

Vacancy Overview 2015

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- The purpose of the report is to identify:
 - where vacancies are occurring
 - the nature of the vacancies (whether due to expansion, replacement or churn)
 - the level of experience and education required for these vacancies

Changes on previous edition



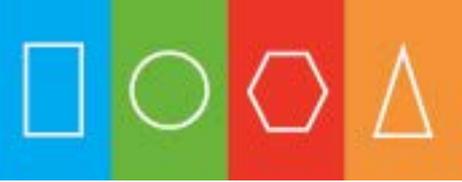
- Vacancies and related data now examined by sector rather than by occupational group
- New data sources:
 - Recent job hires (from CSO QNHS): examines those employed within the previous three months
 - CSO vacancy rates* based on Earnings Hours and Employment Costs Survey

*Job Vacancy Rate = (Number of job vacancies/Number of occupied jobs + Number of job vacancies) * 100



- Employment growth, transitions in the labour market (CSO QNHS)
- Employment permits (DJEI)
- Recruitment Agency Survey (conducted by SLMRU)
- Job announcements (media and IDA)
- Vacancy data:
 - DSP Jobs Ireland
 - IrishJobs.ie

Key findings by sector



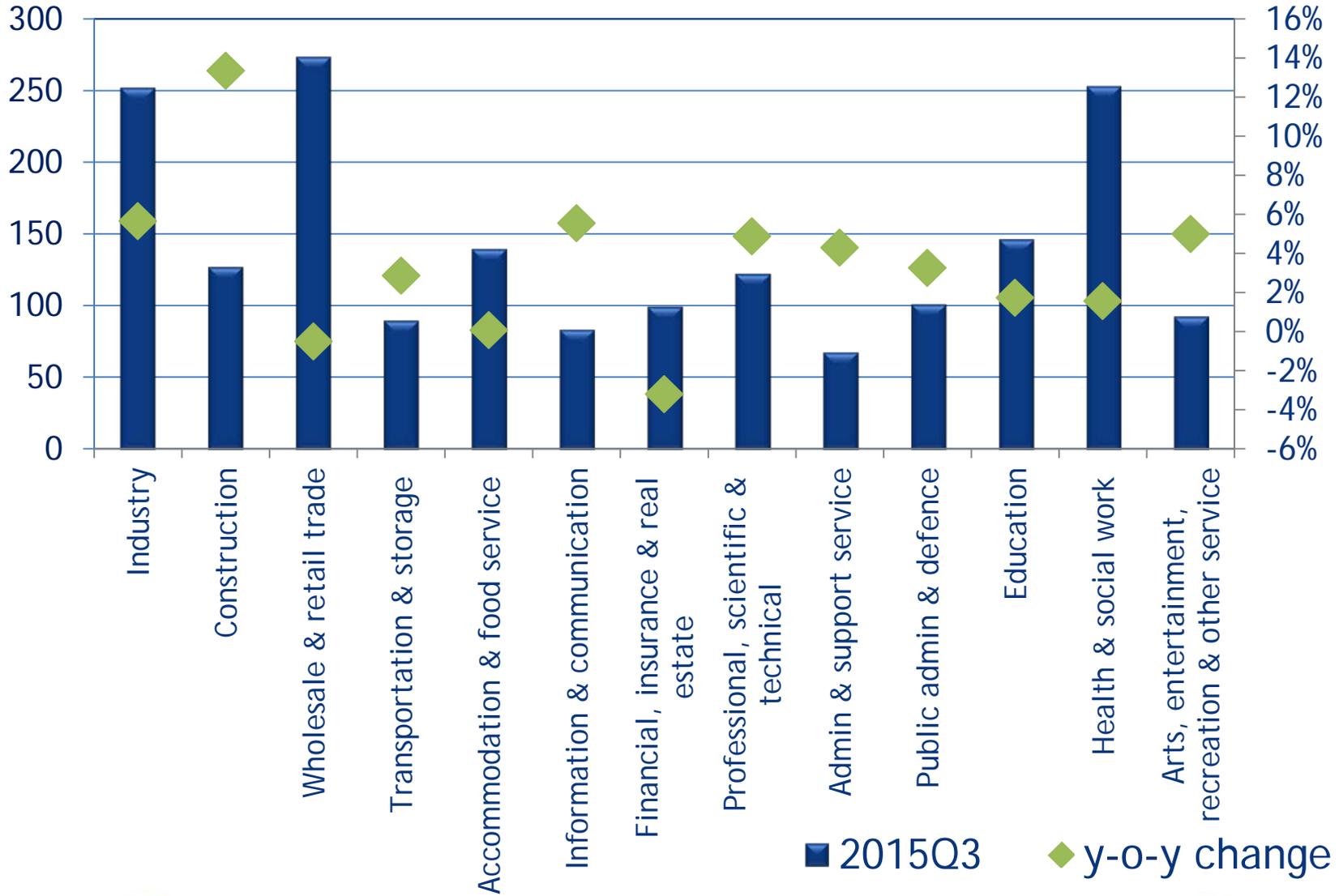
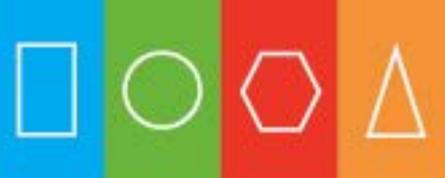
- **Industry:** large volume of movement in this sector, particularly for operatives
- **ICT:** all indicators suggest growth and opportunities but also churn occurring
- **Construction:** considerable growth in the number of vacancies notified, particularly in skilled trades
- **Financial:** high vacancy rate in contrast to fall in employment; high level of churn may be a contributing factor; largest volume of openings for associate professional/admin post
- **Wholesale/accommodation:** both sectors experiencing high volumes of vacancies primarily due to high level of churn

