

Australian Jobs Profile for Nov Qtr. 2015

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Summary

- The labour market entered a period of recovery in the 12 months leading up to the November Quarter 2015, when we compare it to the 12 months leading up to the August Quarter 2015.
- The jobs national labour market absorbed all new potential workforce entrants and also found jobs for some existing unemployed and hidden unemployed.
- This appears to have a political component with consumers driving up retail jobs.
- State Governments also continued hiring large numbers of health and education workers.
- Tourism regions gained jobs even though the industry itself grew by only 10,000 jobs.
- Demographically older, female Australians in traditional sea change retirement regions like Richmond Tweed or Wide Bay have seen big job gains and unemployment rate falls. Some Tasmanian regions also made an overdue recovery. For online map go to: <http://mgo.ms/s/ki9fy>
- Mining lost only 5,000 jobs but also seems to have exercised considerable negative leverage on jobs in mining regions in Western Australia and Northern Queensland.
- The big losers demographically were middle aged men in jobs at high risk of being replaced by computerisation.
- A serious gender imbalance is emerging with the labour market with a declining participation rate for men existing alongside record high participation rates for women.

Method and Presentation

This profile is based on jobs data collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The primary source is the monthly Labour Force survey by Regions (6291.0.55.001), but includes national data from 6202.0, detailed quarterly data from 6291.0.55.003, earnings by industry 6302.0 Job Vacancies Australia 6354.0 and Demographic Statistics 3101.0. We have also made some use of ABS data on underemployment and labour underutilisation. As detailed data is only available in Original form, we use this, unless otherwise stated to be Trend or Seasonally Adjusted.

The modelling used by ADS compares this cross section of data with our Elaborate database and uses inferential statistics to project these sample results onto all Australian postcodes and Commonwealth Electoral Divisions. Material in the ADS Elaborate database is based on data from the ABS Census, Electoral Commissions, Household Expenditure Surveys modelled by MDS Data Systems, data on home loan arrears and a wide range of published data on political and economic behaviour.

We present here, in Correlation Tables, the correlation between our database and the relevant jobs figures by region. The correlations have been ranked to typically show those which are normally significant to 95 percent or more (0.16). In other words, there's a five percent probability the correlations in the table are due to chance. The higher the correlation, plus or minus, the lower the probability it is due to chance.

The Correlation Charts should be read the same way as the worm debating chart – the zero line is neutral and the score heightens as the correlation increases its distance above or below the zero line. A positive correlation shown well above the zero line means that the demographic group in question is concentrated in regions or suburbs with high or increasing levels of the relevant jobs figure. A negative correlation well below the zero line means they're concentrated in regions or suburbs where the jobs figure is lower or falling.

Growth in hidden unemployment across labour market regions after the GFC led us to rely more on workforce participation and employment growth as a stronger guide to the health of regional labour markets than the traditional unemployment rate. In this report we include charts on participation, employment and unemployment rates.

Labour Market data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics has undergone a major overhaul. The monthly figures for August and September 2013 appear to contain non-sampling errors due to questionnaire compliance which has impacted on the Year on Year employment figures to August and September 2014 and this can be seen in some of the following descriptive charts. These problems appear to be getting progressively overcome by the ABS. Caution is however recommended, as always. To minimise errors, we now use original quarterly data year on year and avoid seasonal or trend monthly data.

Month & Year	Employed total Persons	Unemploy ed total Persons	Labour Force Persons	Not in the Labour Force Persons	Civilian population Persons	Unemploy ment rate Persons	Particip ation rate Persons	12 month change Employed Persons	12 month change Unemploy ed Persons	12 month change Labour Force Persons	12 month change Not in the Labour Force Persons	12 month change Civilian population Persons	12 month change Unemploy ment rate Persons	12 month change Participati on rate Persons
Nov-2008	10,757.3	465.9	11,223.2	6,034.1	17,257.3	4.2	65.0	216.2	12.6	228.8	164.9	393.7	0.0	-0.2
Nov-2009	10,829.2	593.4	11,422.7	6,181.6	17,604.3	5.2	64.9	99.0	131.0	230.0	157.3	387.3	1.0	-0.1
Nov-2010	11,144.5	558.2	11,702.8	6,175.2	17,878.0	4.8	65.5	402.8	-28.4	374.4	3.4	377.8	-0.4	0.7
Nov-2011	11,240.3	578.1	11,818.4	6,351.3	18,169.7	4.9	65.0	42.9	14.6	57.5	168.0	225.5	0.1	-0.5
Nov-2012	11,373.9	588.7	11,962.6	6,536.7	18,499.3	4.9	64.7	133.6	10.6	144.2	185.4	329.6	0.0	-0.4
Nov-2013	11,439.8	656.5	12,096.3	6,707.2	18,803.4	5.4	64.3	65.9	67.8	133.7	170.4	304.1	0.5	-0.3
Nov-2014	11,572.7	722.6	12,295.3	6,789.8	19,085.1	5.9	64.4	132.9	66.1	199.0	82.7	281.7	0.4	0.1
Nov-2015	11,919.1	689.0	12,608.1	6,756.0	19,364.1	5.5	65.1	346.4	-33.6	312.8	-33.9	278.9	-0.4	0.7

Table 1. National labour market summary (shown in 000's). The monthly figures for each year are in the left hand columns (green headings) and the Year on Year figures (YoY) are in the right hand columns (blue headings). These figures are for the months of November from 2008 onwards.

Given our long term participation and unemployment rates of about 65 percent and 5 percent respectively, we should see 12-month employment growth of 210,000 (not 346,400), unemployment growth of 10,000 (not a contraction of 33,600) and Not in the Labour Force growth of 120,000 (not a contraction of 33,900), from a growth in the eligible population of about 340,000 (not 280,000).

So our employment growth was about 140,000 above expectations, unemployment growth was about 40,000 below expectations and Not in the Labour Force was about 150,000 lower than we expected to see. In addition, the eligible workforce growth was about 60,000 lower than expected.

These figures show that in the 12 months to November 2015, the jobs market had been growing so strongly that, in net terms, the 346,400 jobs created absorbed all new entrants to the workforce as well as finding jobs for some 70,000 longer term unemployed and hidden unemployed. This jobs growth and declining civilian population cut the unemployment rate 0.4 percent and boosted the participation rate by an extraordinary 0.7 percent in 12 months – a figure which looks too good to be true. Unfortunately given the recent ABS problems with their new labour market series, figures which look too good to be true may indeed be just that.

These November figures are in marked contrast to the August figures under the previous Abbott Government, which showed the earlier labour market recovery to May 2015 had stalled, with job creation down below critical break-even levels, official unemployment up and hidden jobless on the rise. These trends combined to raise the unemployment rate and drop the participation rate.

Quarter & Year	Agriculture\ forestry & fishing	Mining	Manufacturing	Utilities	Construction	Wholesale	Retail	Accommodation & Food	Transport	Media	Finance	Real Estate	Professional consulting	Admin consulting	Public admin	Education	Health & social assist	Arts & recreation	Other Services	Total Employed
Nov-2007	342.9	137.1	1,038.8	109.6	953.6	371.9	1,240.9	679.2	553.4	234.2	400.5	193.3	763.7	335.5	628.9	785.7	1,084.7	199.5	481.9	10,535.1
Nov-2008	356.1	180.8	1,012.3	129.7	997.3	394.1	1,205.5	703.2	599.4	223.0	390.2	207.2	809.8	338.2	662.5	790.9	1,111.2	193.8	452.0	10,757.3
Nov-2009	348.1	165.5	980.8	121.2	982.7	426.4	1,192.2	736.7	568.6	212.1	396.0	183.1	827.8	369.5	673.8	837.1	1,176.6	192.9	438.1	10,829.2
Nov-2010	354.8	198.9	975.3	145.2	1,029.1	399.0	1,213.3	751.7	577.1	211.4	375.0	206.9	832.7	400.4	690.5	861.3	1,273.8	185.0	463.1	11,144.5
Nov-2011	325.2	240.3	935.9	153.3	1,018.6	435.5	1,192.6	751.0	574.9	198.6	413.2	190.7	850.2	391.2	730.6	857.5	1,336.0	201.9	443.2	11,240.3
Nov-2012	300.6	262.1	953.0	140.5	995.7	416.1	1,217.2	772.1	600.6	215.3	407.9	194.1	898.9	395.6	691.6	896.1	1,357.0	203.3	456.2	11,373.9
Nov-2013	321.5	270.6	932.7	153.9	1,005.5	399.6	1,250.5	755.3	598.7	183.5	401.9	191.5	875.4	384.5	750.2	899.0	1,398.8	200.6	466.3	11,439.8
Nov-2014	322.9	224.9	910.0	138.5	1,048.7	382.6	1,252.5	819.3	608.4	207.6	409.3	218.4	934.2	379.7	731.3	907.9	1,381.4	232.6	462.5	11,572.7
Nov-2015	318.3	219.8	855.2	140.4	1,046.9	385.3	1,299.8	829.1	617.5	217.4	451.5	213.6	1,002.6	415.8	730.8	942.7	1,533.4	227.4	471.5	11,919.1
Nov 15 minus Nov 14	-4.6	-5.1	-54.8	1.9	-1.8	2.7	47.3	9.8	9.1	9.8	42.2	-4.8	68.4	36.1	-0.5	34.8	152.0	-5.2	9.0	346.4

Table 2. This table shows quarterly employment levels by industry in 000's for the 11,919,100 employed persons in column two, bottom row, of Table 1. The last row of Table 2 shows movements from November 2014 to November 2015.

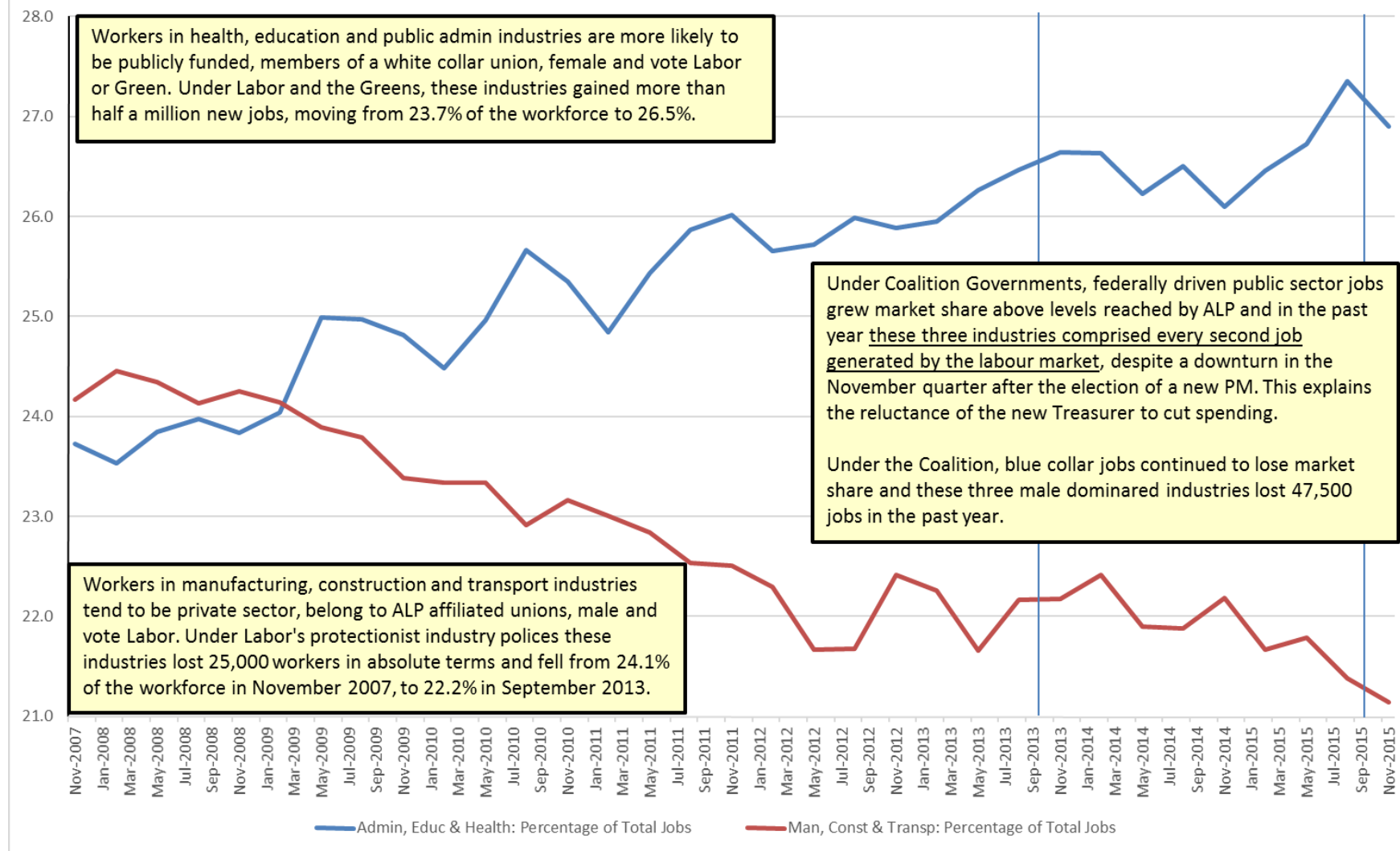
The past 12 months saw huge jobs growth in health and social assistance jobs of 152,000; close to half of the estimated total national jobs growth of 346,400. When we add in the additional workers in public admin and education, we see that the growth for these three predominantly female publicly funded or regulated industries was 175,500, just above half of the national jobs growth figure. Big gains came in the industries of professional consulting (68,400), retail (47,300), finance (42,300) and admin consulting (36,100).

