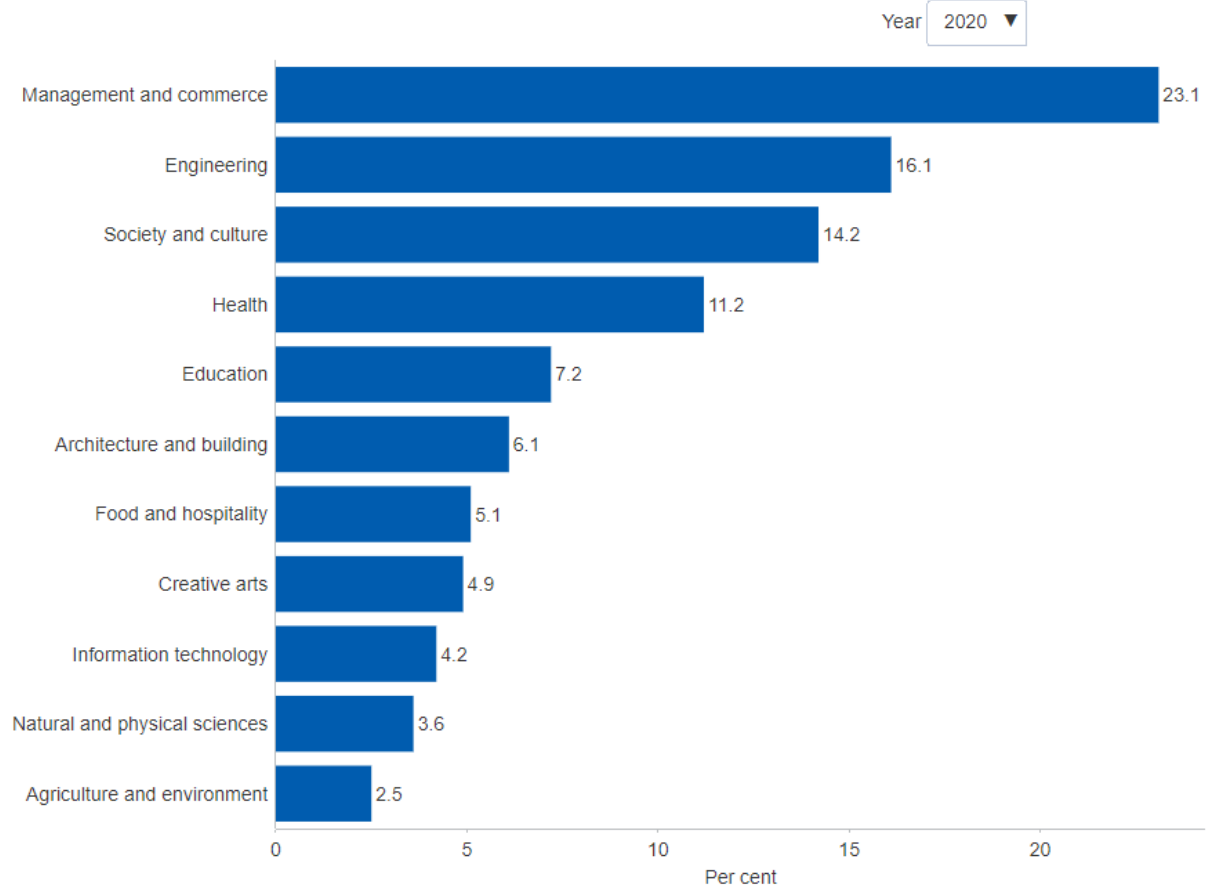


### 5.1.2 Adults with non-school qualifications by field of study

Students' choice of field of study is guided by a range of factors, such as personal aspirations, previous experience, education assessment results, or perceptions of future employment prospects. In 2020, the top three successfully attained fields of study represented in the adult population with non-school qualifications in Australia were *Management and commerce* (23.1 per cent), *Engineering* (16.1 per cent) and *Society and culture* (14.2 per cent). The proportions of different fields of study represented in the adult population with non-school qualifications remained broadly unchanged between 2015 and 2020.<sup>1</sup>

**Figure: Adults with non-school qualifications, by field of study, per cent, latest 2020**



<sup>1</sup> ABS, *Education and Work, Australia*, Cat. No. 6227.0 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/education-and-work-australia/latest-release>)