

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

Main Features

Employed persons by occupation (annual % change)ⁱ:

Occupation	Qld (%)	Aust (%)
Managers	6.2	2.1
Professionals	3.6	1.5
Technicians and Trades Workers	-3.1	-0.9
Community and Personal Service Workers	4.8	2.6
Clerical and Administrative Workers	4.4	2.3
Sales Workers	-10.0	-4.6
Machinery Operators and Drivers	2.1	4.8
Labourers	-3.0	-2.2
Total	0.8	0.7

Commentary

- In the May reference month of June quarter 2012ⁱⁱ, there were 2,332,162 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.4% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to June quarter 2012, the largest percentage increase in employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group *Managers* (up 6.2%), followed by *Community and Personal Service Workers* (up 4.8%). The occupation group *Machinery Operators and Drivers* had the largest percentage increase in Australia (up 4.8%).
- Over the year to June quarter 2012, the occupation group *Managers* recorded the largest contribution to the increase in employed persons in Queensland (0.8 percentage point), followed by *Professionals* (0.7 percentage point). In comparison, the occupation group *Sales Workers* recorded the largest deduction in Queensland (-1.1 percentage points) (Figure 1).
- During June quarter 2012, the occupation group *Professionals* had the largest proportion of total employment in Queensland (19.7%), followed by *Technicians and Trades Workers* (15.1%). The occupation group *Professionals* had the largest proportion of total employment in Australia (21.8%) (Figure 2).
- During June quarter 2012 in Queensland, the highest proportion of unemployed persons was for persons previously employed in the occupation group *Labourers* (14.7%), followed by *Technicians and Trades Workers* (8.5%). The occupation group *Labourers* also recorded the highest proportion of unemployed persons in Australia (11.8%) (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Contribution to employment changes by occupation group, year to June quarter 2012



Figure 2: Proportion of employed persons by occupation of employmentⁱⁱⁱ, June quarter 2012

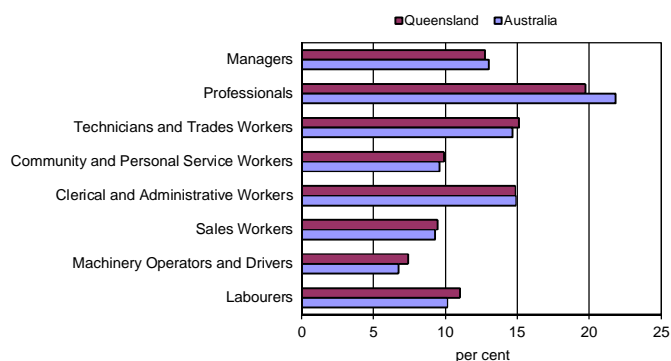


Figure 3: Proportion of unemployed persons by occupation of employment of previous jobⁱⁱⁱ, June quarter 2012



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.

Occupation was coded to the ABS 2006 Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). This has replaced the 1997 Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) Second Edition.

ⁱ Year to June quarter 2012 on year to June quarter 2011.

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

ⁱⁱⁱ Totals may not add to 100% as they exclude those who have not worked in the last two years, or who have never worked for more than two weeks.