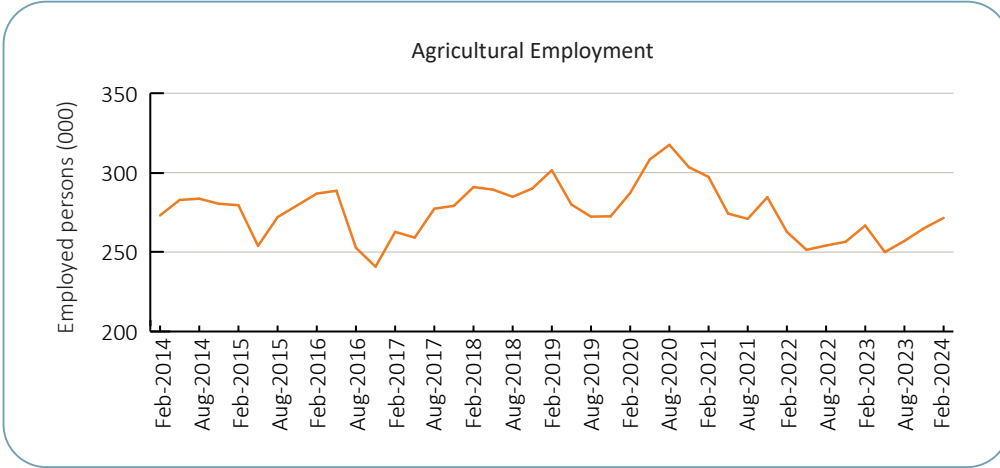


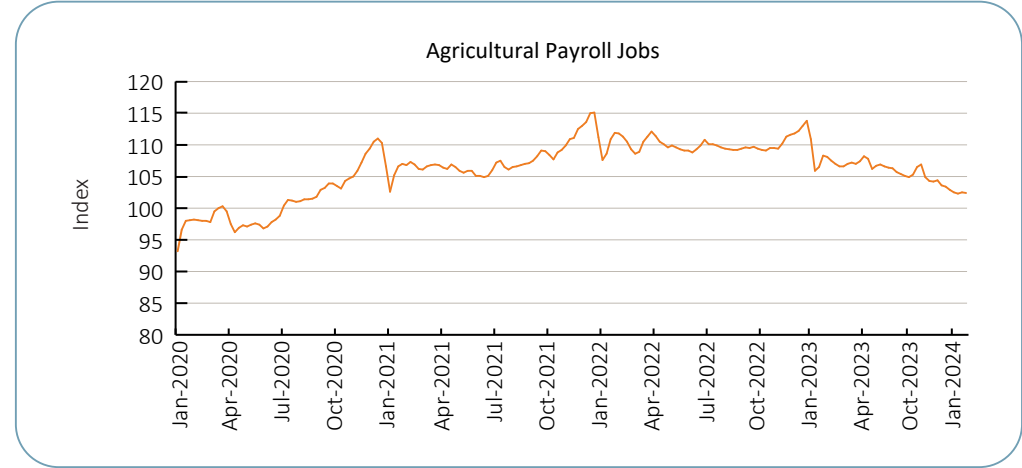


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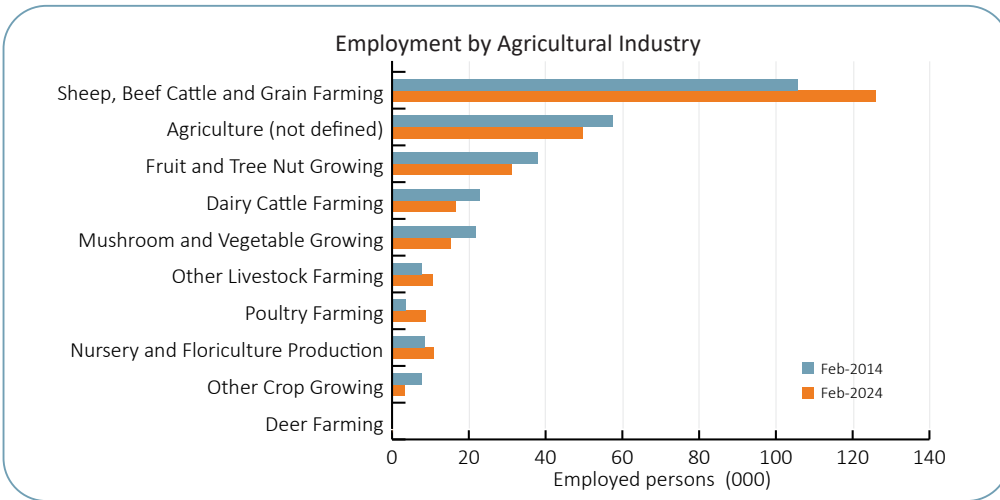
Highlight: In February 2024, in original terms, employment in agriculture was at its highest level in over two years.



