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INFORMATION BRIEF

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

MARCH QUARTER 2010

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This brief uses the original series of the labour force statistics.

Main Features

Employed persons by industry (a) (annual % change):

Industry	Qld (%)	Aus (%)
Retail Trade	-8.6	-2.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	-2.5	3.1
Construction	-3.5	0.4
Manufacturing	-1.2	-1.3
Education and Training	-6.4	4.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.8	11.6
Accommodation and Food Services	-1.1	4.0
Public Administration and Safety	18.3	2.4
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	-13.4	-6.4
Other Services	-2.7	3.1
Other (b)	11.3	1.7
Total	0.3	1.6

Commentary

- In the February reference month of March quarter 2010, there were 2,238,517 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.5% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to March quarter 2010, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the *Public Administration and Safety* industry (up 18.3%). For Australia, the *Professional, Scientific and Technical Services* industry had the largest percentage increase (up 11.6%).
- Over the year to March quarter 2010, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the *Public Administration and Safety* industry recorded the largest positive contribution to the increase of employed persons in Queensland (1.0 percentage point). In comparison, the *Retail Trade* industry recorded the largest negative contribution in Queensland (-1.1 percentage points) (Figure 1).
- During March quarter 2010, the highest proportion of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Retail Trade* industry (11.1%). In comparison, the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry had the highest proportion of total employment in Australia (10.9%) (Figure 2).
- During March quarter 2010, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the highest proportion of unemployed persons was for persons previously employed in the *Retail Trade* industry (11.9%), followed by *Construction* industry (8.4%) (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: Contribution to employment changes by industry (a), year to March quarter 2010

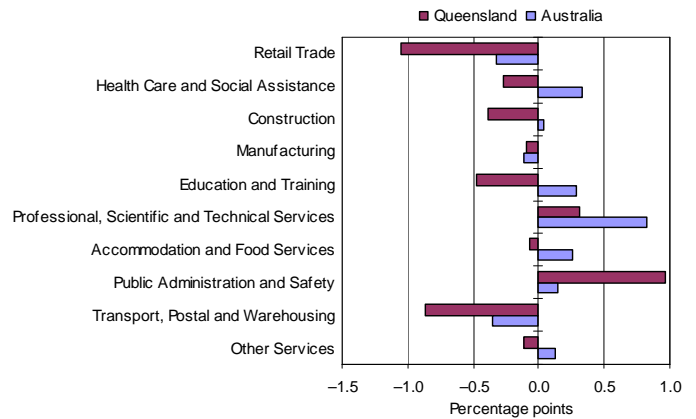


Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by industry (a), March quarter 2010

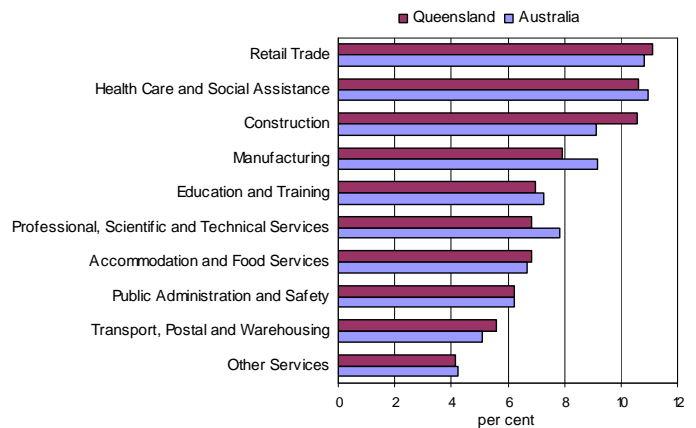
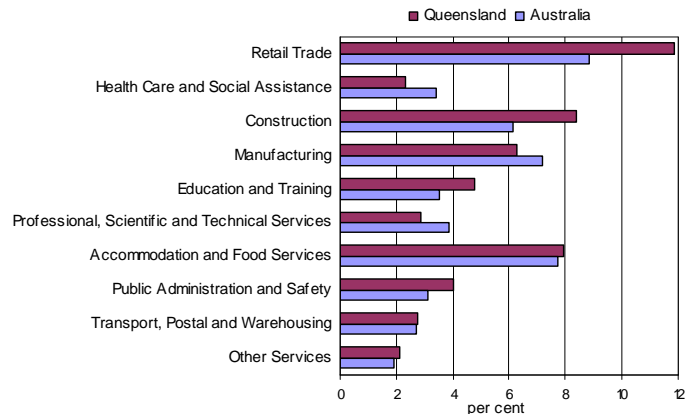


Figure 3: Proportion of unemployed persons by industry (a) of employment of previous job, March quarter 2010



(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at March quarter 2010.

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