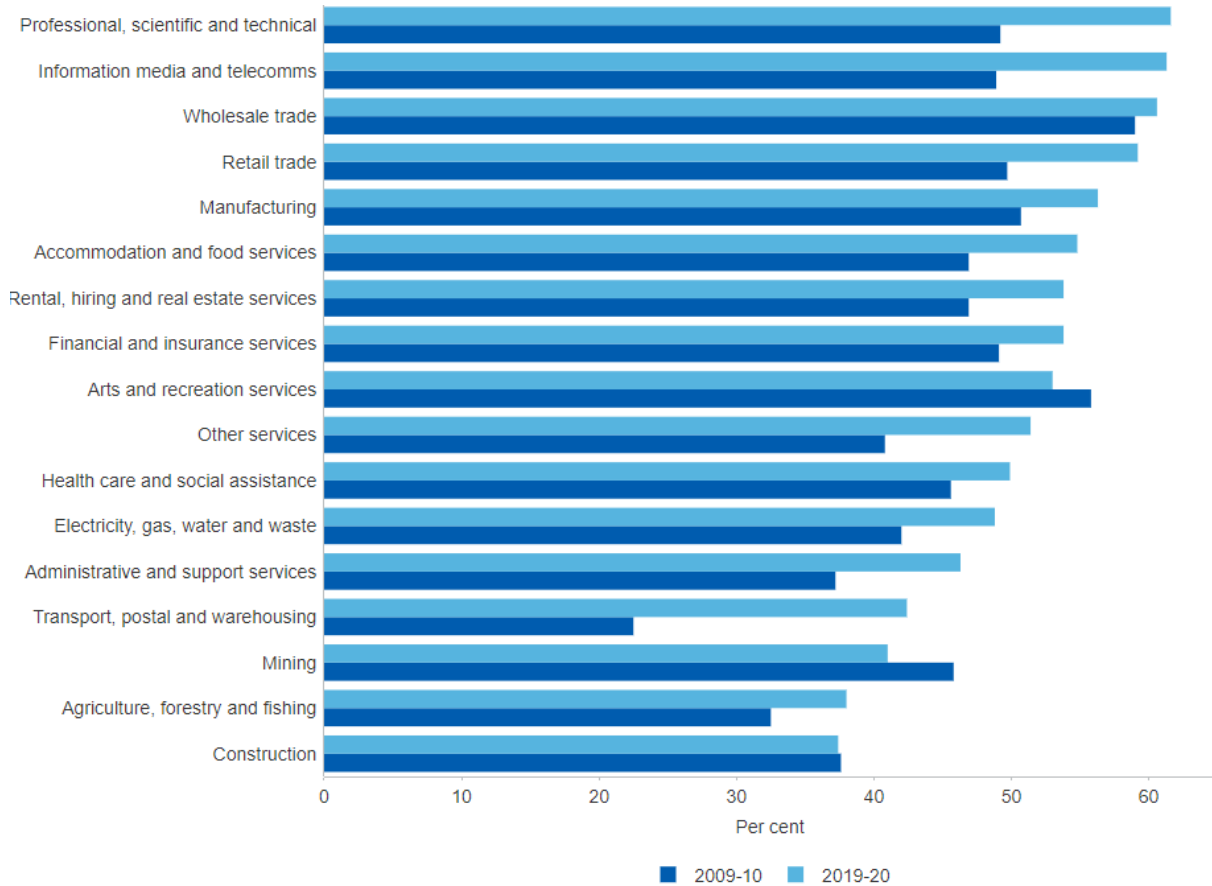


1.1.4 Innovation activity by industry

Innovation activity varies considerably by industry. In 2019–20, the *Professional, scientific and technical services* industry had the highest share of innovation-active business (61.6 per cent), followed by *Information media and telecommunications* (61.3), *Wholesale trade* (60.6 per cent) and *Retail trade* (59.2 per cent). A decade earlier in 2009–10, *Wholesale trade* reported the highest share of innovation-active businesses, followed by *Arts and recreation services*. In the last 10 years, the share of innovation-active businesses increased across the board, except in *Mining* and *Construction* where it declined. The largest relative increases occurred in the *Transport, postal and warehousing* industry.¹

Figure: Innovation-active businesses, share of all businesses, by industry, per cent, latest 2019–20



¹ ABS, *Characteristics of Australian Business*, Cat. No. 8129.0, Cat. No. 8158.0, Cat. No. 8166.0, Cat. No. 8167.0 and ABS.Stat (<https://www.abs.gov.au/>)