

# Employment by occupation, December quarter 2016

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## Key data

**Table 1 Employed persons by occupation (annual change<sup>(a)</sup>)**

Occupation	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Managers	-2.8	0.4
Professionals	2.2	2.2
Technicians and trades workers	-0.4	-2.1
Community and personal service workers	-0.5	4.5
Clerical and administrative workers	-1.1	2.2
Sales workers	3.3	0.2
Machinery operators and drivers	5.0	1.6
Labourers	1.4	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>

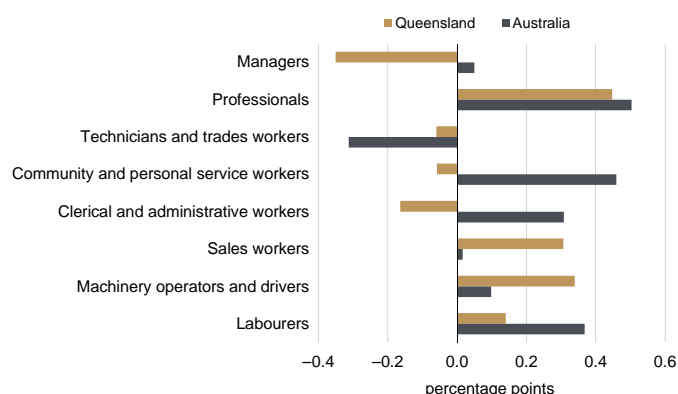
(a) Year to December quarter 2016 on year to December quarter 2015.

## Main findings

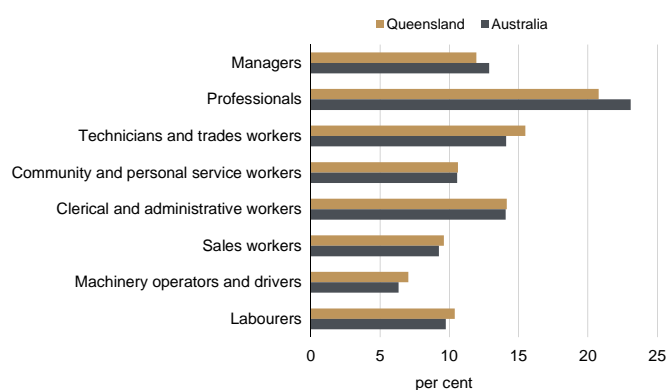
Note: Data in this brief are based on 4-quarter moving averages.

- In the November reference month of December quarter 2016, there were 2,362,803 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 19.8% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2016, the largest percentage increase in employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group *Machinery operators and drivers* (up 5.0%), followed by *Sales workers* (up 3.3%). In Australia, the largest percentage increase occurred in the occupation group *Community and personal service workers* (up 4.5%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2016, the occupation group *Professionals* recorded the largest contribution to the increase in employed persons in Queensland (0.4 percentage point), followed by *Machinery operators and drivers* (0.3 percentage point). In comparison, the occupation group *Managers* recorded the largest detracting in Queensland (-0.4 percentage point) (Figure 1).
- During December quarter 2016, the occupation group *Professionals* had the largest percentage of total employment in Queensland (20.8%), followed by *Technicians and trades workers* (15.5%). The largest percentage in total employment in Australia was also in *Professionals* (23.1%) (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by occupation group, year to December quarter 2016**



**Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by occupation of employment, December quarter 2016**



### Notes

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).