

## Industry

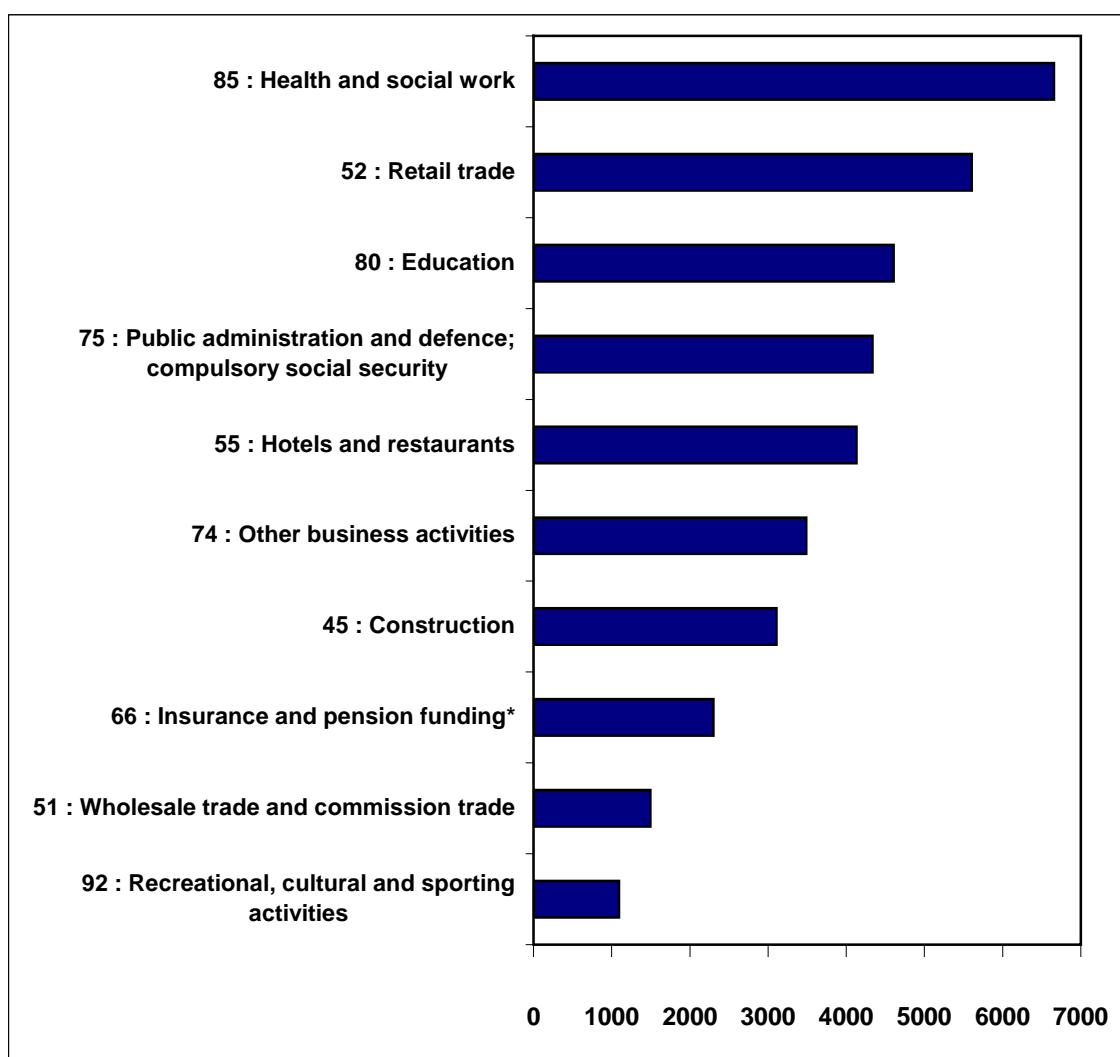


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- Health and social work – 6,700 employees
- Retail trade – 5,600 employees
- Education – 4,600 employees
- Public administration and defence; compulsory social security – 4,300 employees
- Hotels and restaurants – 4,100 employees
- Other business activities – 3,500 employees
- Construction – 3,100 employees
- Insurance and pension funding\* – 2,300 employees
- Wholesale trade and commission trade – 1,500 employees
- Recreational, cultural and sporting activities – 1,100 employees

