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INFORMATION BRIEF

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

MARCH QUARTER 2010

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

Main Features

Employed persons by occupation (annual % change):

Occupation	Qld (%)	Aus (%)
Managers	4.8	5.7
Professionals	6.2	7.1
Technicians and Trades Workers	-11.2	-3.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	-3.2	1.7
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1.3	-3.0
Sales Workers	3.9	2.2
Machinery Operators and Drivers	-2.4	-2.5
Labourers	4.0	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, the largest percentage increase in employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group *Professionals* (up 6.2%), followed by *Managers* (up 4.8%). The occupation group *Professionals* also had the largest percentage increase in Australia (up 7.1%).
- Over the year to March quarter 2010, the occupation group *Professionals* recorded the largest positive contribution to the increase of employed persons in Queensland (1.1 percentage points), followed by *Managers* (0.6 percentage point). In comparison, the occupation group *Technicians and Trades Workers* recorded the largest negative contribution in Queensland (-1.9 percentage points) (Figure 1).
- During March quarter 2010, the occupation group *Professionals* had the largest proportion of total employment in Queensland (18.5%), followed by *Technicians and Trade Workers* (15.2%). The occupation group *Professionals* had the largest proportion of total employment in Australia (21.8%) (Figure 2).
- During March quarter 2010 in Queensland, the highest proportion of unemployed persons was for persons previously employed in the occupation group *Labourers* (18.9%), followed by *Sales Workers* (11.4%) The occupation group *Labourers* also recorded the highest proportion of unemployed persons in Australia (15.3%) (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: Contribution to employment changes by occupation groups, year to March quarter 2010

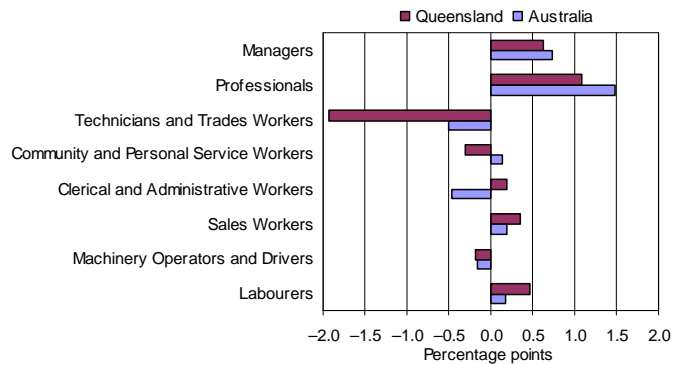


Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by occupation of employment, March quarter 2010

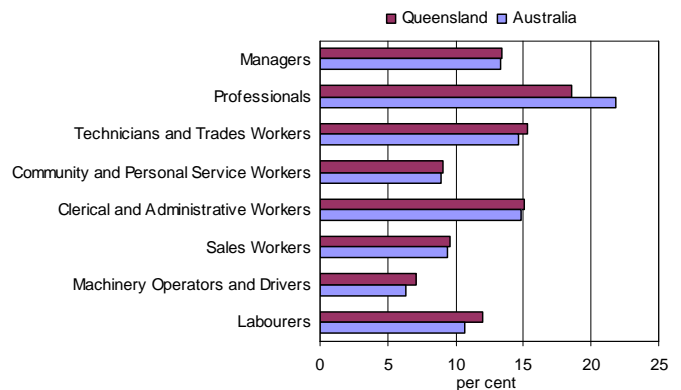


Figure 3: Proportion of unemployed persons by occupation of employment of previous job, March quarter 2010