Key findings by sector contd.

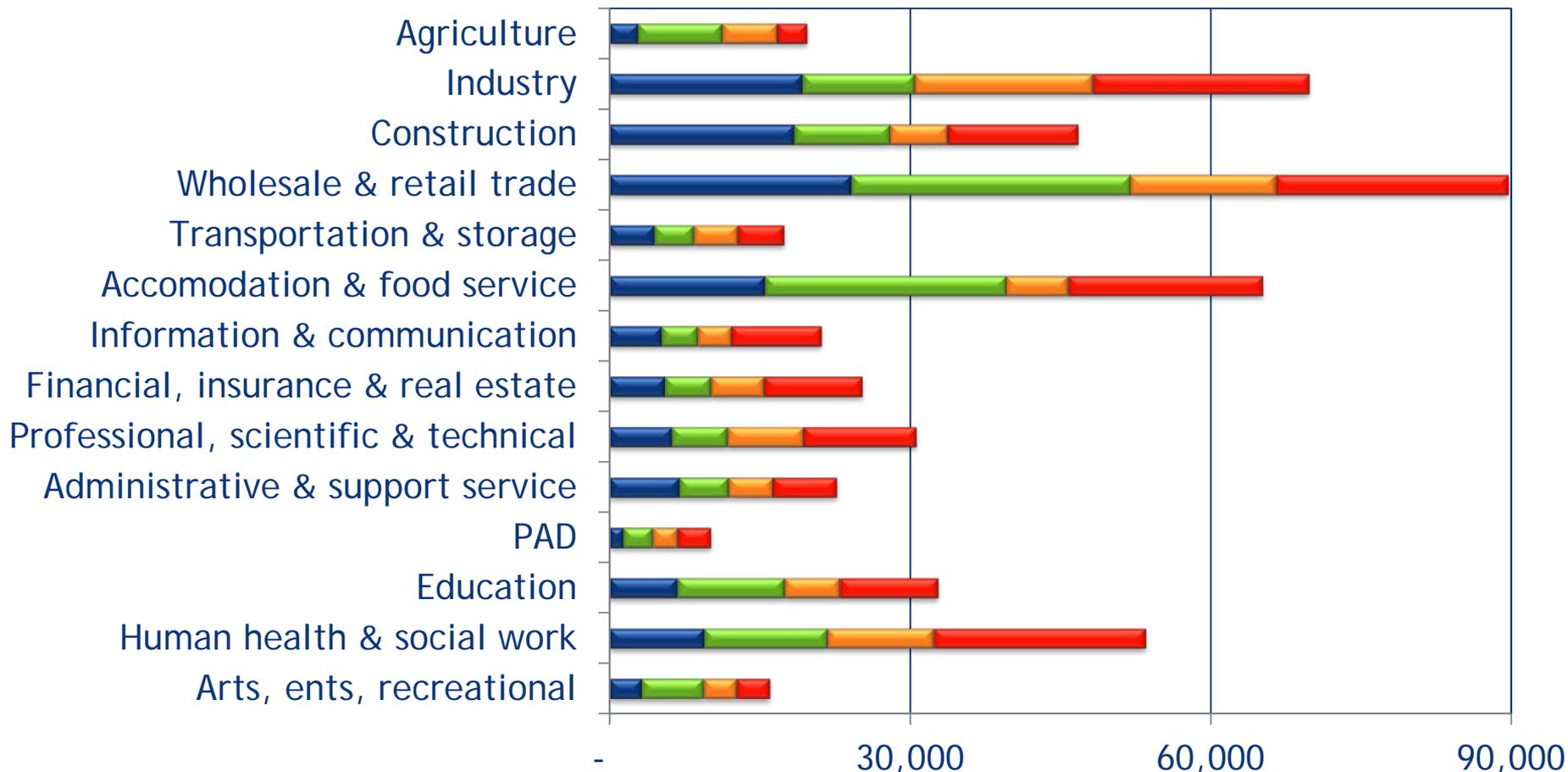


- **Health & social work:** although no significant employment growth, high volume of openings occurring for care workers, nurses and doctors through replacement demand
- **Professional activities:** growth occurring, with openings for high skilled roles, although churn also evident
- **Admin services:** language skills most frequent for this sector in contact centre roles, particularly German
- **Other sectors:** few signs of significant growth or change in volumes of vacancy notifications

Employment by sector (000s)