Manufacturing jobs continued their steady decline which predates the GFC in 2008 and the three key predominantly private sector industries of manufacturing, transport and construction lost a combined 47,500 jobs (see Labour Market Shares chart on following page). Manufacturing has been contracting due to medium term reductions in industry protection and longer term pressures from technological change. This is an industry where three out of four of a diminishing number of jobs are held by men. We saw similar declines among other male dominated industries of mining, construction and agriculture.

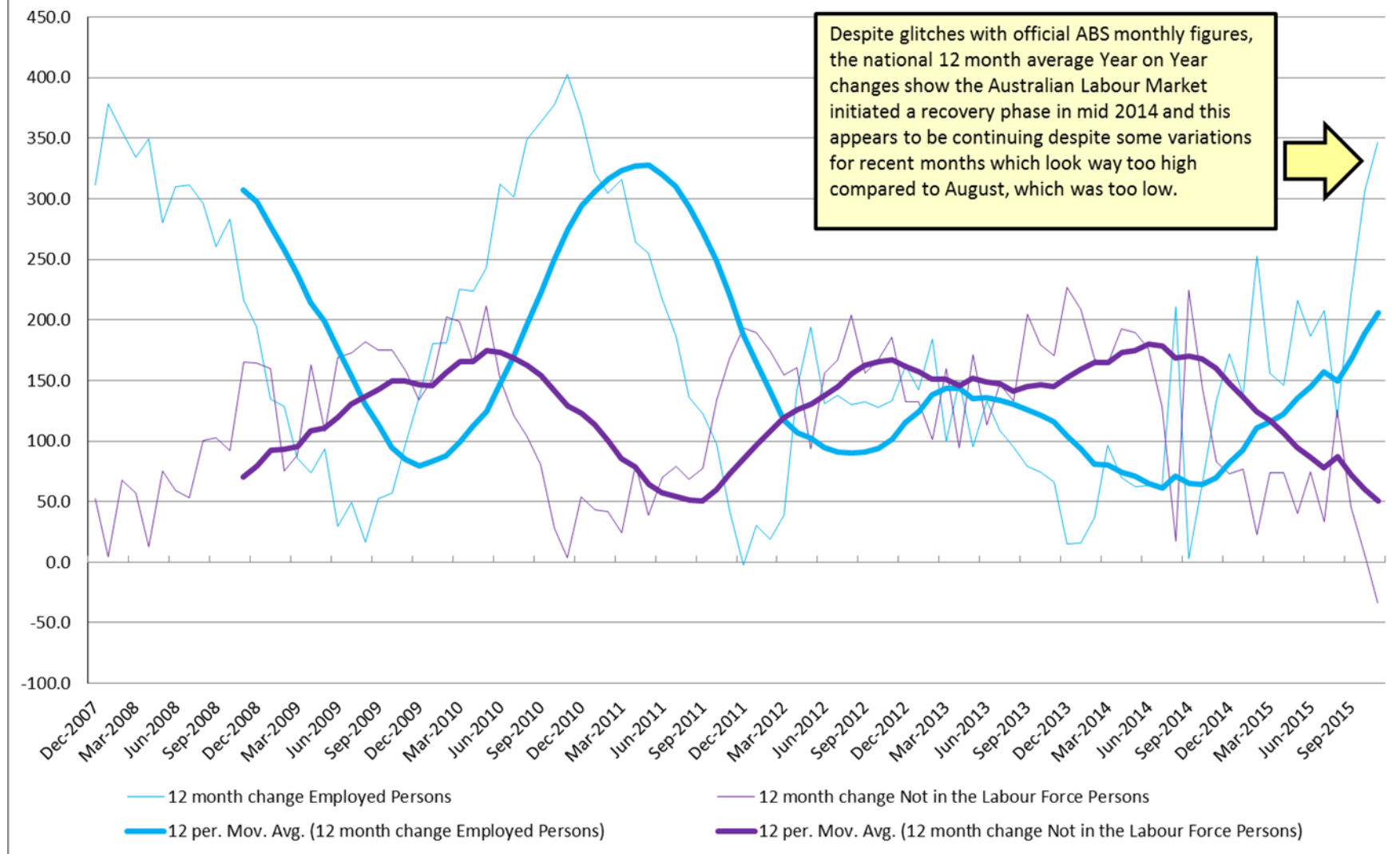
To the right of the chart we see the biggest gains in jobs over the past year have been in health and social assistance and four out of five of this fast growing number of jobs are held by women. Women also gained almost 50,000 jobs in finance and 30,000 jobs in education, two growth industries increasingly dominated by women.

Females performed so well across all industries that two thirds of the 346,400 jobs generated in the past 12 months were won by women.

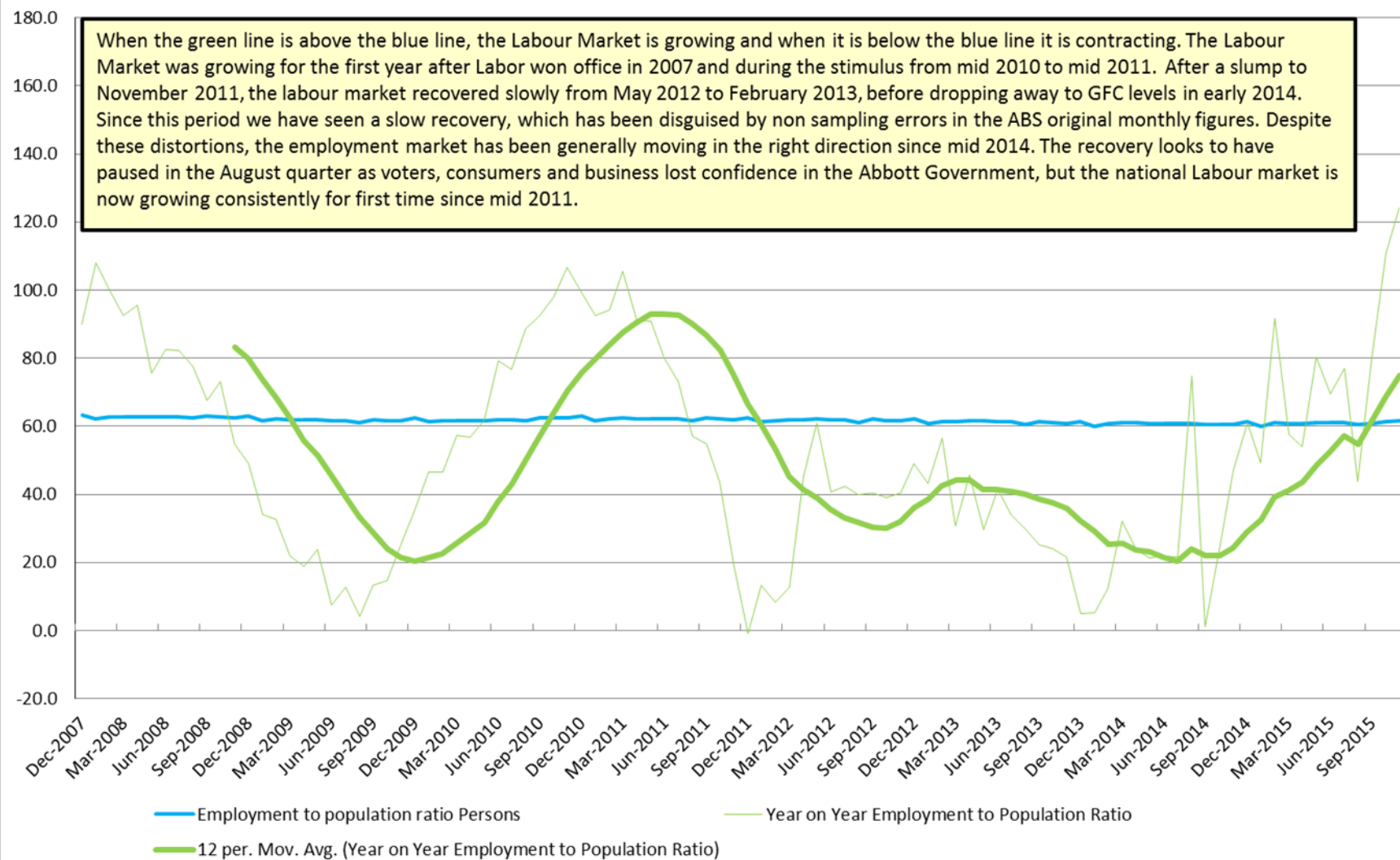
Labour Market Shares for Key Blue Collar and White Collar Industries



