

This brief uses original series of the labour force statistics.

Main Features

Total employment changes by occupation (annual):

Occupation	Qld (%)	Aus (%)
Managers	10.6	7.8
Professionals	1.9	3.4
Technicians and Trades Workers	-5.8	-5.0
Community and Personal Service Workers	3.4	6.9
Clerical and Administrative Workers	-8.3	-1.6
Sales Workers	-5.5	0.6
Machinery Operators And Drivers	-4.3	-8.8
Labourers	5.9	-0.7
Total	-0.6	0.7

Commentary

- In the December quarter 2009, there were 2,217,527 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.4% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December 2009, the largest percentage increase of employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group *Managers* (up 10.6%), followed by *Labourers* (up 5.9%). The occupation group *Managers* also had the largest percentage increase in Australia (up 7.8%).
- Over the quarter to December 2009, the occupation group *Community and Personal Service Worker* had the biggest percentage increase in Queensland (up 6.2%), followed by *Managers* (up 5.4%). In comparison, Australia recorded the largest percentage increase in the occupation groups *Community and Personal Service Worker* and *Professionals* (both up 3.3%) (Figure 1).
- During the December quarter 2009, the occupation group *Professionals* had the greatest proportion of total employment in Queensland (18.4% or 408,968 persons). This occupation group also had the largest proportion of total employment in Australia (21.4%) (Figure 2).
- The number of unemployed persons increased by 9,695 persons in Queensland over the quarter to December 2009. The largest increase of unemployed persons in Queensland was for persons previously employed in the occupation group *Clerical and Administrative Workers* (up 3,573 persons). The biggest proportion of unemployed persons in Queensland was for persons previously employed in the occupation group *Labourers* (17.3% or 22,199 persons) (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.

Occupation was coded to the ABS 2006 Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). This has replaced the 1996 Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) Second Edition.

Figure 1: Quarterly employment changes by occupation groups, Queensland and Australia, December quarter 2009

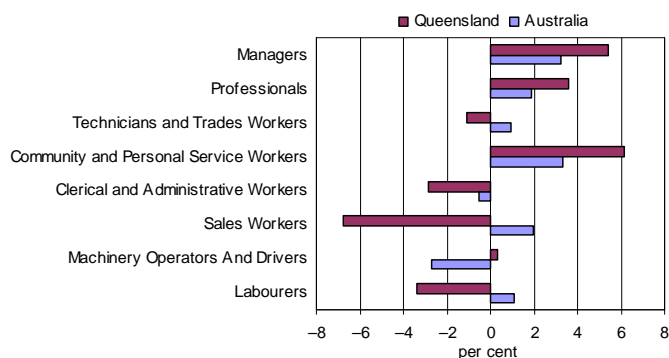


Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by occupation of employment, Queensland and Australia, December quarter 2009

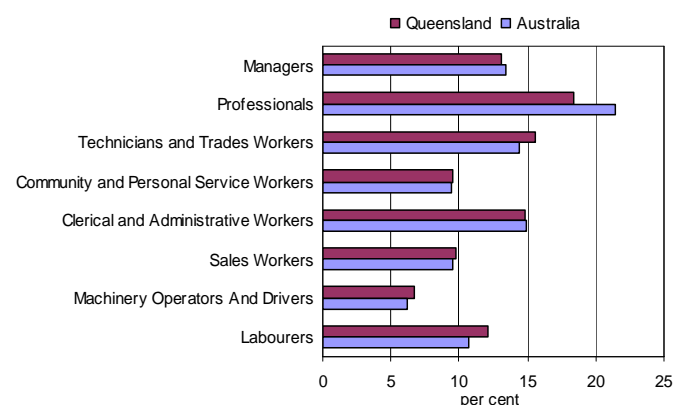


Figure 3: Proportion of unemployed persons by occupation of employment of previous job, Queensland and Australia, December quarter 2009