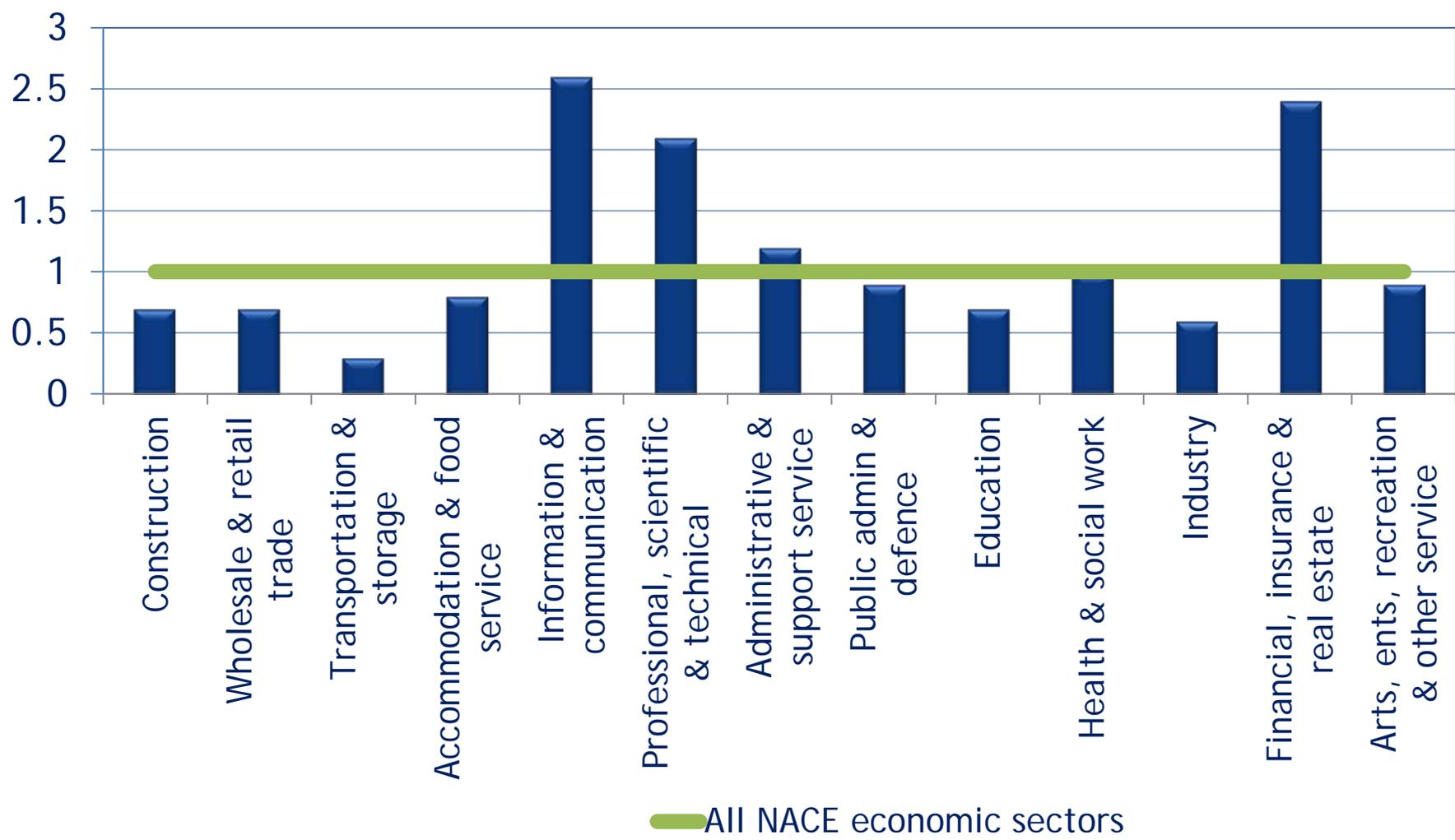


Transitions by sector, 2014



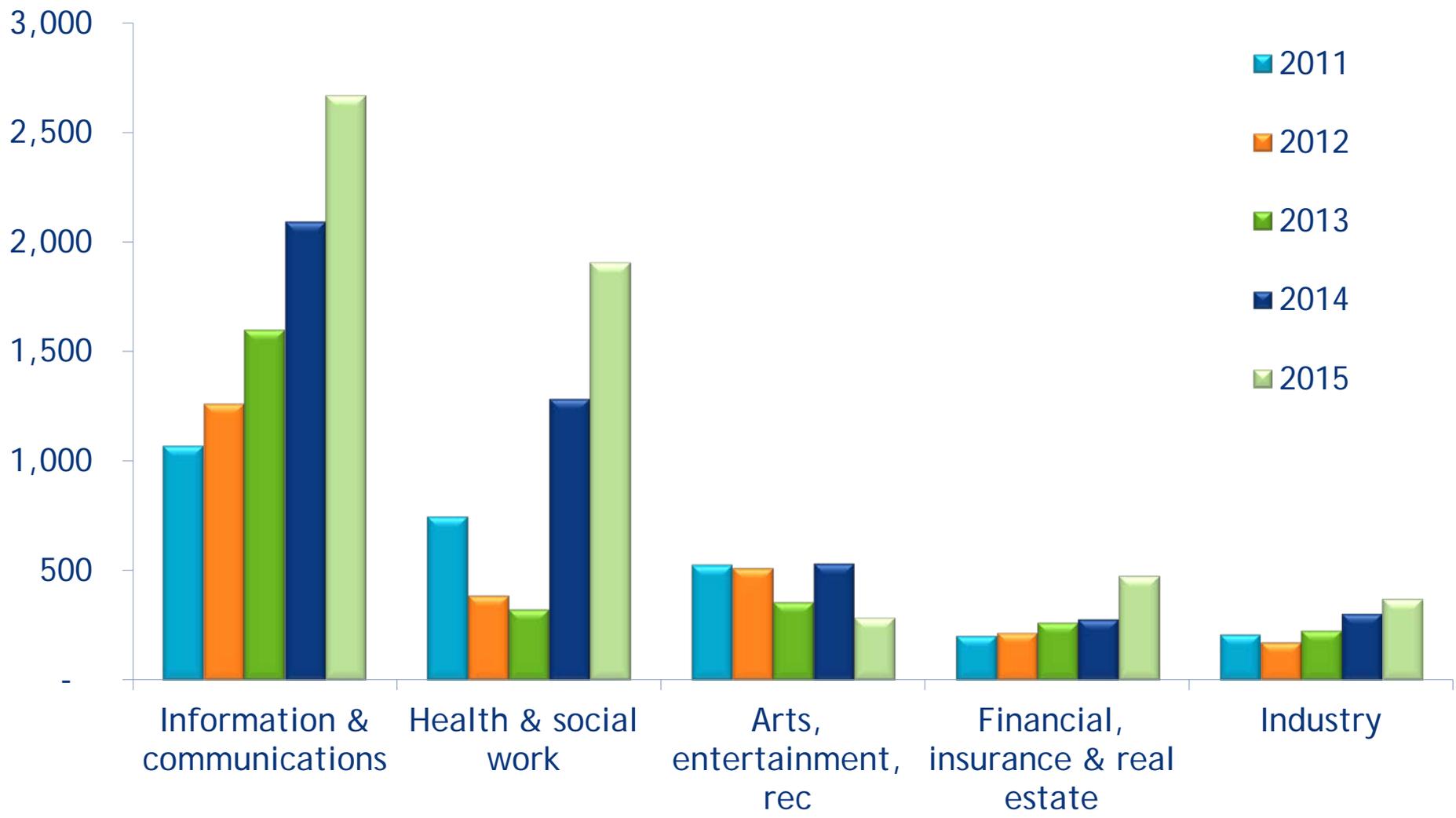
■ Employment from unemployment
 ■ Employment from inactivity
 ■ Inter in
 ■ Intra