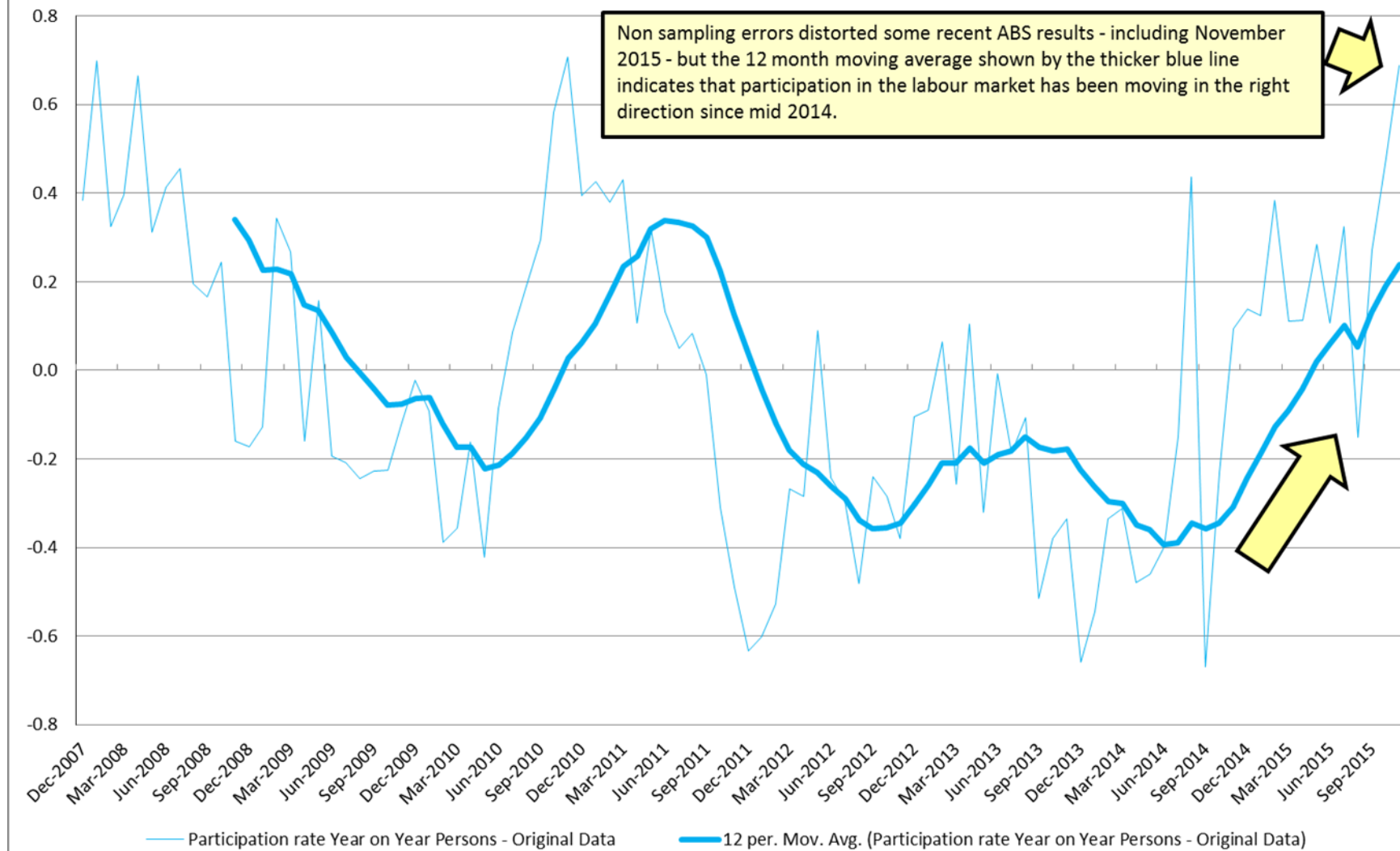
Labour Market Dynamic Year on Year



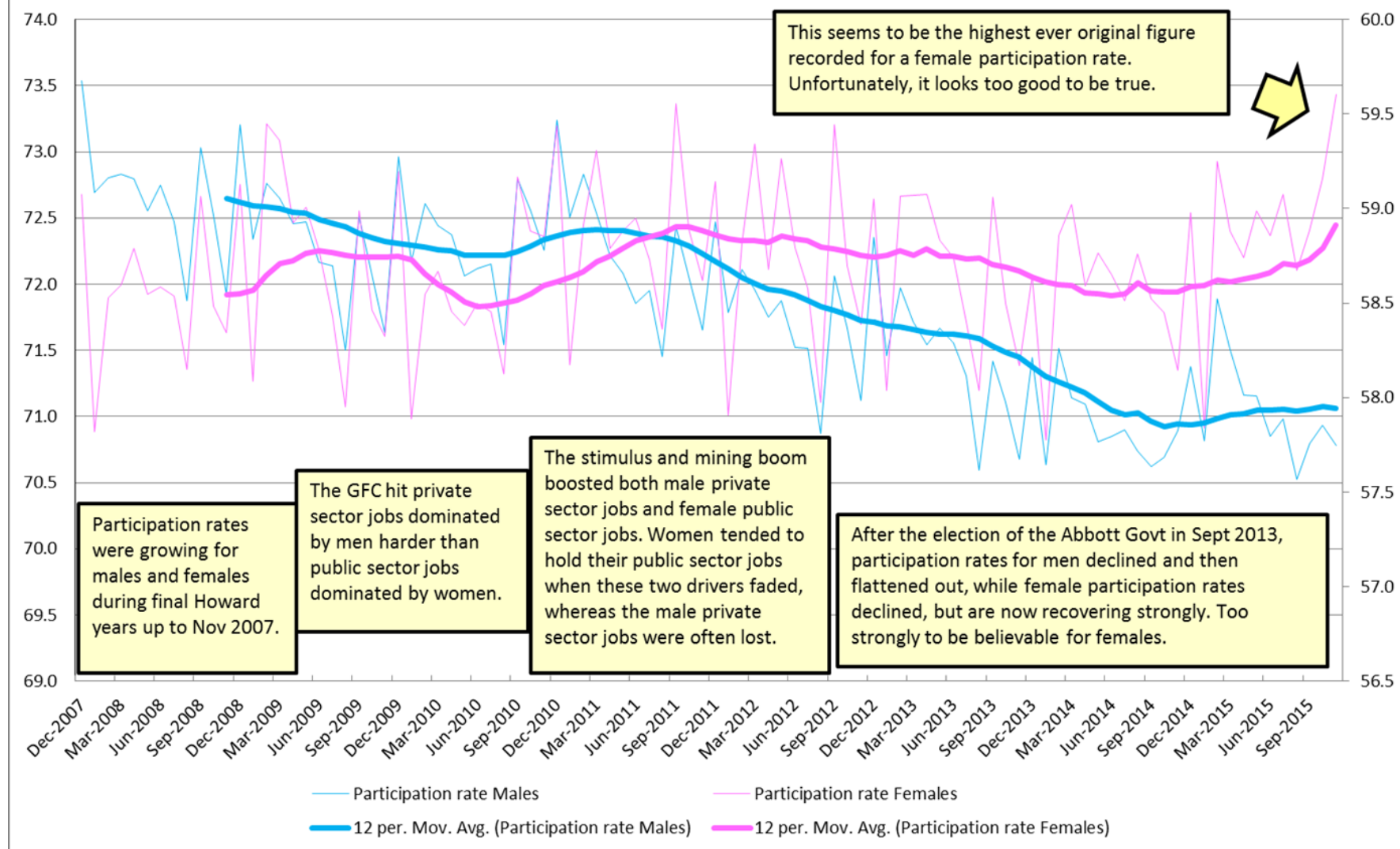
Employment to Population Ratios Year on Year and Monthly

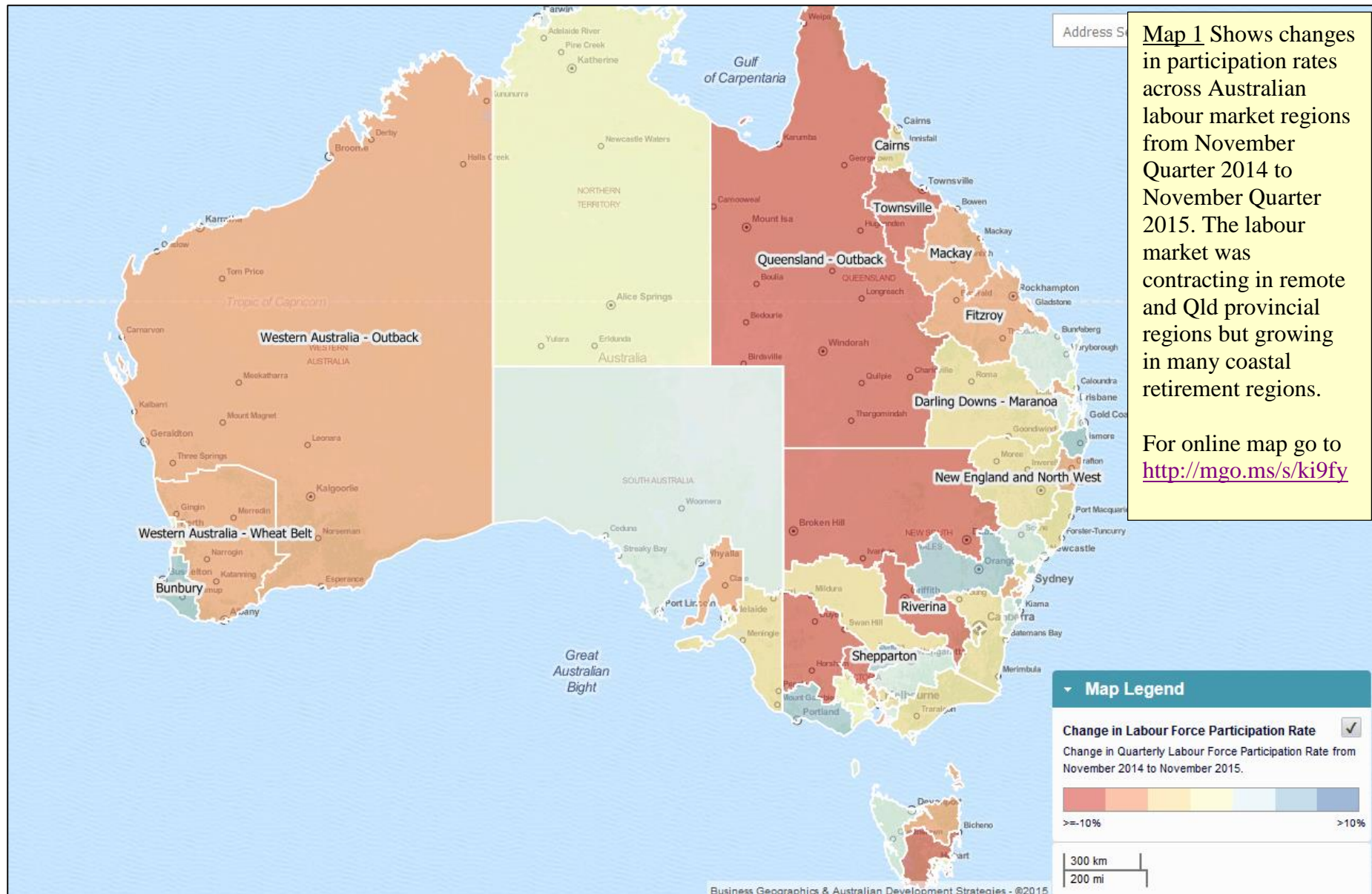


Participation rate Year on Year Persons - Original Data



Participation Rates for Males and Females (Original)





Labour Force Regions	Unem Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 14
Queensland - Outback	7.5
Perth - North East	2.9
Central Coast	2.5
New England and North West	2.5
Barossa - Yorke - Mid North	2.4
Western Australia - Outback	2.2
North West	2.1
Northern Territory - Outback	1.8
Perth - Inner	1.7
Perth - North West	1.7
Sydney - Ryde	1.7
Adelaide - South	1.5
Moreton Bay - South	1.4
Latrobe - Gippsland	1.4
Fitzroy	1.3
Bendigo	1.1
Adelaide - Central and Hills	1.1
Central West	1.1
Sydney - Blacktown	1.1
Sydney - Inner West	1.1
Melbourne - South East	1.0
Melbourne - West	0.7
Bunbury	0.7
Perth - South West	0.7
Adelaide - West	0.7
Western Australia - Wheat Belt;	0.7

Variables	Aust Means	Unem Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 14
Fem Mining	0.7	0.40
Mining	2.7	0.35
Commute Other	0.7	0.34
Renter Other	1.4	0.33
Separate House Bedrooms 0	0.1	0.33
Renter via State	4.1	0.31
Fem Aged 0-4	6.4	0.31
Other Tenure	0.9	0.29
Renter via Coop	0.7	0.28
Renter NS	0.6	0.28
Fem 25-29 one kid	1.4	0.28
Rent \$0-74	6.8	0.27
Fem fos Mixed Field Programs	0.2	0.25
Total Dwellings Bedrooms NS	1.8	0.25
Rent \$75-79	4.5	0.25
Fem 20-24 one kid	0.7	0.24
Separate House Bedrooms NS	1.2	0.24
Aus Indig Lang	0.3	0.24
Fem 25-29 three kids	0.3	0.24
PredPRMay15	65.0	0.24
Fem Other Lang at home	2.0	0.24
Other Lang at home	2.0	0.24
Fem Industry Other	3.6	0.24
Fem Aus Indig Lang	0.3	0.24
Internet Not Stated	3.5	0.24
Industry Other	3.9	0.23

Table 3. The 26 Labour Force Regions with the biggest rises in unemployment rates in the 12 months between November Quarter 2014 and November Quarter 2015 are shown at top left. A regional economy which has experienced rises in unemployment greater than 1.5 percent in a year can be considered to be experiencing recession levels of contraction. In the 12 months to August Quarter 2015, 21 regions were in this position but this had dropped to 12 regions by the November Quarter. WA is clearly still in trouble here.

Living in these regions at top right are younger male and female miners, often with very young families, living in subsidised rental homes either as FIFO workers in the suburbs or in barracks near the mines and this includes some indigenous workers. These workers losing jobs in the second half of the year were often those most likely to be employed in the first half of the year. These are not numerically large groups but they are volatile voters.

