



Employment by Industry, December quarter 2012

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Key data

Employed persons by industry¹ (annual change²):

Industry	Qld	Aus
	— per cent —	
Health Care and Social Assistance	4.9	3.6
Retail Trade	-1.9	-0.9
Construction	-2.2	-3.2
Education and Training	5.4	3.7
Manufacturing	-4.2	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	-1.3	-1.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	-0.3	5.0
Public Administration and Safety	0.3	-1.9
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	0.3	-3.4
Other Services	8.9	1.8
Other ³	2.1	3.0
Total	0.9	1.0

Main findings

Note: Data in this brief are based on 4-quarter moving averages.

- In the November reference month of December quarter 2012⁴, there were 2,335,431 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.4% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2012, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the *Other Services* industry (up 8.9%). For Australia, within these industries, the *Professional, Scientific and Technical Services* industry had the largest percentage increase (up 5.0%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2012, 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 (0.6 percentage point). In comparison, the *Manufacturing* industry recorded the largest detraction in Queensland (-0.3 percentage point) (Figure 1).
- During December quarter 2012, the highest proportion of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry (12.2%), which also had the highest proportion of total employment in Australia (11.9%) (Figure 2).

- During December quarter 2012, of Queensland's top ten industries, the highest proportion of unemployed persons was for persons previously employed in the *Construction* industry (8.3%), followed by *Retail Trade* (7.7%) (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Contribution to employment changes by industry¹, year to December quarter 2012

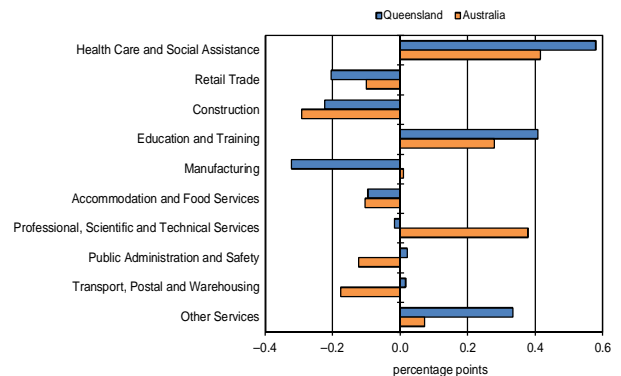


Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by industry¹ of employment, December quarter 2012

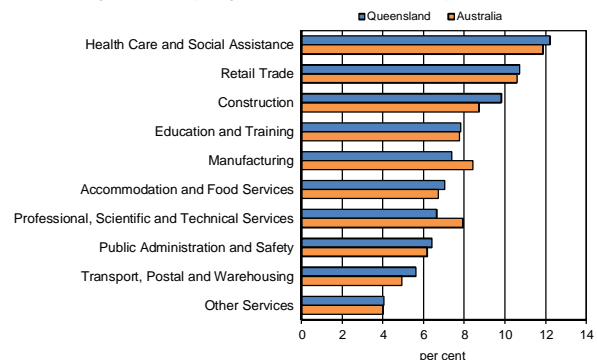
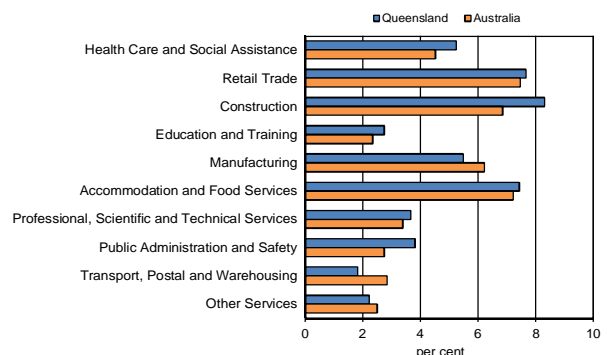


Figure 3: Proportion of unemployed persons by industry¹ of employment of previous job, December quarter 2012



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).

¹ Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2012.

² Year to December quarter 2012 on year to December quarter 2011.

³ 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.

⁴ Industry data are collected in the second month of each quarter, i.e. February, May, August and November.