CSO Vacancy rate by sector, quarter 3 2015



Source: CSO EHECS

Employment Permits





Vacancies classified as difficult to fill (DTF) were primarily in:

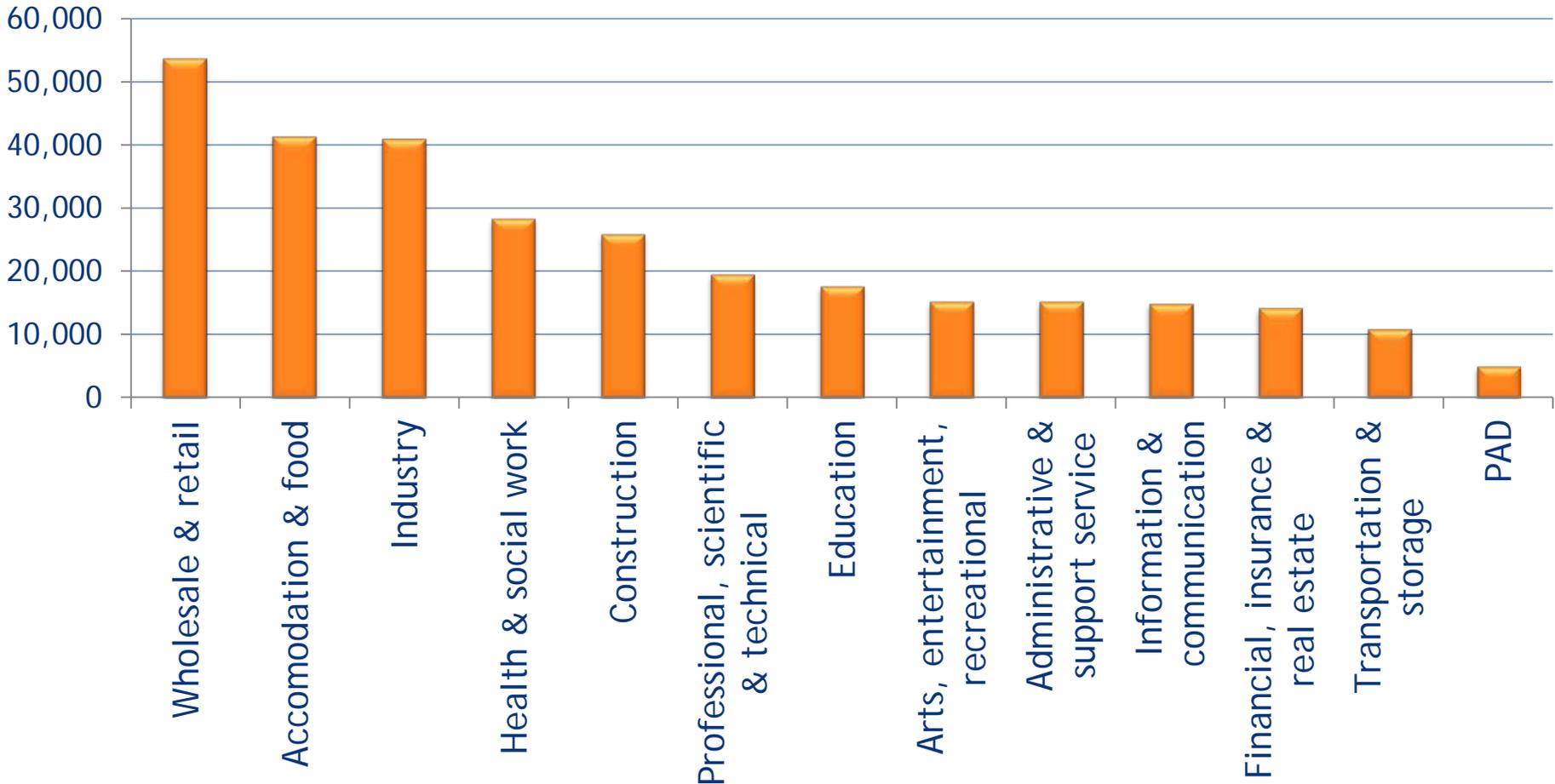
- **Sectors:**

- information and communication (40% of DTF)
- industry (28%)
- health and social care (12%)

