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Employment Region Industry profile

Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region

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Overview

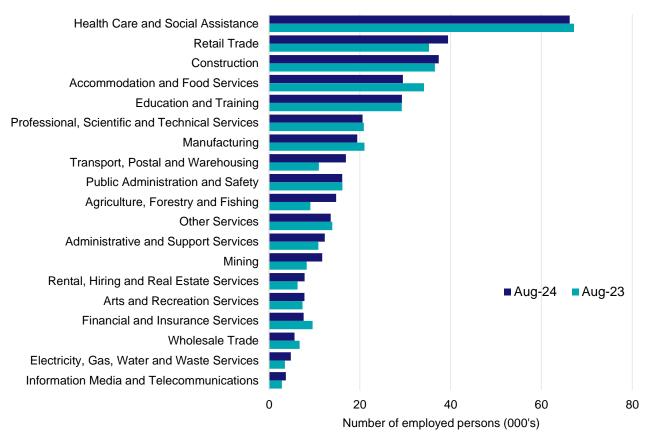
In August 2024, there were around 364,800 people employed in the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region. The 5 largest employing industries in the region were Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, Accommodation and Food Services, and Education and Training. Together these 5 industries accounted for 55% of employment in the region.

Over the year to August 2024, employment in:

- Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 1.4% to stand at 66,200
- Retail Trade rose by 11.9% to stand at 39,500
- Construction rose by 2.3% to stand at 37,400.

In Health Care and Social Assistance in the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region, 51% of workers were employed part-time; 75% were female; and the median age of the workforce was 45.

Employment by industry, August 2024 and August 2023



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey^{*}, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024. Note that total employment for the region (four quarter averaged data) will not match data published in the Employment Region Labour Market dashboards (modelled estimates).

*ABS Labour Force Survey data are based on the combined SA4s of Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay.

Notes: Data are the latest available. A high degree of caution should be exercised when interpreting data at the regional level, particulalrly in regards to percentage changes, given the volatility of the underlying data. For any enquiries related to the data in this report, please contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au

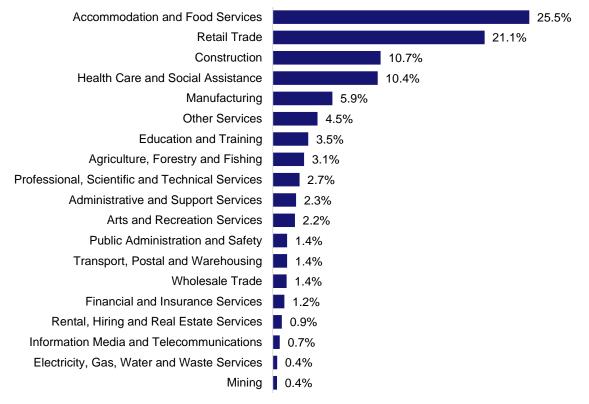
Five largest employing industries: key statistics

Health Care and Social Assistance				
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0 60 8 50	1 year employment change:	-1.4%		
\$ 40 30	5 year employment change:	33.3%		
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* * * * * * * * *	Mature age share of employment:	20.5%		
Retail Trade				
G 50	Number employed (Aug-24):	39,50		
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000) 40 30 20 10 0 $\sqrt{2}$ $\sqrt{2}$	5 year employment change:			
	10 year employment change:	19.9%		
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by,	Mature age share of employment:	8.6%		
Construction				
	Number employed (Aug-24):	37,40		
	1 year employment change:	2.39		
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	10 year employment change:	41.19		
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Accommodation and Food Services				
	Number employed (Aug-24):	29,50		
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20 Th 15	5 year employment change:	15.79		
	10 year employment change:	17.09		
	Youth share of employment:	25.59		
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Education and Training				
³⁵	Number employed (Aug-24):	29,30		
00 30 22 25	1 year employment change:	0.19		
000) successed percent and a second percent and a s	5 year employment change:	-2.69		
Be 10 Ao 5	10 year employment change:	22.79		
	Youth share of employment:	3.59		
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Notes: In each chart, the solid line is the level of employment and the dotted line is a simple linear trend line for the 10 year period. Given the volatility of the underlying data, employment estimates should be treated with a high degree of caution. Particular focus should be placed on the employment series over time to ascertain more reliable long-term growth trends.

