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Manufacturing grew rapidly after World War II and became more diversified and capital intensive as metals production, alumina and aluminium processing and oil refining expanded. Workers gained shorter hours, more holidays and more pay. A resurgence in mining occurred in the 1960s with production of coal, bauxite, silver, lead, copper and zinc increasing rapidly. Annual gold production increased by more than 60-fold in the 1980s, exceeding the levels of around 1900.

Service industries have increasingly dominated the economy. While employment in agriculture declined from 14.7% of the employed labour force in 1966 to 5.9% in 1991 and manufacturing from 19.3% to 11.0%, employment in service industries increased from 62.4% to 74.0%. Most of the growth was in business and community services and wholesale and retail trade. Tourism has provided a considerable boost to the economy, mainly in coastal areas. High unemployment has been a feature of the economy since the mid 1970s. The downturn in the early 1990s was less severe in Queensland than in other States and recovery was sooner and stronger.

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