- **Occupations:**

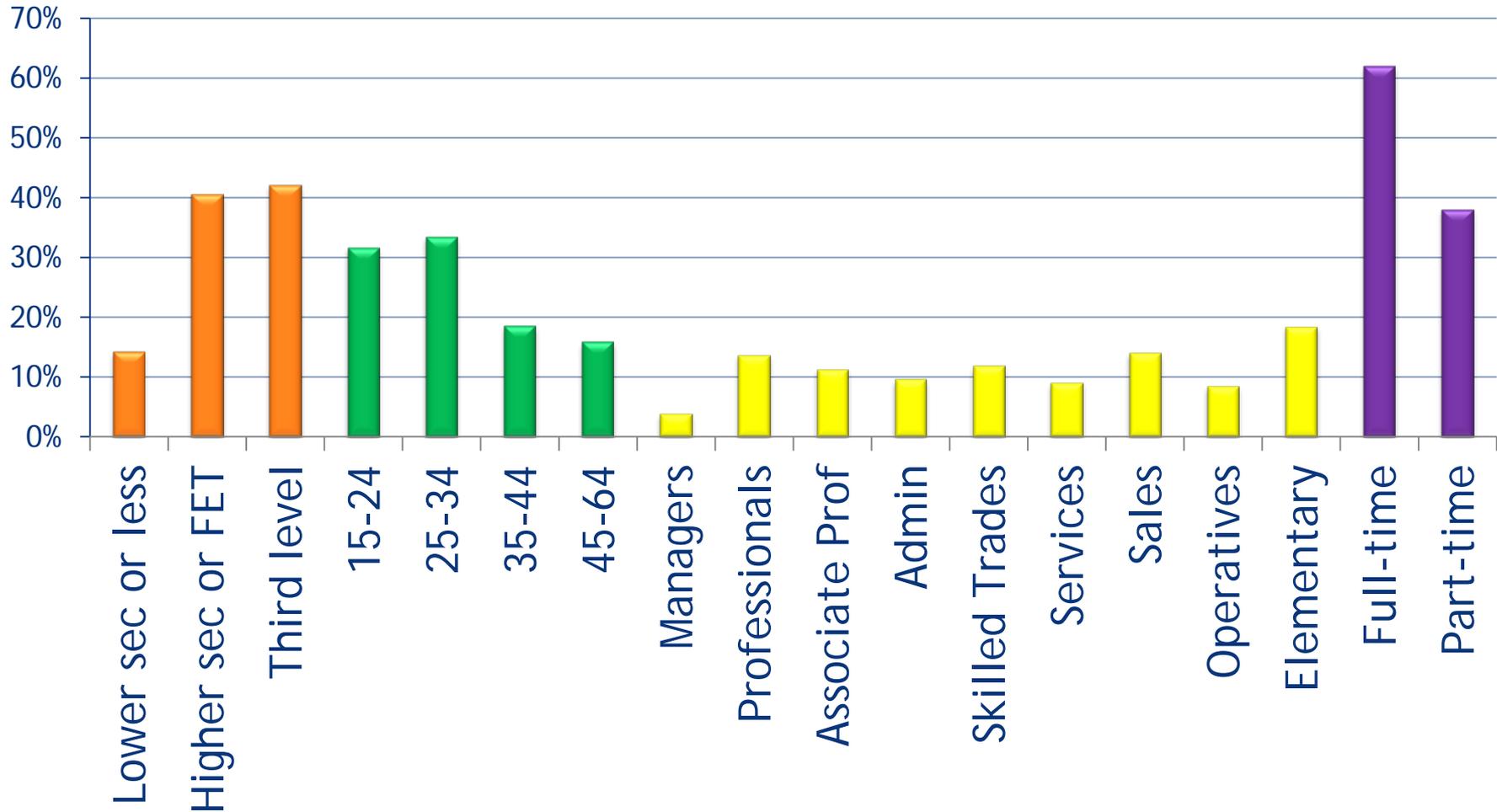
- professional (70% of DTF)
- associate professional (11%)
- sales & customer services (5%)
- skilled trades (3%)

Recent job hires by sector, 2015



Source: SLMRU Analysis of CSO QNHS data

Profile of recent hires, 2015



Source: SLMRU Analysis of CSO QNHS data

Distribution of vacancies by sector, 2015