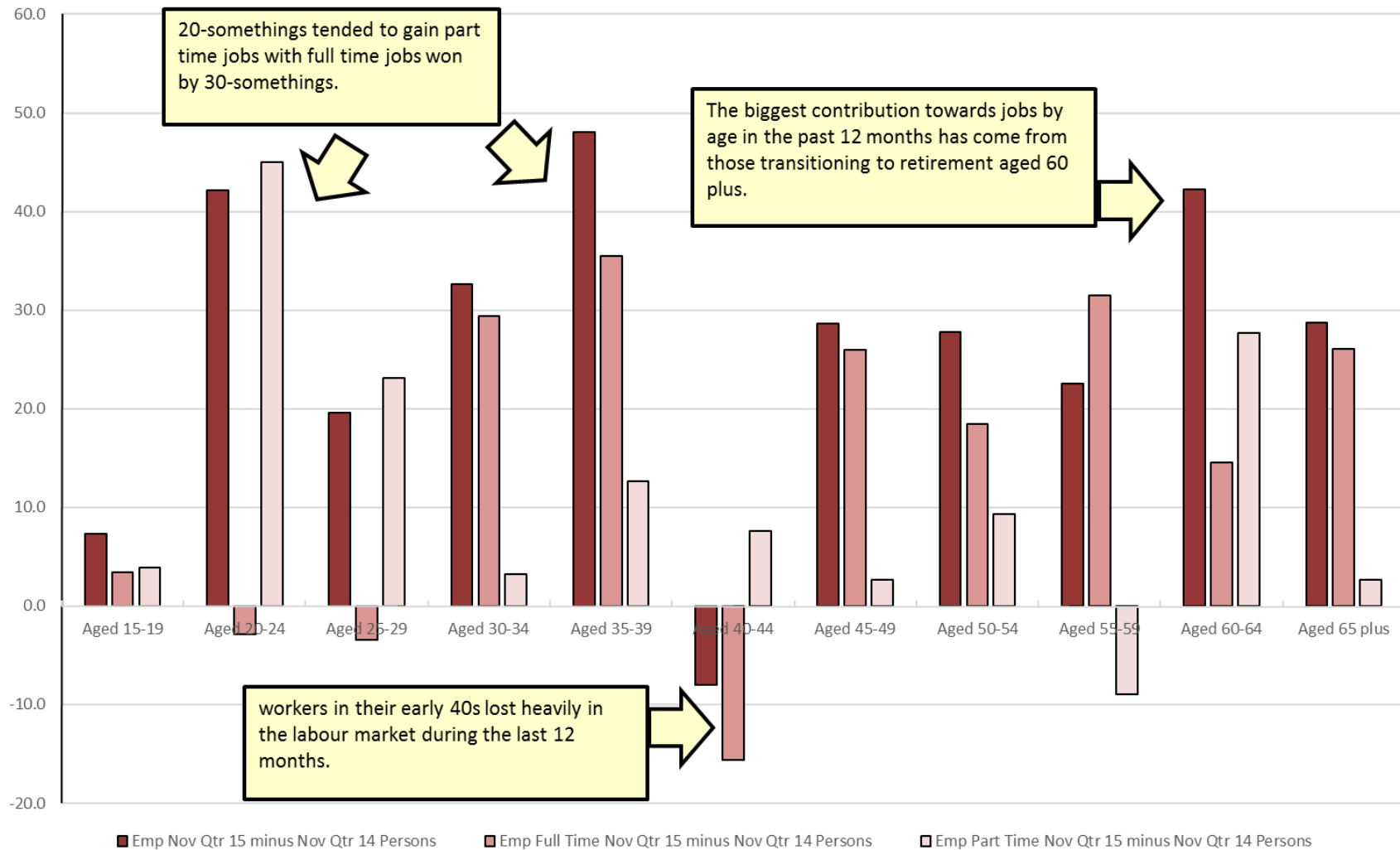
Labour Force Regions	Unem Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 14
Murray	-5.1
Geelong	-4.6
Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains	-3.6
South East	-3.5
Wide Bay	-3.1
Townsville	-2.8
Warrnambool and South West	-2.7
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	-2.6
Melbourne - Inner South	-2.6
Shepparton	-2.5
Sydney - City and Inner South	-2.4
Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	-2.3
Melbourne - Inner	-2.2
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	-2.1
Far West and Orana	-2.0
Brisbane - South	-1.9
Hume	-1.9
Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	-1.8
Logan - Beaudesert	-1.8
West and North West	-1.8
Moreton Bay - North	-1.4
Melbourne - Outer East	-1.4
Sunshine Coast	-1.3
Sydney - Outer South West	-1.3
Gold Coast	-1.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-1.3

Variables	Aust Means	Unem Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 14
Fem 75-79 one kid	0.2	-0.32
Mortgage stress	33.7	-0.30
Fem Presbyterian	2.9	-0.29
Fem Aged 60-64	5.6	-0.27
TAFE Students	2.2	-0.27
Fem 70-74 one kid	0.3	-0.26
Presbyterian	2.7	-0.26
Fem Aged 65-69	4.3	-0.26
Salespersons	6.7	-0.25
Fem 60-64 no kids	0.8	-0.25
Per Cap Welfare Income	\$5,729	-0.24
Fem 60-64 two kids	2.7	-0.24
Median age	37.00	-0.23
Aged 65-69	4.3	-0.23
Fem 75-79 two kids	0.8	-0.23
Retail	8.3	-0.22
Fem Aged 75-79	2.7	-0.22
Fem Aged 70-74	3.4	-0.22
Two Person Home	34.0	-0.22
Aged 60-64	5.6	-0.21
Fem 65-69 one kid	0.5	-0.21
Inc \$800-999	9.2	-0.21
persons 65-74 Married	6.2	-0.21
Fem 70-74 two kids	1.2	-0.21
Fully Owned Home	32.1	-0.20
PredUneMay12	5.2	-0.20

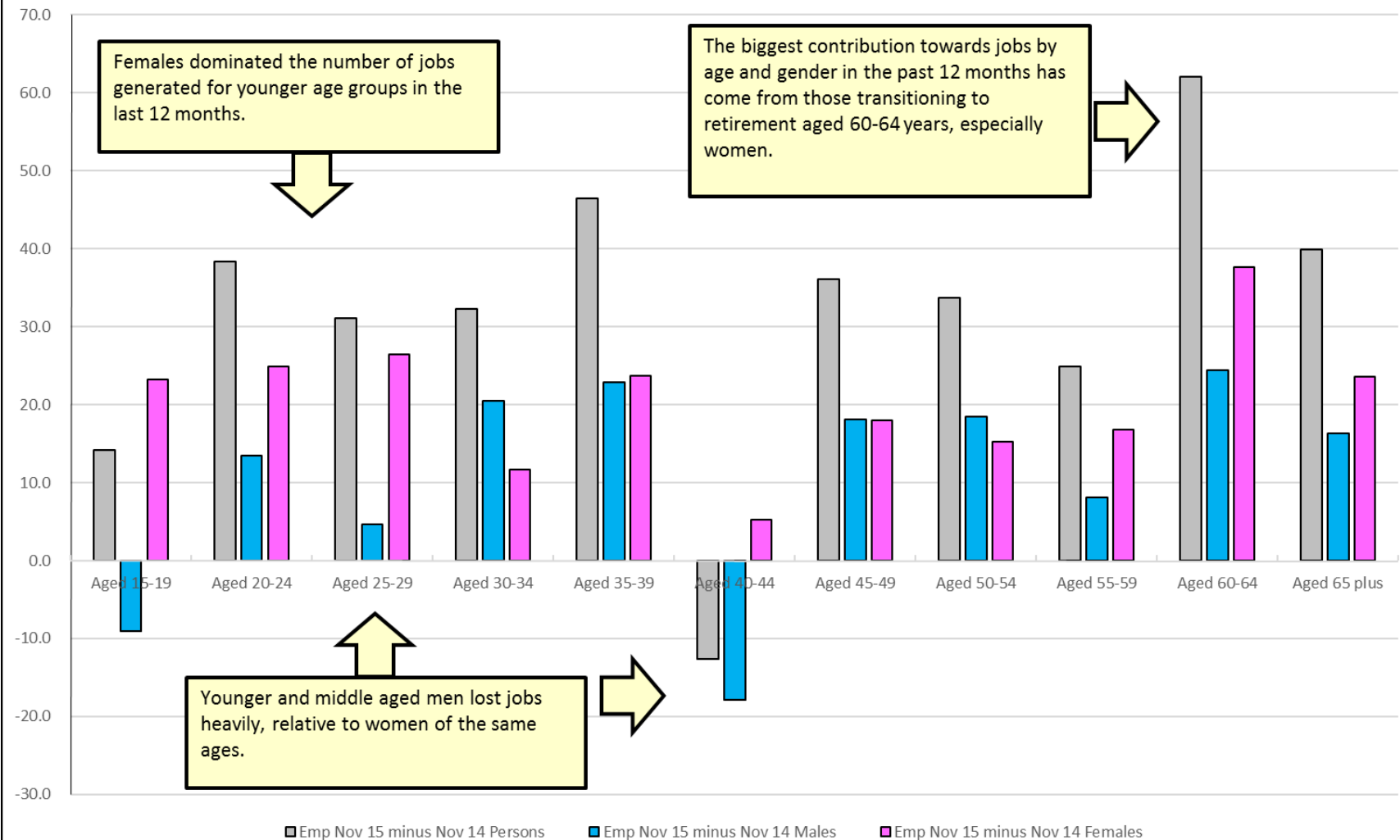
Table 4. The 26 Labour Force Regions with the biggest falls in unemployment rates in the 12 months to the November Quarter 2015 are shown at top left. Missing altogether from this table of recovering regions is the industrial rust belt state of South Australia, but it is pleasing to note some improvement in the high unemployment regions in Tasmania, as well as the older provincial city retirement regions along coastal Queensland along with a number of rural and provincial regions in New South Wales and Victoria.

The biggest demographics dominating these regions are older Australians around the transition to retirement age groups and older, who recently gained sales jobs. These older groups who haven't already paid off their home often still experience some signs of mortgage stress due to retirement planning which left them with a small mortgage being paid from assets or retirement income. There is also a small group of TAFE students – a group often associated with successful job seekers.

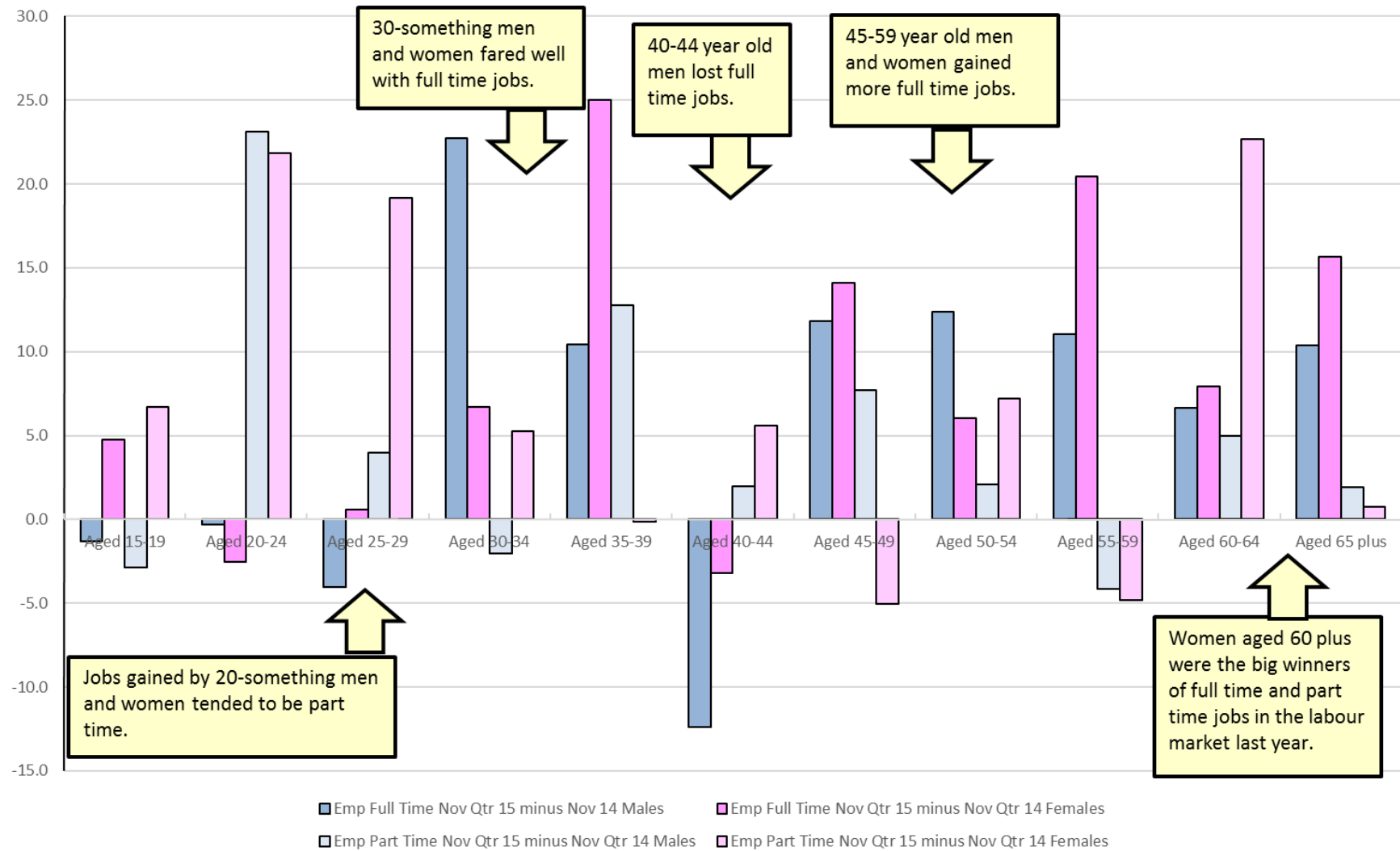
Employment Changes FT and PT by Age Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 14