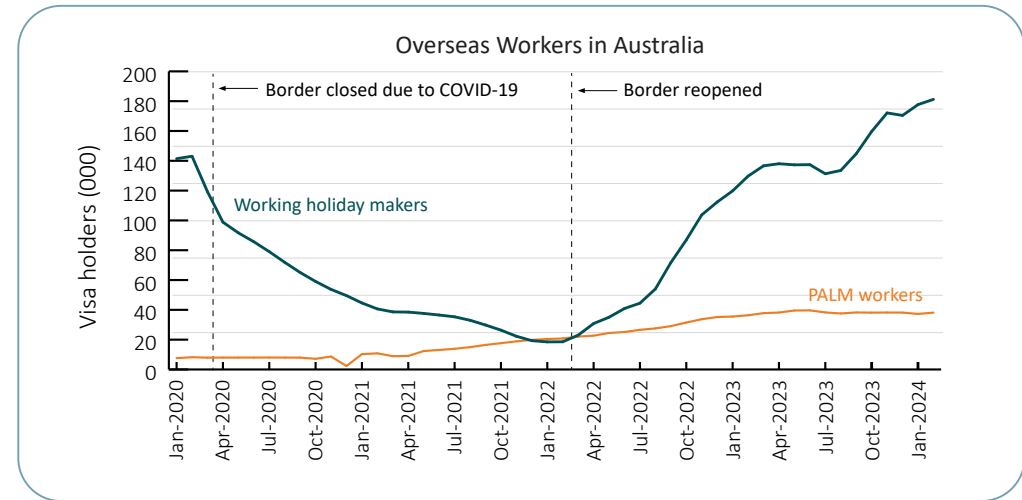
Source: ABS  
The number of agricultural workers has decreased in recent years, from above 300,000 people during 2020 to 271,500 in February 2024. That said, employment in February was at its highest level since November 2021.



Source: ABS  
An initial upward trend in payroll jobs was observed during 2020 and 2021. However, numbers plateaued during 2022, notwithstanding the end-of-year seasonal peak, and have since declined during 2023. Agriculture has high numbers of owner managers who are not included in payroll reporting.



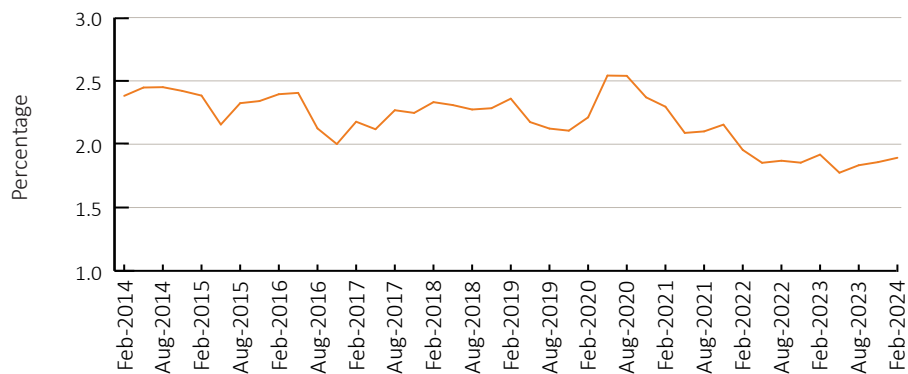
Source: ABS  
In February 2024, Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming, Other Livestock Farming, Poultry Farming and Nursery and Floriculture Production registered an increase in workers from a decade earlier.



