

This brief uses original series of the labour force statistics.

### Main Features

#### Total employment changes by industry (a) (annual):

Industry	Qld (%)	Aus (%)
Retail Trade	-5.7	-0.8
Construction	-4.1	-1.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.8	5.4
Manufacturing	-4.0	-2.9
Accommodation and Food Services	0.9	5.4
Education and Training	-1.5	4.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	0.4	2.3
Public Administration and Safety	1.0	1.1
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	-10.7	-5.1
Other Services	2.0	-3.5
Other (b)	2.5	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>

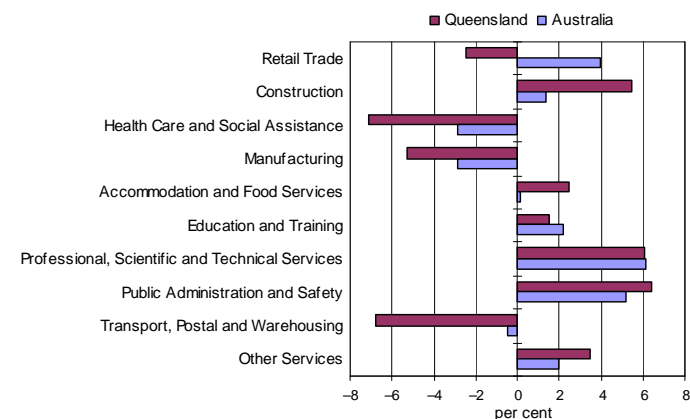
### Commentary

- In the December quarter 2009, there were 2,217,527 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.4% of Australian's total employment.
- Over the year to December 2009 of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the fastest rate of employment growth in Queensland occurred in the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry (up 9.8%). For Australia, the *Health Care and Social Assistance* and *Accommodation and Food Services* industries had the largest percentage increase (up 5.4% respectively).
- Over the quarter to December 2009, the *Public Administration and Safety* industry recorded the largest percentage increase of those industries with the greatest workforces (up 6.5%). During the same period, Australia recorded the largest percentage increase in the *Professional, Scientific and Technical Services* industry (up 6.1%) (Figure 1).
- During the December quarter 2009, the highest proportion of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Retail Trade* industry (11.1% or 246,962 persons). This industry also had the highest proportion of total employment in Australia (11.0%) (Figure 2).
- During the December quarter 2009 of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the highest proportion of unemployed persons was for persons previously employed in the *Accommodation and Food Services* industry (8.5%). In comparison, for Australia *Retail Trade* had the highest proportion of unemployed persons (8.8%) (Figure 3).

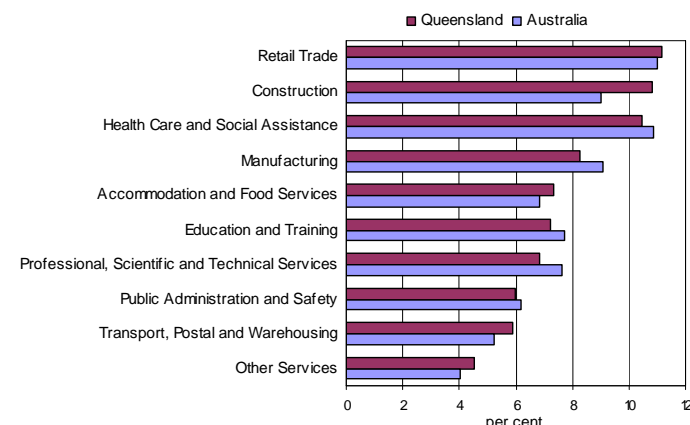
The labour force statistics presented in this brief are based on a sample and will include a sampling error. As such these estimates will exhibit, in some cases, large volatility in quarterly changes. Extreme caution should be used when making inferences from these estimates.

Industry of employment was coded to the ABS 2006 Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC). This has replaced the 1993 ANZSIC edition.

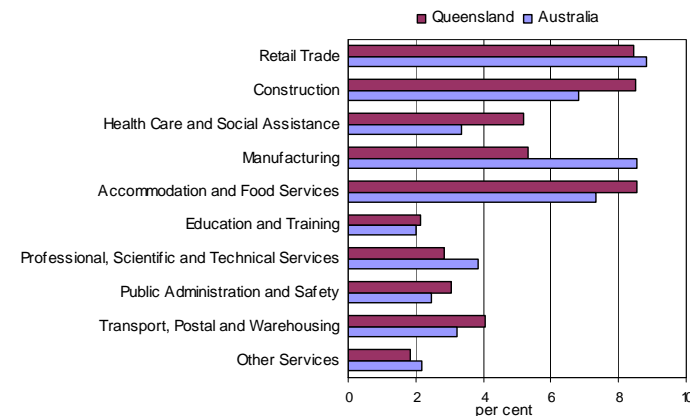
**Figure 1: Quarterly employment changes by industry (a), Queensland and Australia, December quarter 2009**



**Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by industry (a), Queensland and Australia, December quarter 2009**



**Figure 2: Proportion of unemployed persons by industry (a) of employment of previous job, Queensland and Australia, December quarter 2009**



(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2009.

(b) Other includes the following 9 industries: *Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Construction, Wholesale Trade, Administrative and Support Services, Financial and Insurance Services, Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services, Mining, Arts and Recreation Services, Information Media and Telecommunications, and Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services.*