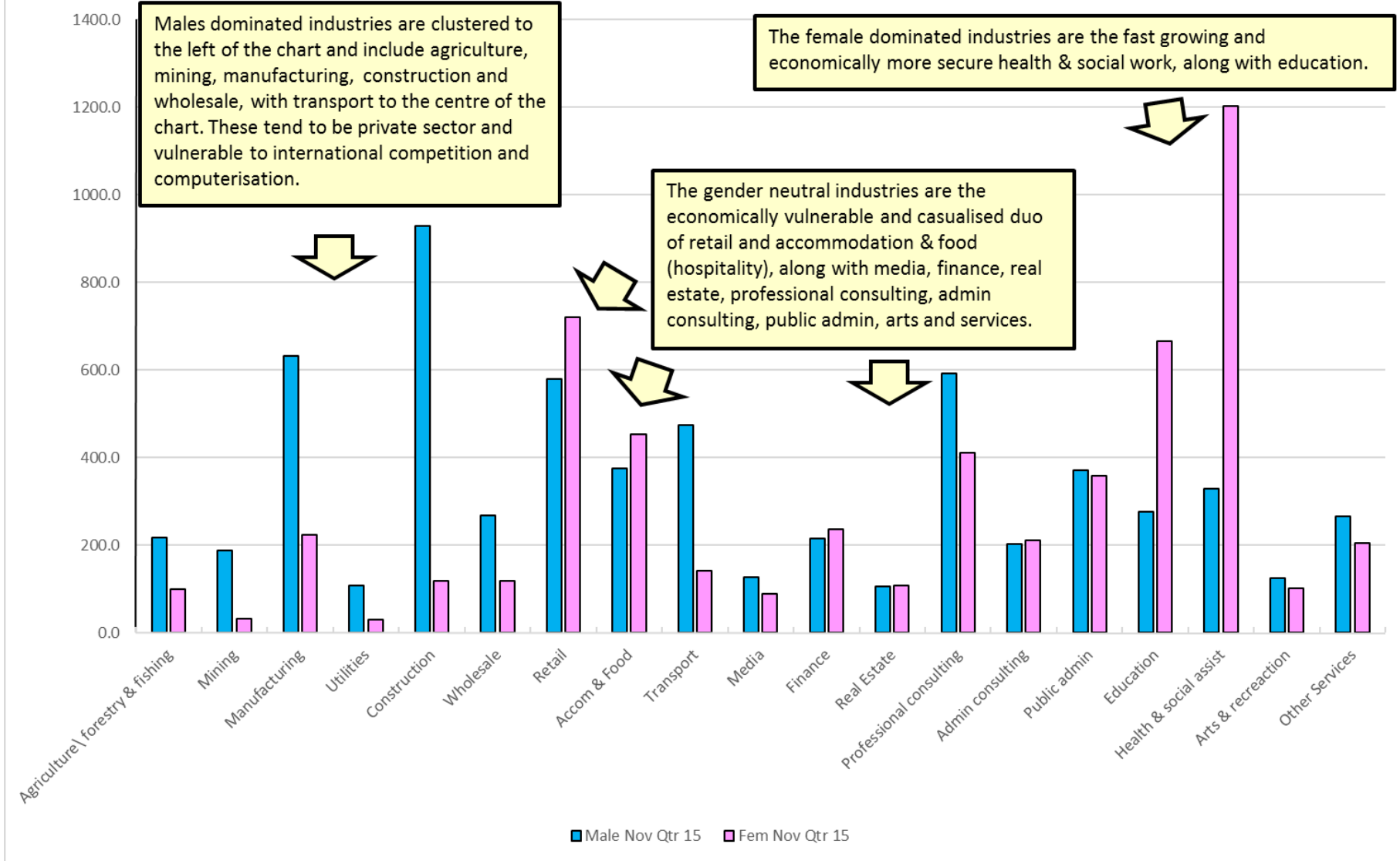
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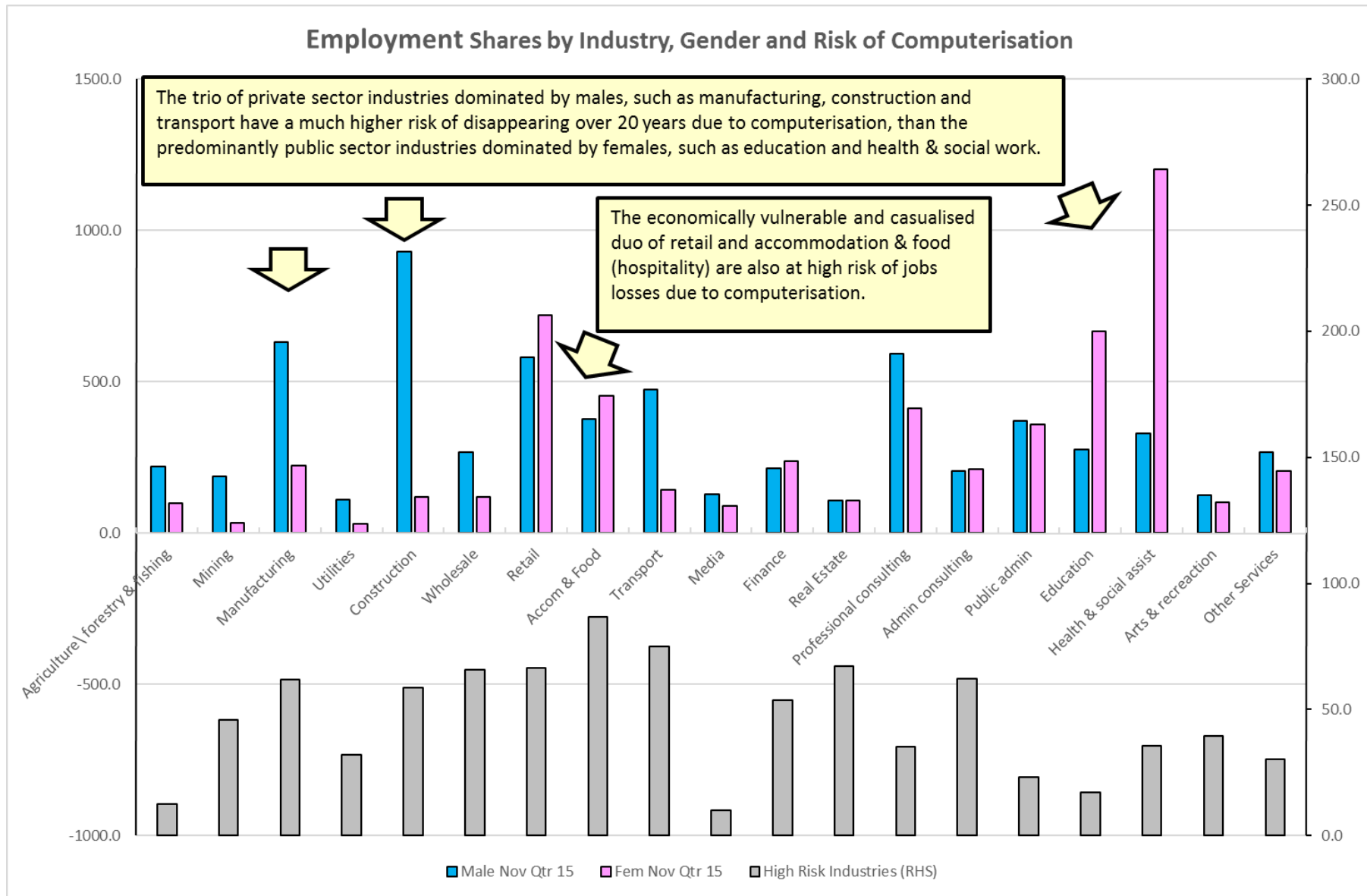


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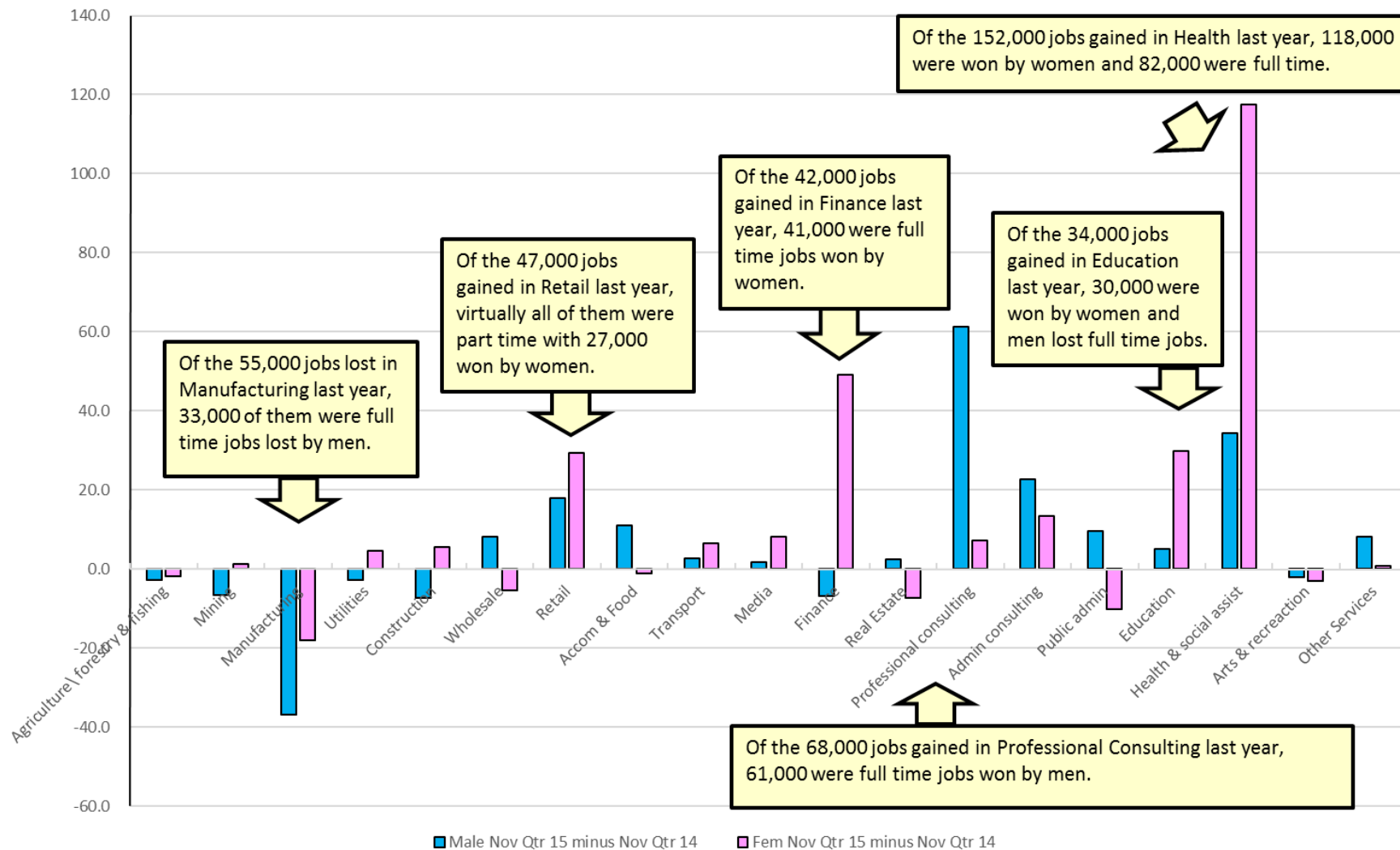