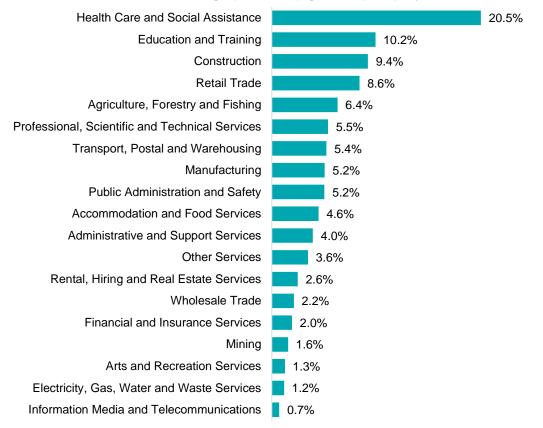
Employment characteristics by Industry

Which industries are youth (aged 15-24) employed in?



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021.

Which industries are mature age persons (aged 55+) employed in?



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Note: SA2 level Census data have been aggregated to the Employment Region level.

Gender share by industry

Health Care and Social Assistance	75%	25%		
Education and Training	74%	26%		
Administrative and Support Services	68%	32%		
Retail Trade	66%	34%		
Financial and Insurance Services	60%	40%		
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	58%	42%		
Accommodation and Food Services	51%	49%		
Information Media and Telecommunications	51%	49%		
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	48%	52%		
Public Administration and Safety	45%	55%		
Arts and Recreation Services	44%	56%		
Other Services	41%	59%		
Wholesale Trade	35%	65%		
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	34%	66%		
Manufacturing	32%	68%		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	29%	71%		
Mining	21%	21% 79%		
Construction	17%	83%		
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	12%	88%		

■Female ■Male

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024.

Full-time and part-time employment status by industry

Mining	96%	9 4 <mark>%</mark>	
Wholesale Trade	86%	14%	
Public Administration and Safety	85%	15%	
Construction	84%	16%	
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	83%	17%	
Information Media and Telecommunications	75%	25%	
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	75%	25%	
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	72%	28%	
Manufacturing	70%	30%	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	64%	36%	
Financial and Insurance Services	64%	36%	
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	63%	37%	
Education and Training	61%	39%	
Other Services	54%	46%	
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Administrative and Support Services	47%	53%	
Arts and Recreation Services	44%	56%	
Accommodation and Food Services	Accommodation and Food Services 39% 6		
Retail Trade	35%	65%	

Full-time share Part-time share

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024.

Appendix

Employment by industry, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast, August 2024

Industry (in order of size)	Share of employment in the region Aug-24 (%)	Employed ('000)			Full-time share	Part-time share	Median age *
		Aug-24	Aug-23	Aug-19	%	%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	18.2	66.2	67.2	49.7	48.9	51.1	45
Retail Trade	10.8	39.5	35.2	32.1	35.1	64.9	37
Construction	10.3	37.4	36.6	34.5	83.7	16.3	41
Accommodation and Food Services	8.1	29.5	34.2	25.5	39.1	60.9	27
Education and Training	8.0	29.3	29.2	30.1	61.4	38.6	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5.6	20.6	20.9	16.2	72.5	27.5	44
Manufacturing	5.3	19.5	21.0	17.1	69.8	30.2	42
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.6	16.9	11.0	13.0	74.9	25.1	51
Public Administration and Safety	4.4	16.1	16.2	16.7	84.6	15.4	47
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4.0	14.8	9.1	10.6	64.0	36.0	48
Other Services	3.7	13.6	13.9	11.6	54.2	45.8	40
Administrative and Support Services	3.4	12.3	10.9	10.3	46.6	53.4	46
Mining	3.2	11.7	8.3	7.4	96.3	3.7	44
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2.2	7.9	6.3	6.7	62.6	37.4	49
Arts and Recreation Services	2.1	7.8	7.4	6.0	44.4	55.6	38
Financial and Insurance Services	2.1	7.6	9.6	4.8	63.7	36.3	42
Wholesale Trade	1.5	5.6	6.7	7.9	86.1	13.9	46
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	4.8	3.5	2.7	82.7	17.3	48
Information Media and Telecommunications	1.0	3.7	2.8	4.0	75.3	24.7	43
All industries	100.0	364.8	350.0	306.9	60.5	39.5	43

Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August 2024. *Median age is from the ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2021. Median age has been derived using aggregated SA2s for the Employment Region.

Note: Small cells should be viewed with caution due to small sample sizes and regional volatility.