

# Employment

The 2022 Deaf Census surveyed people who use Auslan and other sign languages in Australia. We wanted to know more about Deaf community demographics, cultural identities, and experiences, including employment.

## Employment Status

970 responses from 846 people

(people were able to choose more than one option)



**35.7%**

Full-time



**19.5%**

Part-time



**14.1%**

Retired



**13.9%**

Casual



**10%**

Own  
business



**6%**

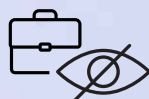
Parenting / caring  
work at home



**5.7%**

Describe  
another way

e.g. Disability Pension,  
student, gig economy



**5.4%**

Not working  
and not looking  
for work



**4.3%**

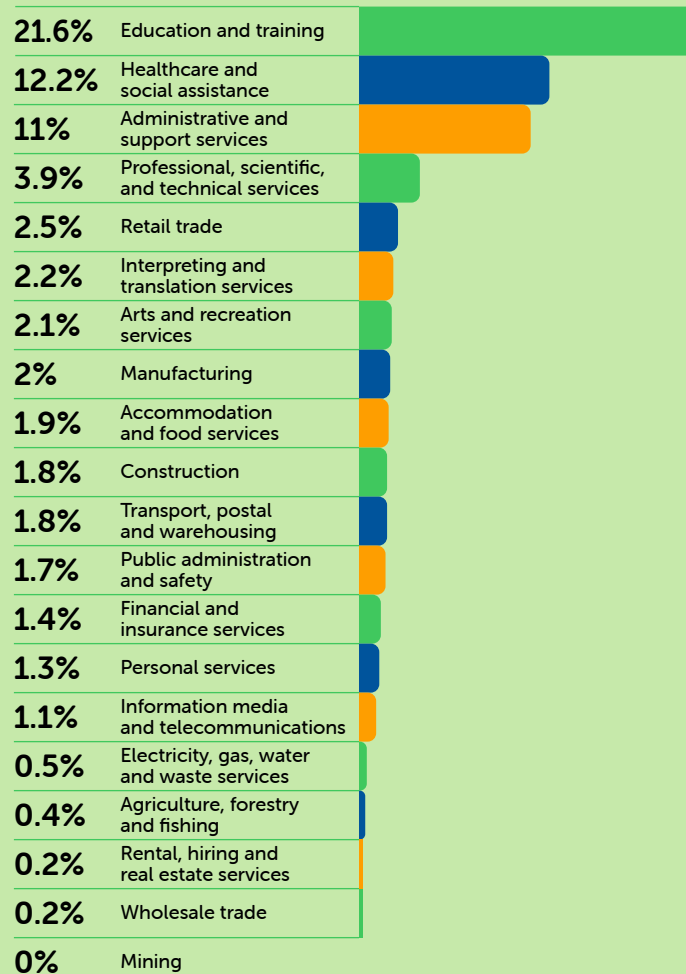
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## Main Industries

590 responses from 846 people

Industry categories mirror those in ABS Census

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and people could choose not to respond.

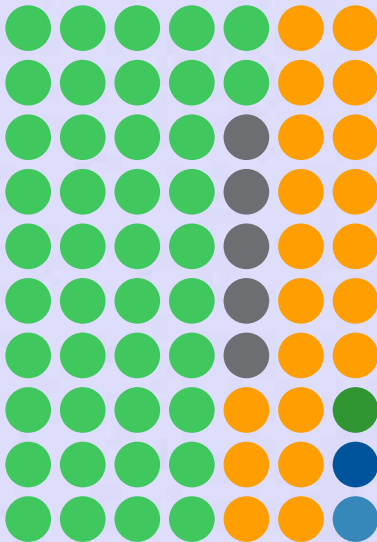


Deafblind respondents were slightly more likely to be working part-time, working casual hours, or running their own business.

Deaf and disabled and Deafblind respondents represent the least employed category of workers, with the least representation across multiple industries.

## Is Your Workplace Accessible?

603 responses from 846 people



42.2% Yes

5.4% No

21.2% Sometimes

1.1% Don't know

1.2% Prefer not to answer

## Centrelink Payments

863 responses from 846 people

56.6% No Centrelink

20.9% Disability Support Pension

8.5% Aged Pension

5.6% Something else

4.4% Child Care Subsidy

2.6% Jobseeker

2.4% Prefer not to say

0.6% Austudy

0.5% Don't know

## What access is provided in the workplace?

1735 responses from 846 people



### Auslan interpreter

In person

40%

Video relay

29.7%



### Deaf interpreter

In person

3.5%

Video relay

2.8%



I work with other Deaf people

30.9%



Colleagues sign with me

24%



Colleagues sign for me

7.7%



### Captions

Remote

14.3%

In person

6.7%

Open

9.9%

Closed

10.8%



Note-taker

4.8%



FM System

3.5%



Something else

10.3%

e.g., visual alerts

## Employment Assistance Fund support

602 responses from 846 people

39.2% Yes

25.5% No

6.4% Don't know

Hard of hearing respondents were the most likely group to not have EAF and also not know what it is.