Employment Shares by Industry and Gender Nov Qtr 15

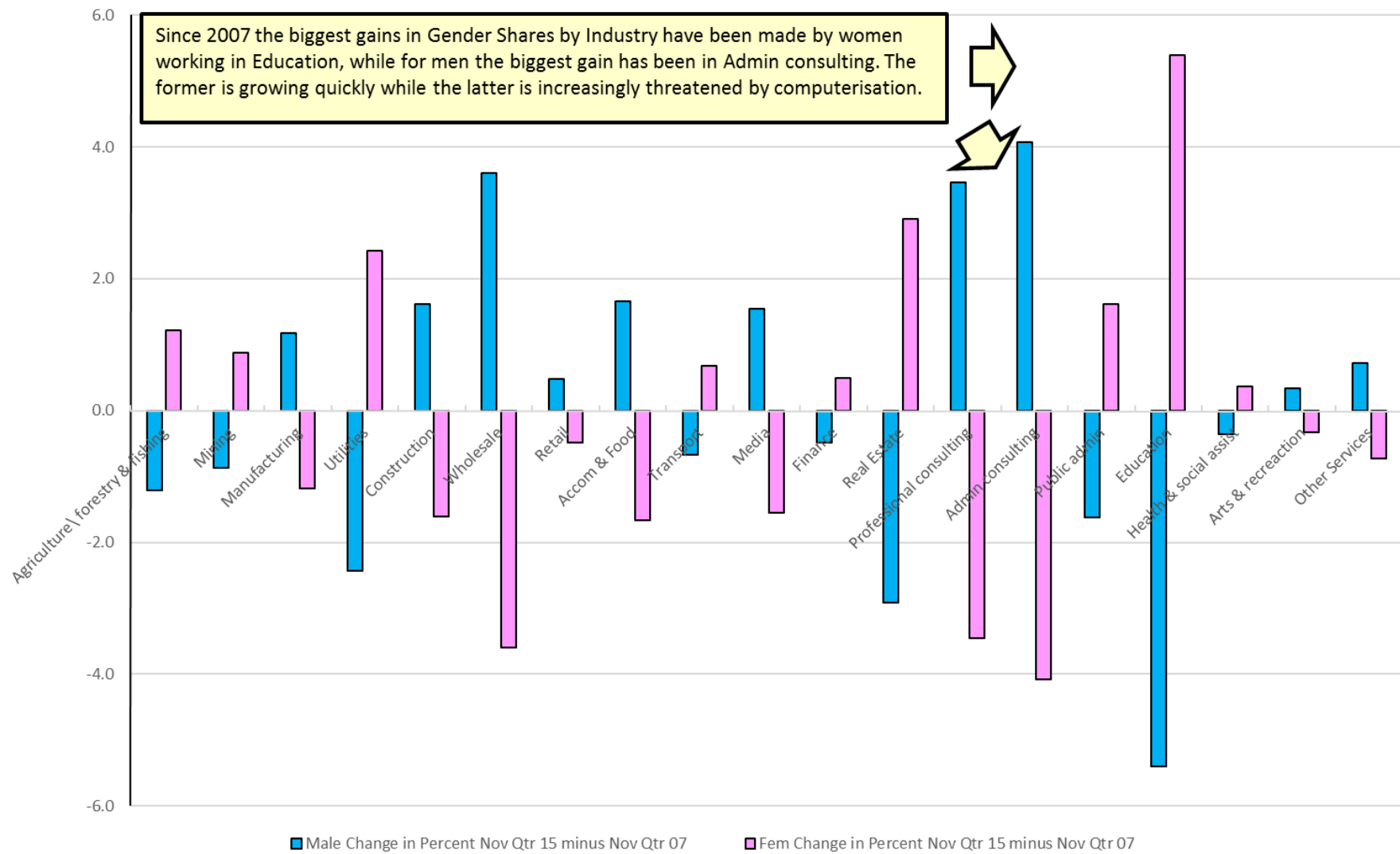




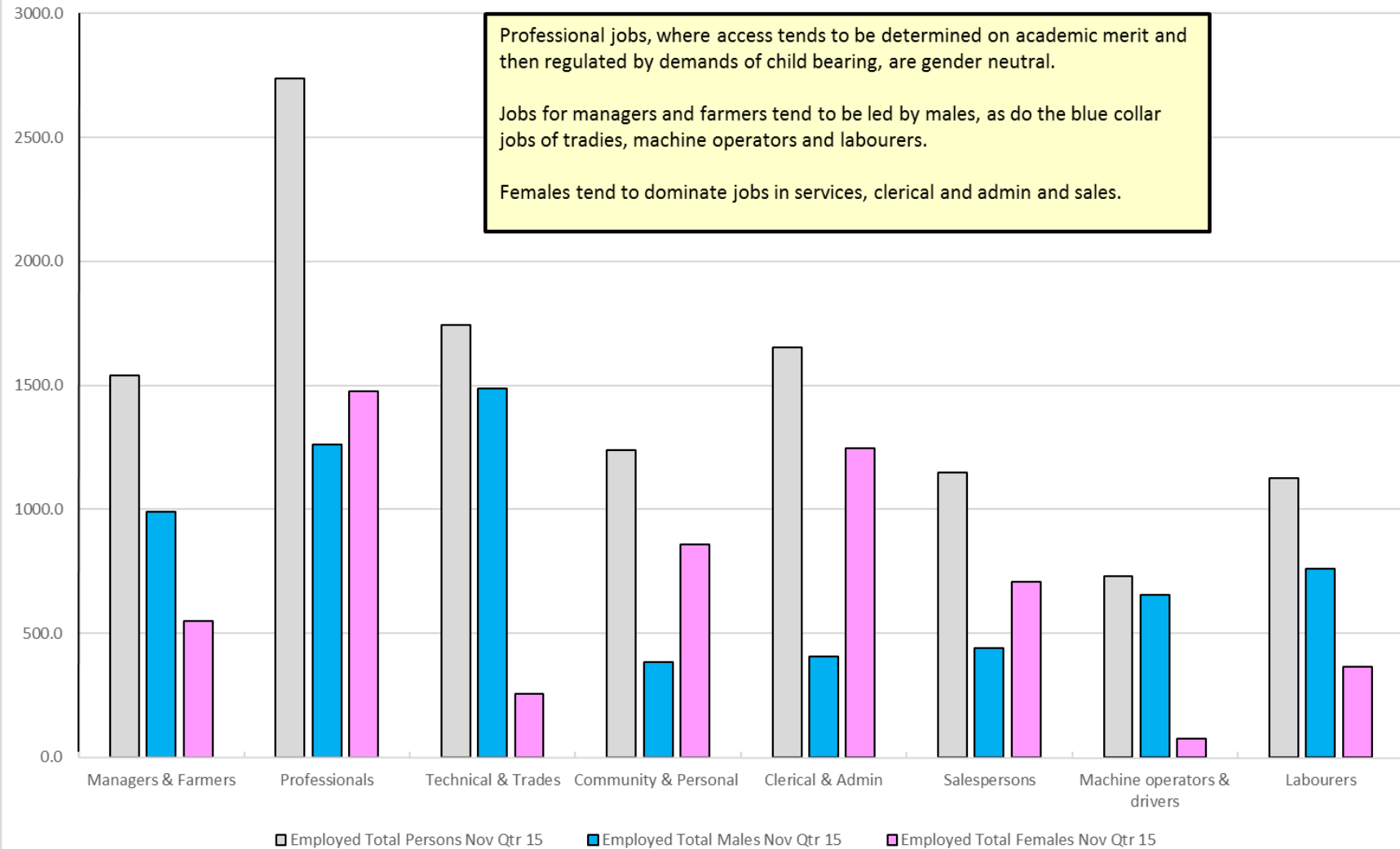
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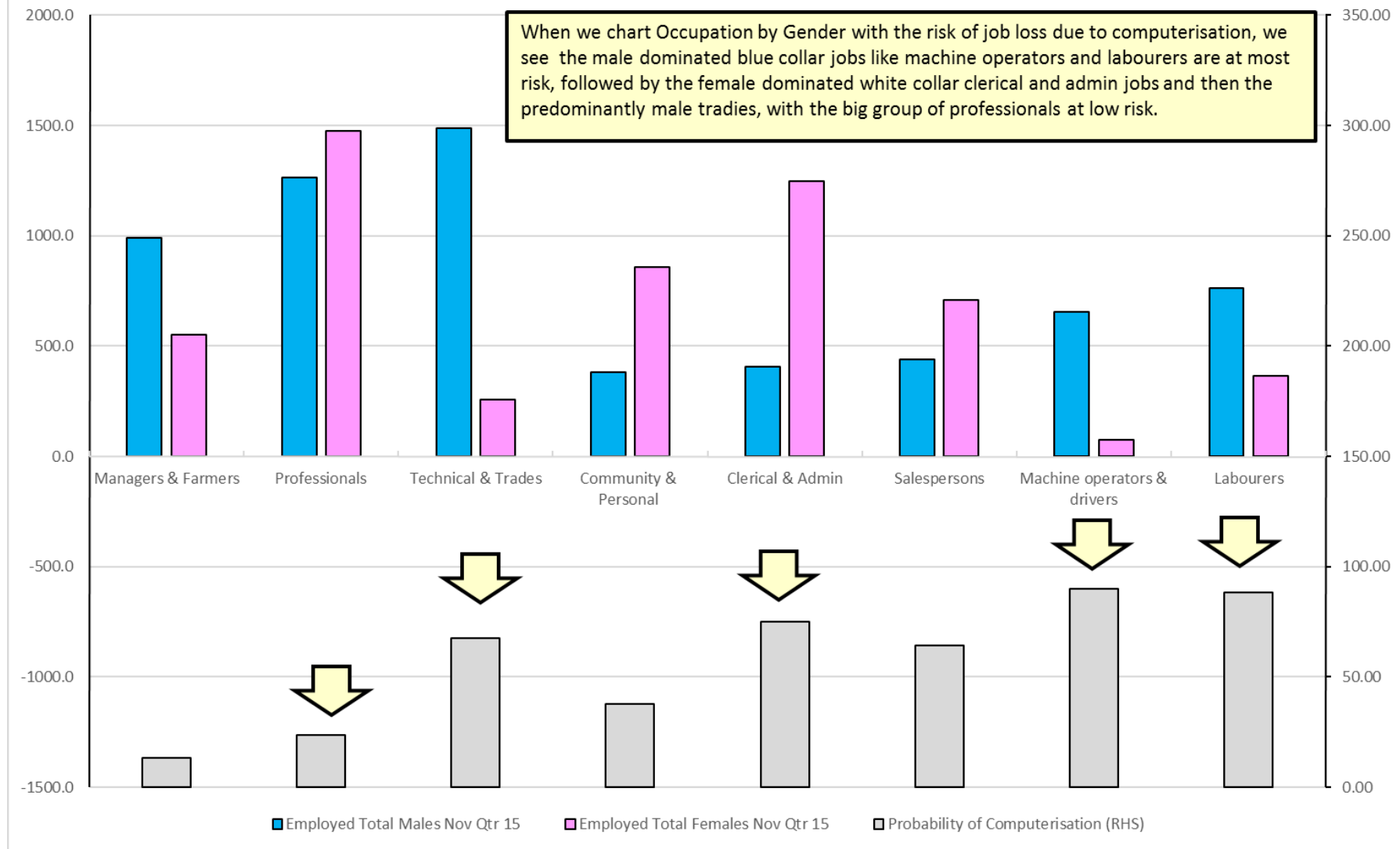
Employment Gender Shares by Industry Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 07



