailing, fuel and food retailing, and other store-based retailing, such as hardware, electrical goods and pharmaceutical products.



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

275,465 people employed in this industry in Queensland

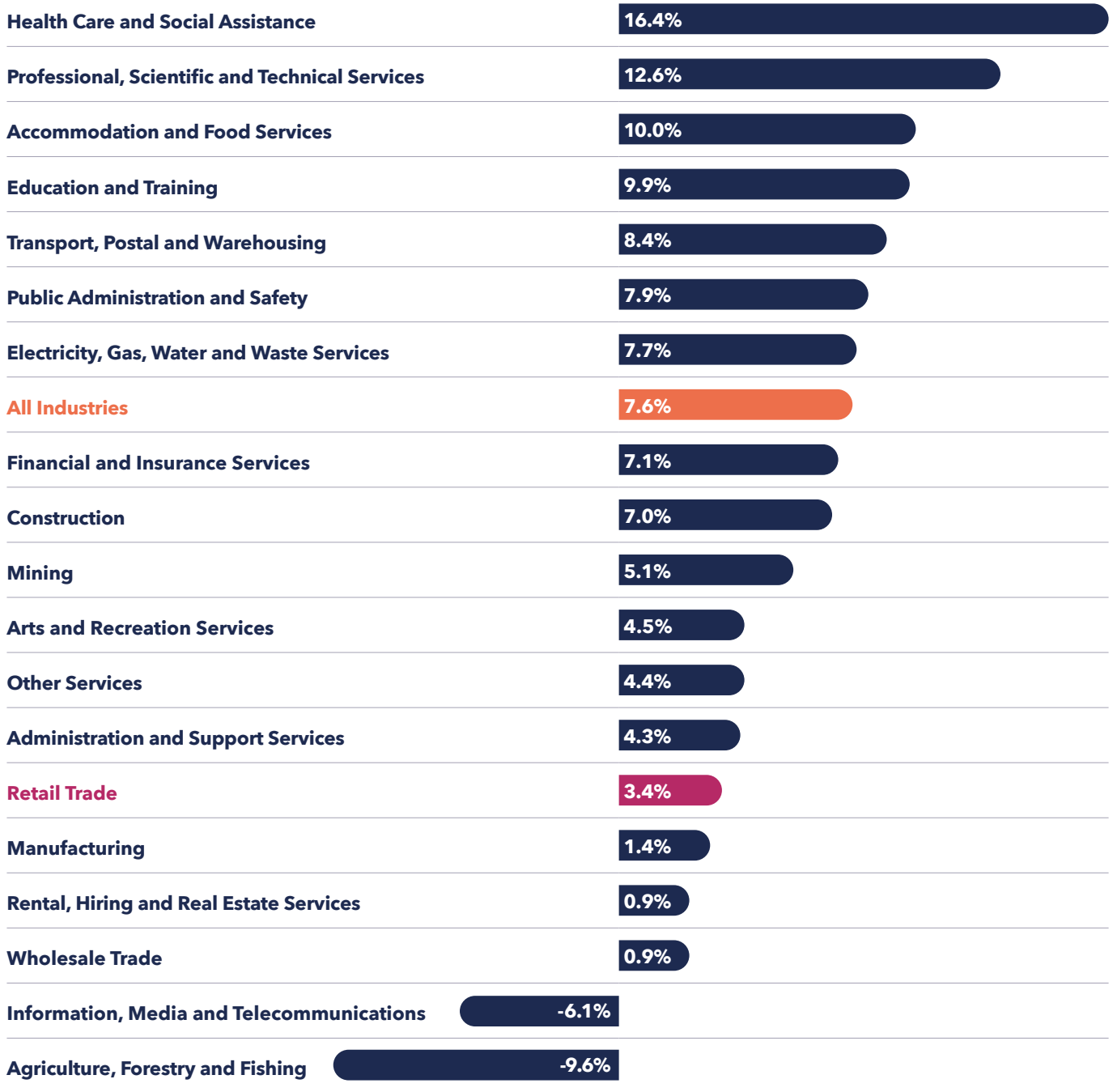
+9,159 additional people employed since 2021-22

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

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Supermarket and Grocery Stores	68,385	24.8	↑4.2 (+2,737 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Shelf Fillers
Pharmaceutical and Other Store-Based Retailing	39,392	14.3	↑4.0 (+1,500 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Pharmacy Sales Assistants Pharmacists
Clothing, Footwear and Personal Accessory Retailing	30,643	11.1	↑1.4 (+412 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Storepersons
Hardware, Building and Garden Supplies Retailing	24,409	8.9	↑8.0 (+1,810 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers

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 Retail Trade is projected to have the 14th fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



In many Queensland regions, Retail Trade is one of the largest employing industries.

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	2,318	7.9
Cairns	294	10.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-180	8.2
Central Queensland	1,139	9.4
Gold Coast	-773	10.7
Ipswich	275	9.5
Logan - Beaudesert	782	12.0
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	-21	8.7
Moreton Bay - North	473	11.0

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	544	14.3
Far North	10	4.0
Outback - North	5	5.9
Outback - South	36	7.8
Sunshine Coast	1,737	11.1
Toowoomba	381	9.5
Townsville	789	9.3
Wide Bay	1,349	11.2

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