**Figure 1: Stirling's Top Ten Largest Sectors (2-Digit SIC) by Employment, 2006**



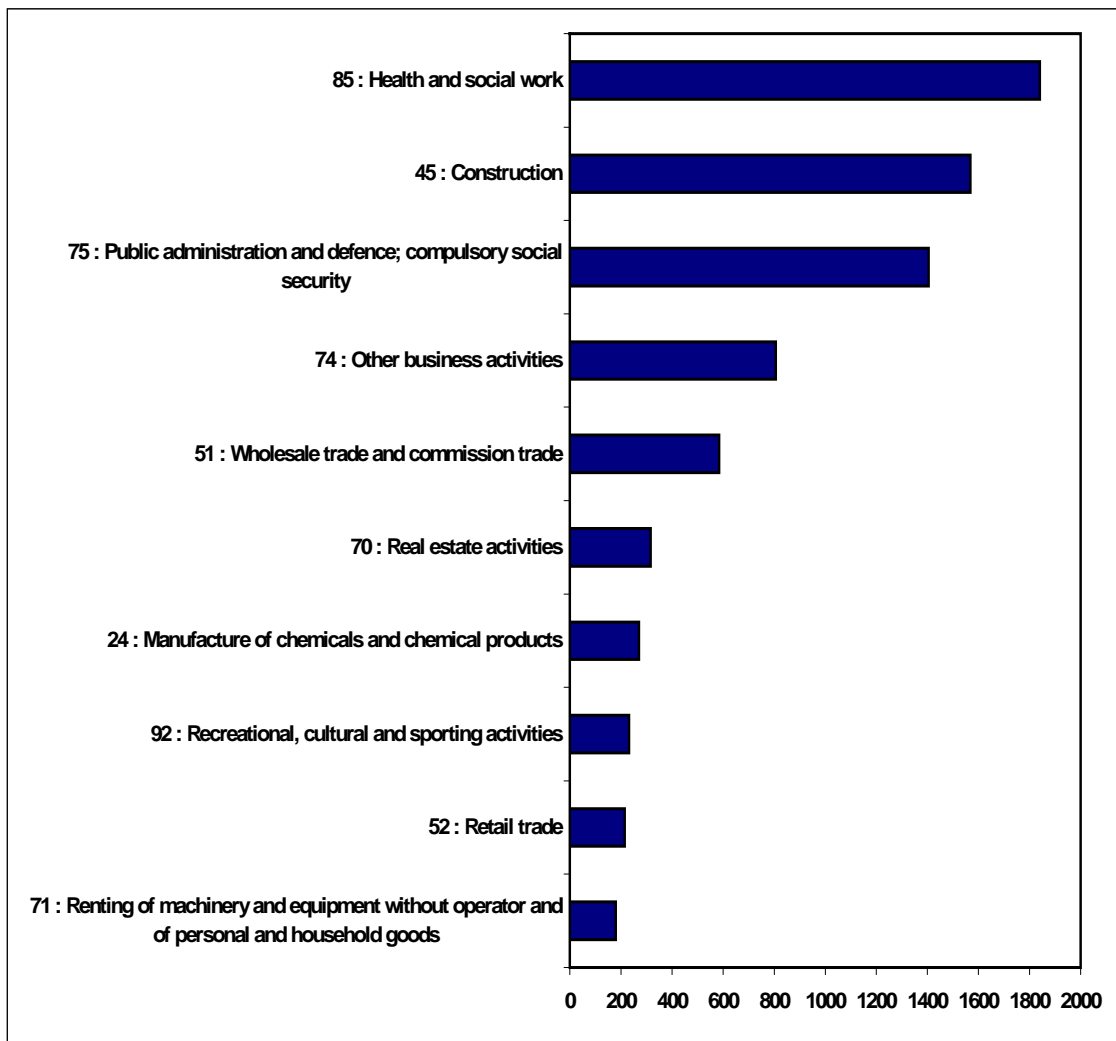
Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2006 – Employee Analysis (Nomis)

\* The figure for Insurance and pension funding has been compiled by Stirling Council for 2008 – ABI data for 2006 is confidential.

Figure 2 shows employment change in Stirling's ten fastest growing industries. The growth in number of jobs for each of these sectors between 2000 and 2006 was:

- Health and social work – 1,800 additional employees
- Construction – 1,600 additional employees
- Public administration and defence compulsory social security – 1,400 additional employees
- Other business activities – 800 additional employees
- Wholesale trade and commission trade – 600 additional employees
- Real estate activities – 300 additional employees
- Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products – 300 additional employees
- Recreational, cultural and sporting activities – 200 additional employees
- Retail trade – 200 additional employees
- Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods – 200 additional employees

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