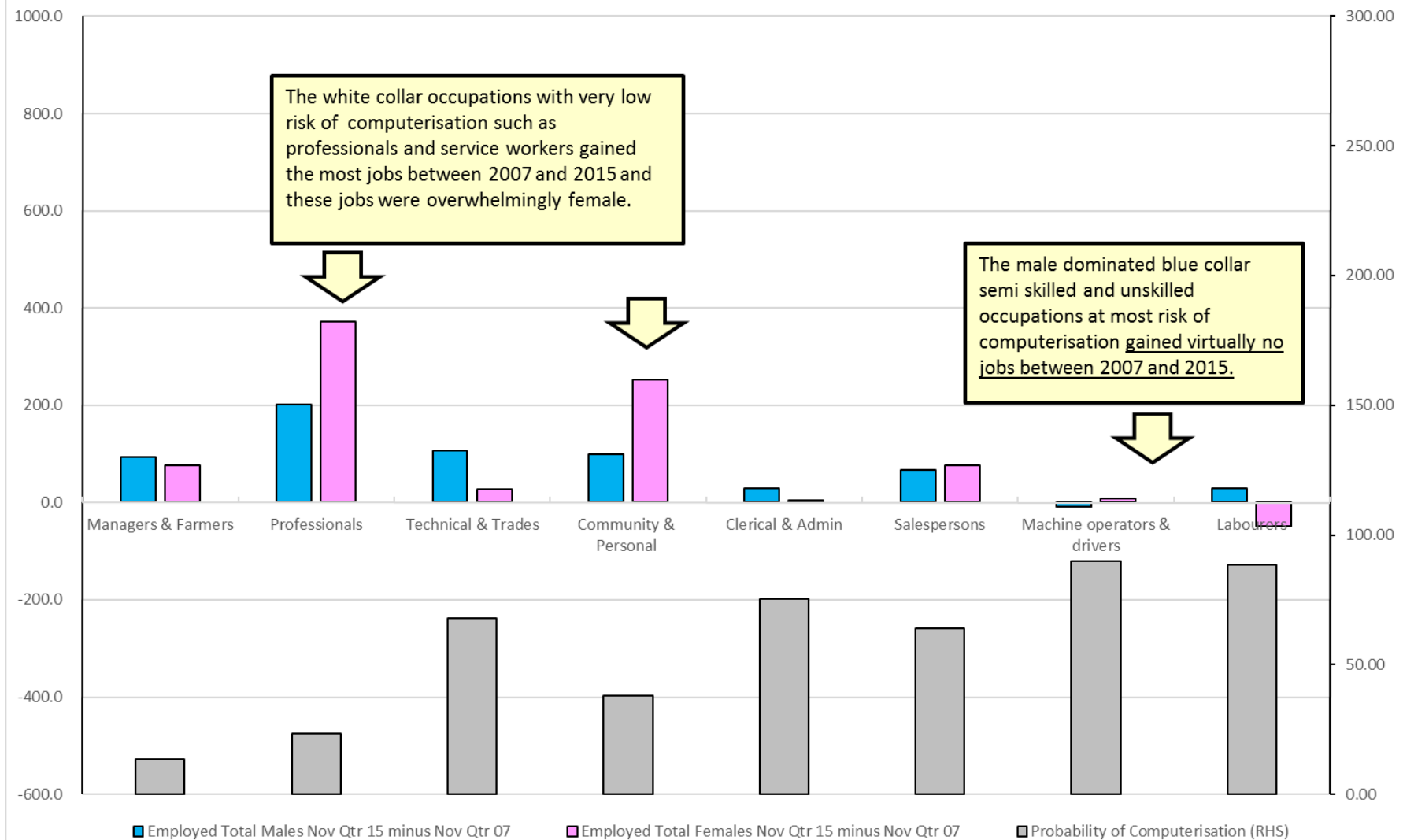
Employment Shares by Occupation and Gender Nov Qtr 2015



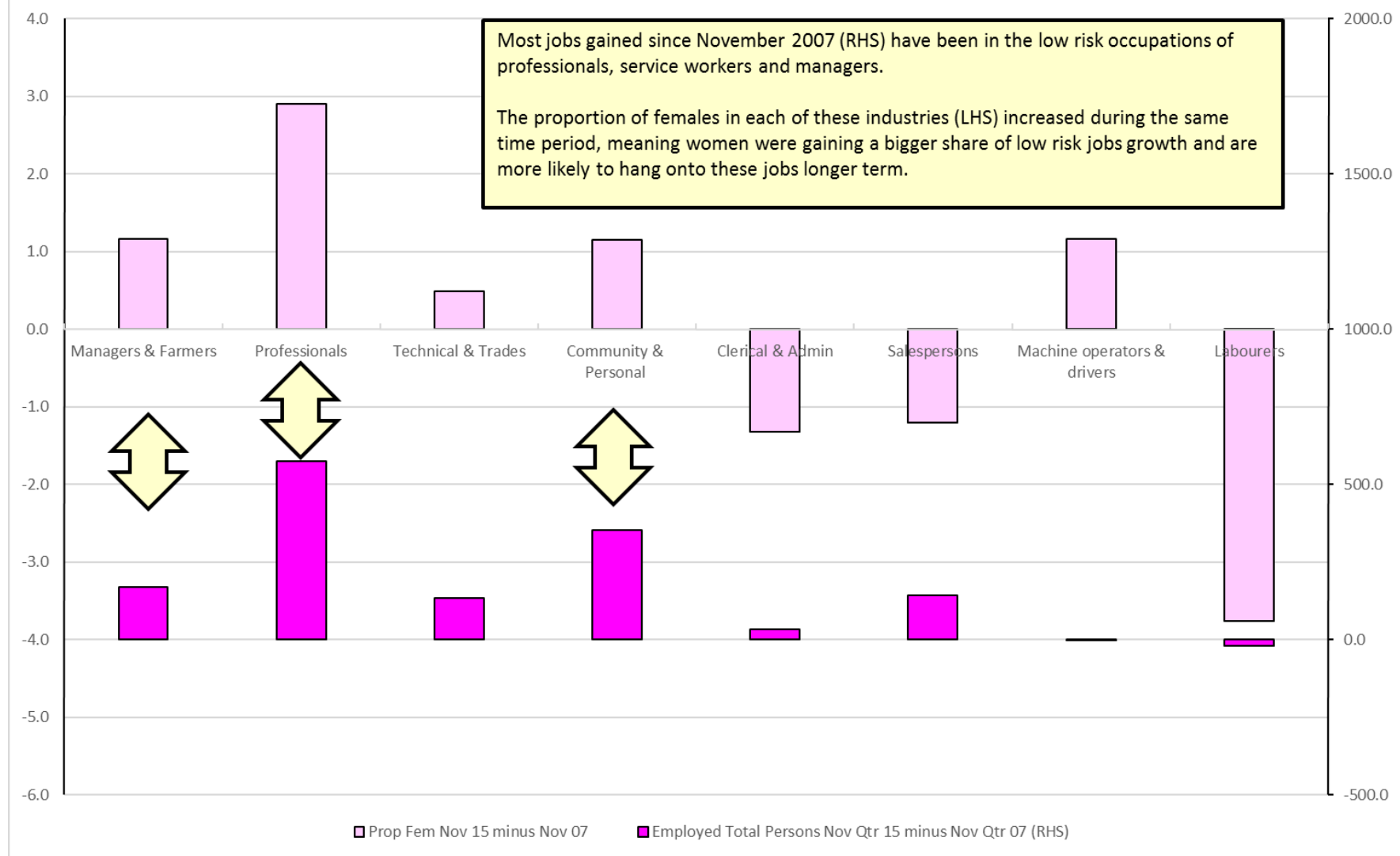
Employment Shares by Occupation, Gender and Risk of Computerisation



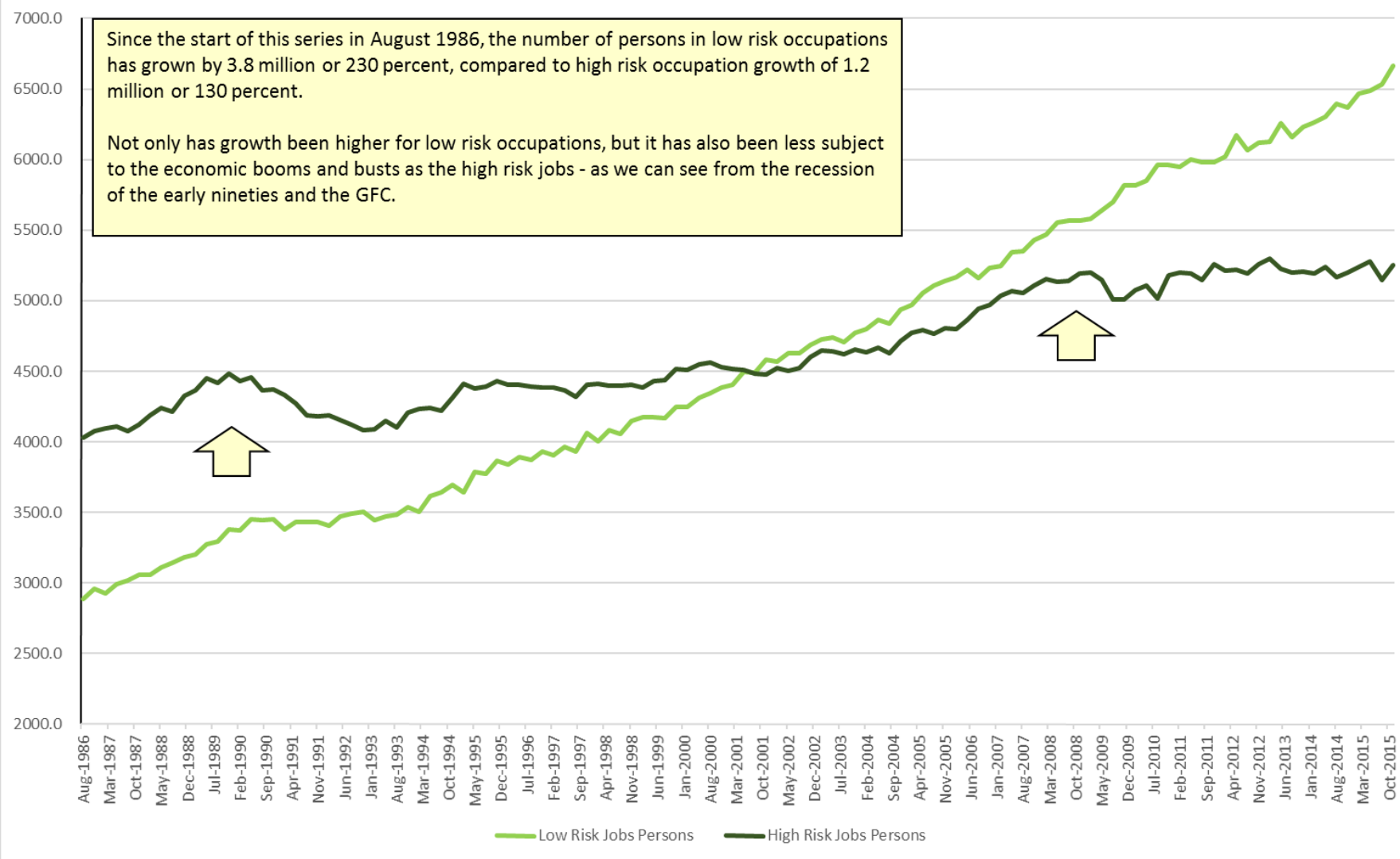
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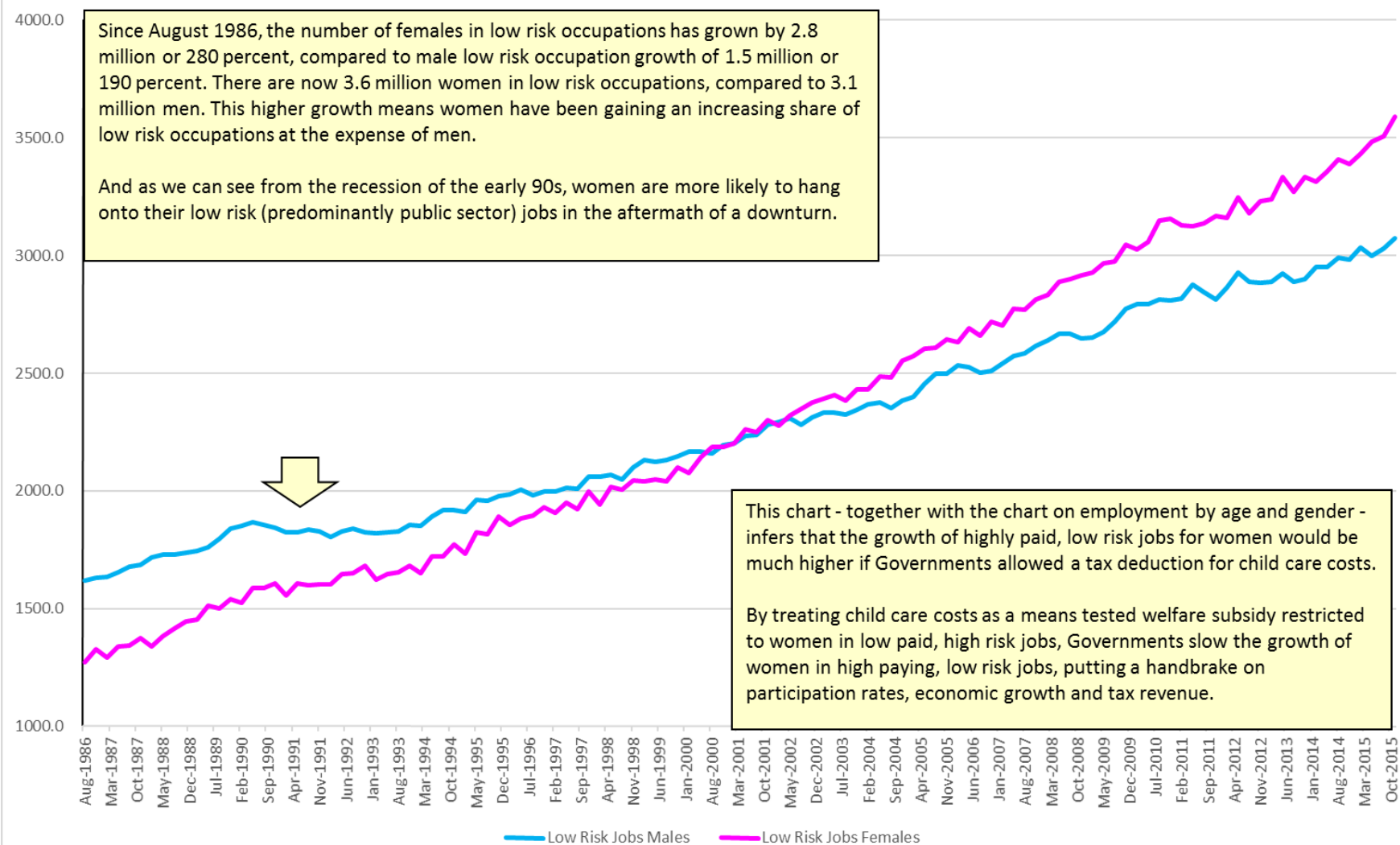
Employment Changes for females by Occupation Nov Qtr 15 minus Nov Qtr 07



