



State of the Industry - METS

The METS sector is a key employer across Manufacturing and Automotive Repair and Maintenance

Mining Equipment, Technology, and Services (METS) is split across multiple ANZSIC divisions and 20 subdivisions, and there is no single identifier for it in the ANZSIC system, making it harder to track and measure.

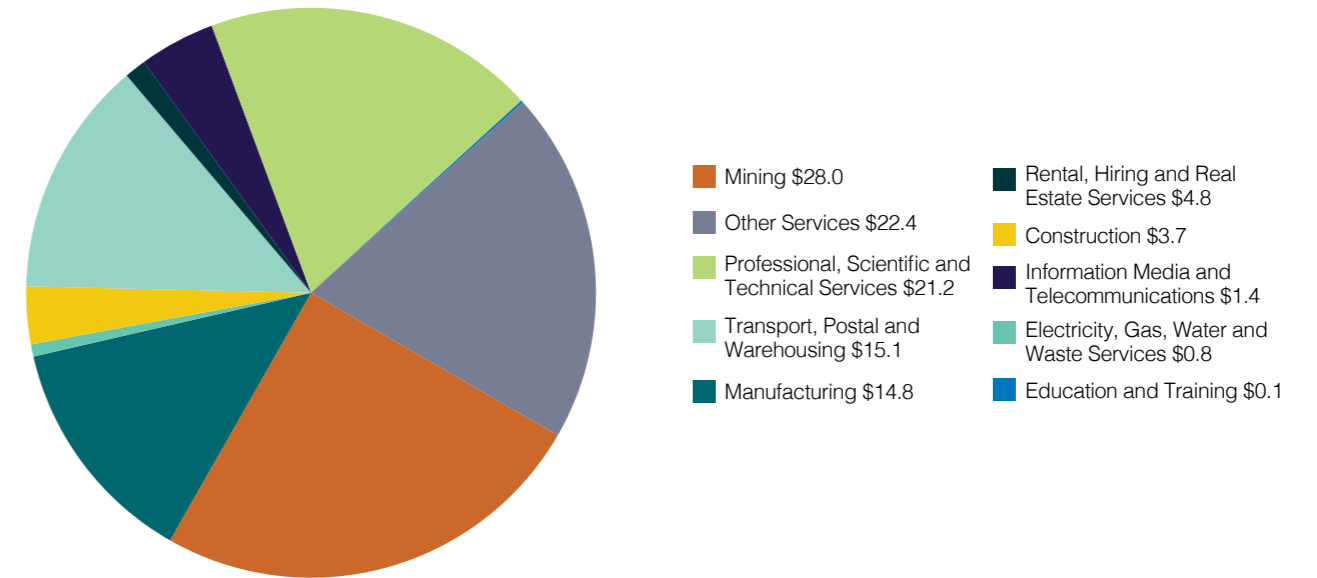
The overall sector has strengthened, driven by strong post-COVID-19 growth. The METS sector is split across various other sectors and industries, as every \$100 spent in METS goes to manufacturing (\$14.8) and other services (mainly automotive repair and maintenance; \$22.4), among others (Figure M28). The majority of the sector's output is exported and faces growing competition from imports, increasing by 5%.¹

The sector inherits volatility from the Mining industry

In the financial year ending 2012-13 (FY13), there were 256,600 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) roles in the METS sector, comprised of 239,000 full-time and 35,200 part-time roles. Roles fell (-17%) to 213,900 by FY21, and by FY23, roles had largely recovered, coinciding with record mining revenues (\$563 billion). Part-time roles also increased to 44,010 (+25%) in FY23.²

The METS sector can face volatility, in part as an extension of the Mining industry, given the shift towards electrification, the sector is undergoing a skills transformation. Mirroring the broader Mining industry, there is growing demand for electrical, diagnostic, and digital skills, as well as a greater focus on Mine planning and other higher-degree-aligned roles, such as Mining engineers and geologists. Supply pipelines for such roles have also been constricting, with universities choosing to collapse or descope their Mining engineering programs recently.^{3,4}

Figure M28: For every \$100 spent in METS, each industry gets the following, 2023



Source: ABS, "National Accounts: Input-Output Tables 2022-23," 2023.



¹ AUSMASA, "Mining Equipment, Technology, and Services Sector", 2025.
² AUSMASA, "Mining Equipment, Technology, and Services Sector", 2025.
³ ABC News, "Federation University scraps one of Australia's oldest geology courses", 2025.
⁴ Mining.com.au, "Mining talent crossroads: Geoscience "off student radars", 2025.