

Note: All data in this brief are based on a four quarter moving average.

Main Features

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

Industry	Qld (%)	Aus (%)
Health Care and Social Assistance	8.1	5.0
Retail Trade	-2.3	1.5
Construction	-0.3	1.4
Manufacturing	-6.5	-3.1
Education and Training	3.2	0.6
Accommodation and Food Services	0.8	3.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4.9	1.9
Public Administration and Safety	4.2	3.7
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1.0	1.1
Other Services	-3.8	-2.8
Other (b)	1.3	2.0
Total	1.1	1.6

Commentary

- In the November reference month of December quarter 2011, there were 2,324,925 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.4% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2011, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry (up 8.1%). For Australia, within these industries, the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry also had the largest percentage increase (up 5.0%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2011, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry recorded the largest contribution to the increase in employed persons in Queensland (0.9 percentage point). In comparison, the *Manufacturing* industry recorded the largest deduction in Queensland (-0.5 percentage point) (Figure 1).
- During December quarter 2011, the highest proportion of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry (11.7%). The *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry also had the highest proportion of total employment in Australia (11.6%) (Figure 2).
- During December quarter 2011, of Queensland's top ten industries, the highest proportion of unemployed persons was for persons previously employed in the industry group *Accommodation and Food Services* (8.8%), followed by *Construction* (8.7%) (Figure 3).

The labour force statistics presented in this brief are based on a sample and are subject to 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 December quarter 2011

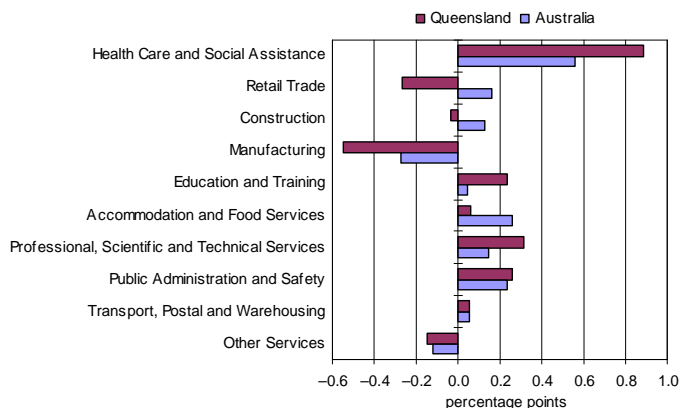


Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by industry (a), December quarter 2011

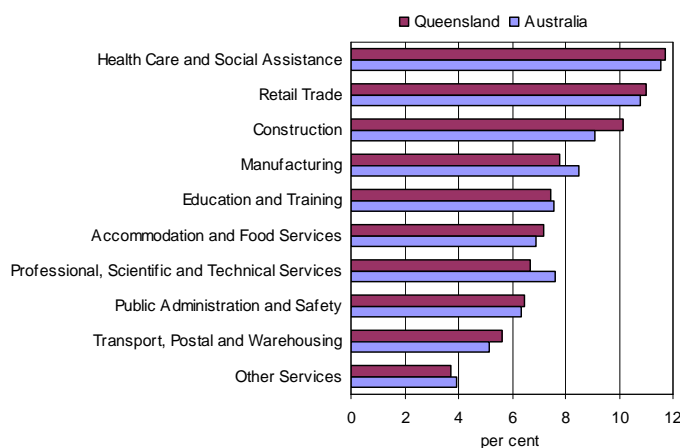
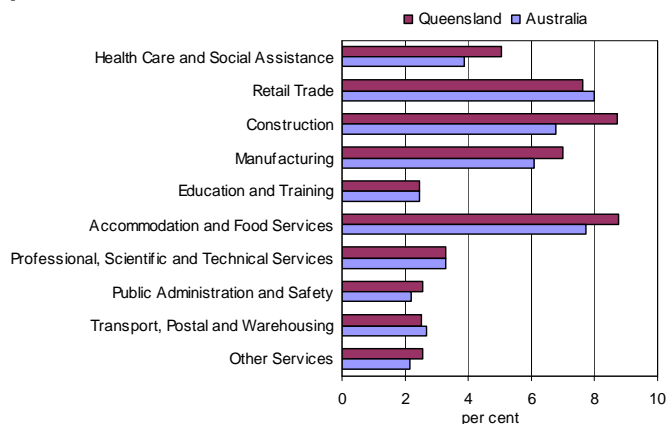


Figure 3: Proportion of unemployed persons by industry (a) of employment of previous job, December quarter 2011



(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2011.

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