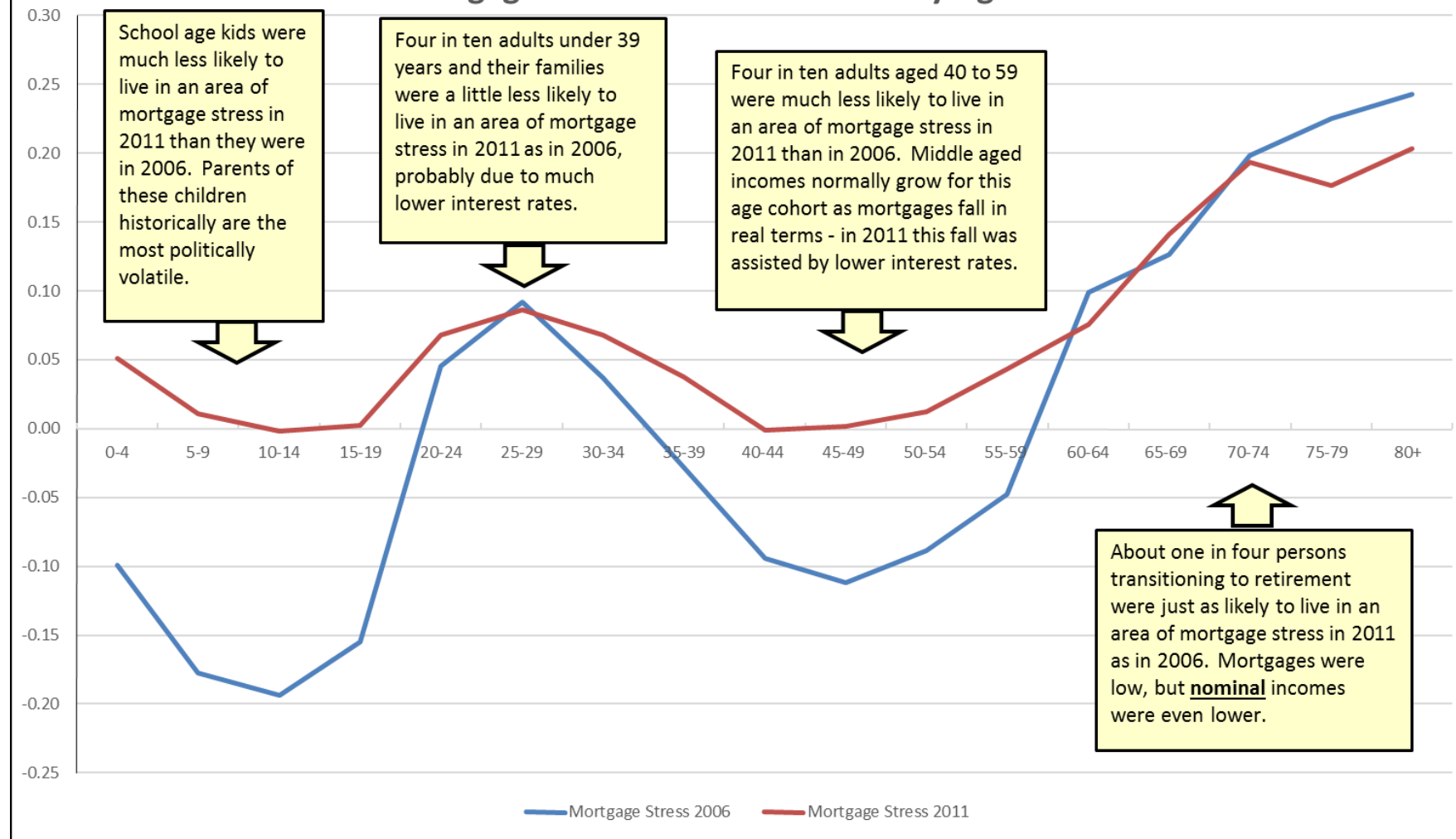
Longer term trends for high risk and low risk occupations - Persons



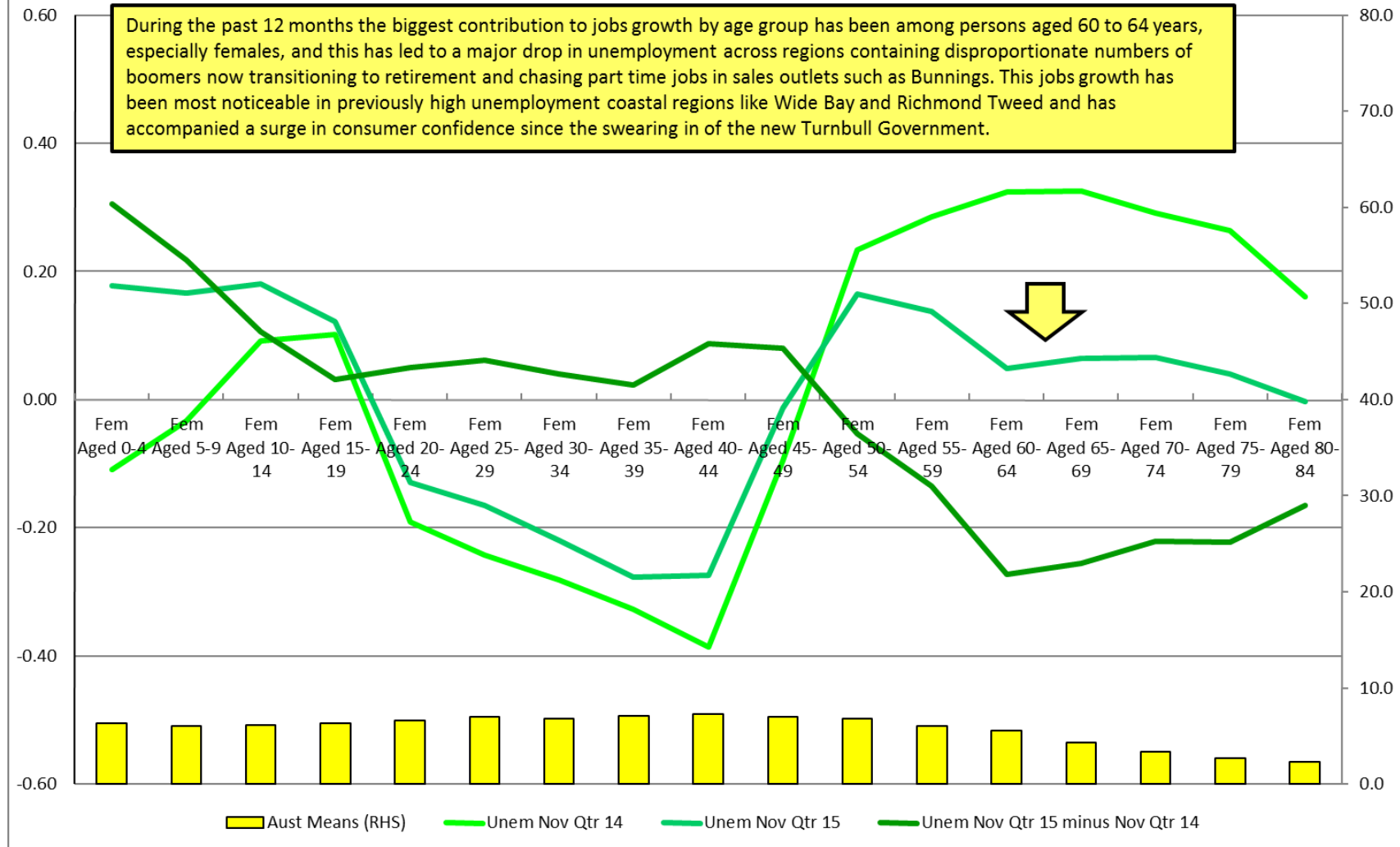
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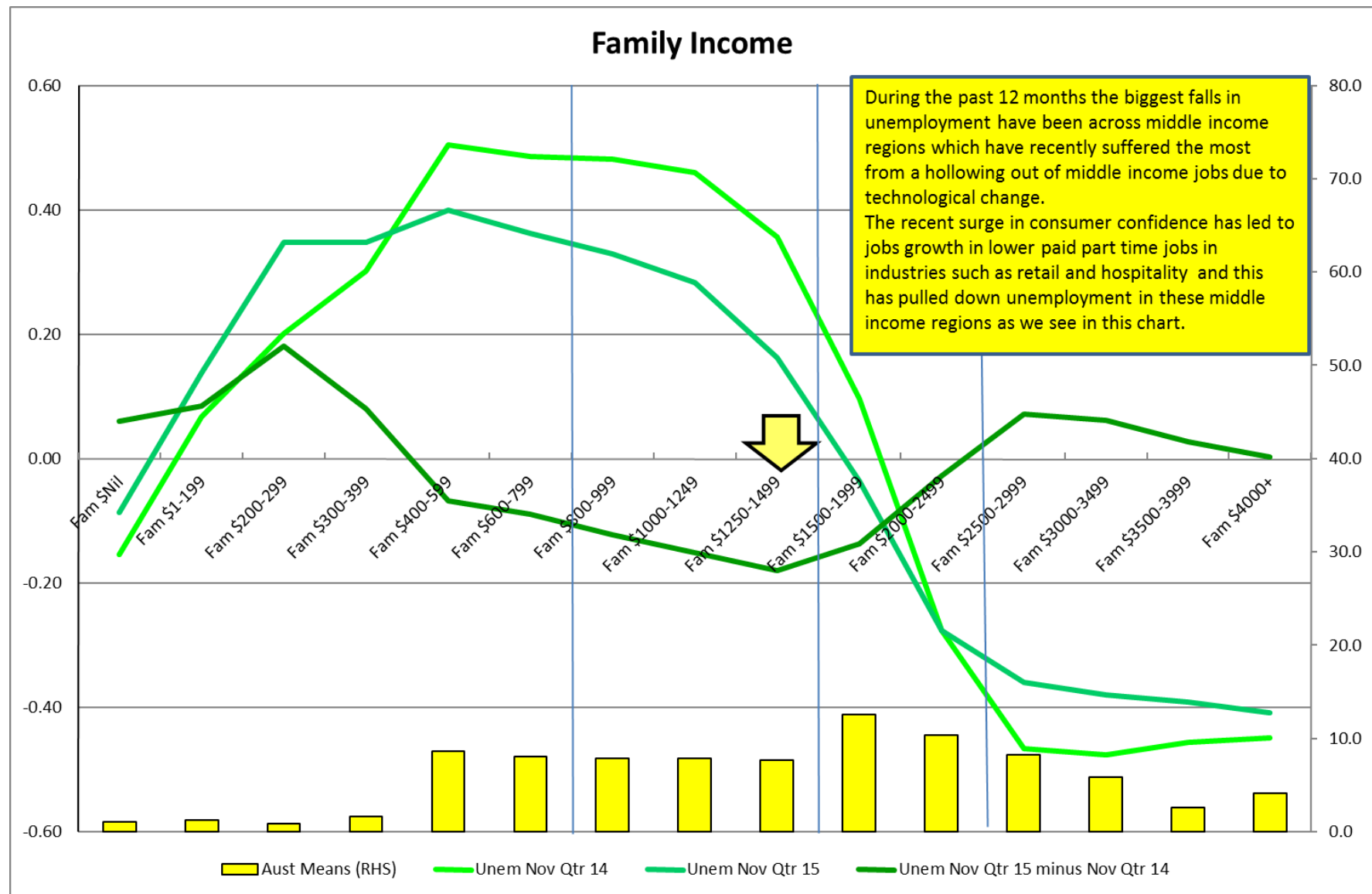


Mortgage Stress in 2006 and 2011 by Age Male



Age Female





Industry Female