Source: DHA and DEWR  
The number of working holiday makers declined steeply from over 141,000 visa holders to less than 19,000 visa holders between the closure of Australia's borders due to COVID-19 and their reopening. Their number has since increased to over 181,000 as of February 2024.

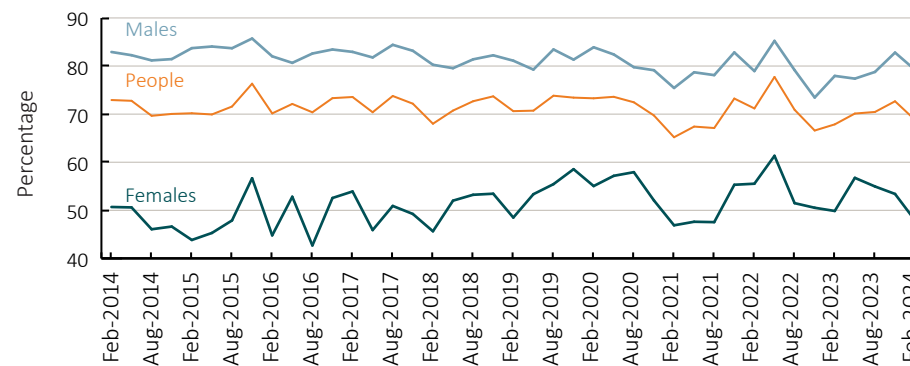
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### Agriculture's Share of Workforce



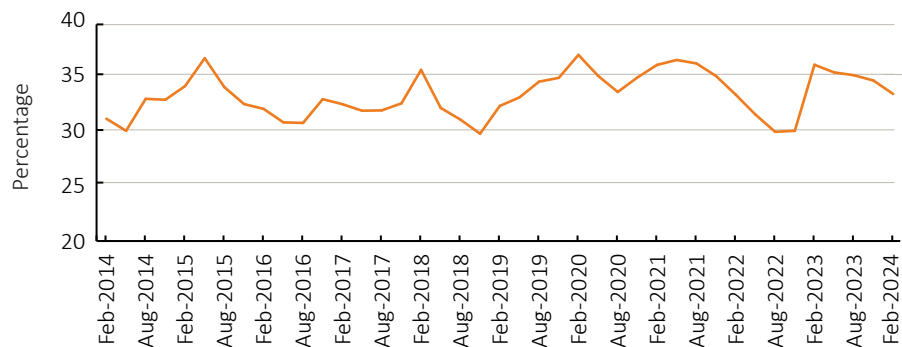
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Agriculture's share of the total workforce has gradually declined over the last decade, from under 2.5% to less than 2.0%.

### Full-time Share of Agricultural Employment



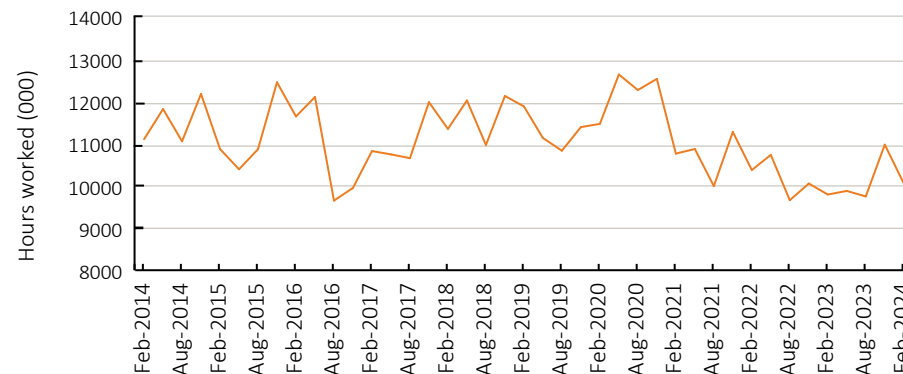
Source: ABS  
The full-time share of employment in agriculture was 68.8% in February 2024.

### Female Share of Agricultural Employment



Source: ABS  
The share of female workers in agriculture was 33.2% in February 2024, having fluctuated between 30% and 37% over the past decade.

### Hours worked, Agriculture



Source: ABS  
In February 2024, monthly hours worked in Agriculture decreased by 910,000 hours (-8.3%) to 10.1 million hours.