

# Small business in Queensland, June 2025

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions and Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Australian Industry*, various editions.

## Key data

Small businesses share of all businesses:

Queensland.....97.1%

Australia .....97.3%

Small business share of employment:

Queensland.....39.6%

Australia .....39.0%

## Main findings

### ABS definitions of business sizes:

**Small:** A non-employing business or a business employing less than 20 employees.

**Medium:** A business employing between 20 and 199 employees.

**Large:** A business employing 200 employees or more.

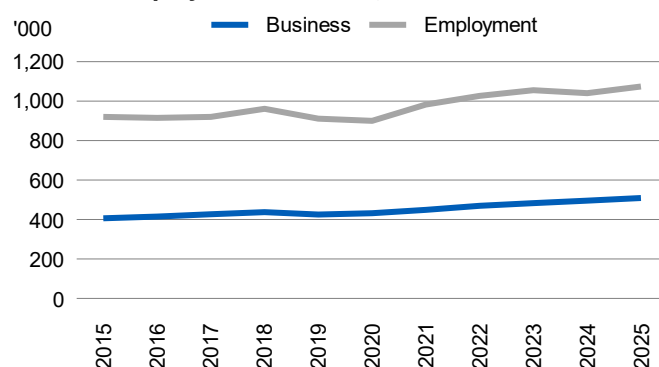
### Business counts and industry profile

- As at 30 June 2025, Queensland had 524,024 businesses: 508,862 (97.1%) small, 14,231 (2.7%) medium and 931 (0.2%) large (Figures 1 and 2).
- Small businesses in Queensland increased 2.7% from the previous year, rising from 495,488.
- As at 30 June 2025, 19.2% of Australia’s small businesses were in Queensland.
- The 'Construction' industry had the largest share of all small businesses in Queensland (17.2%), followed by the 'Professional, scientific and technical services' (12.5%).
- Of Queensland’s top ten industries, the 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' industry had the largest difference in share of small businesses compared to Australia (1.7 percentage points higher) (Figure 3).

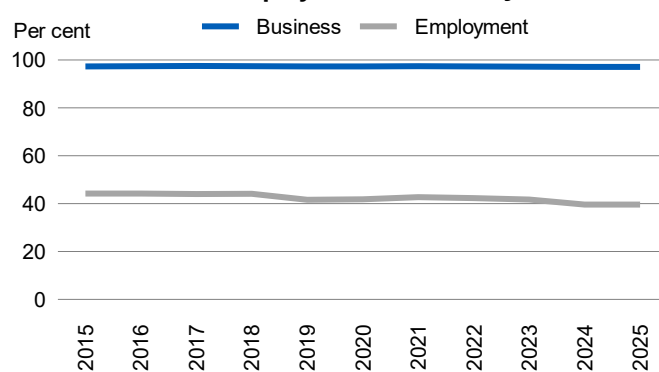
### Small business contribution to employment

- As at 30 June 2025, Queensland businesses employed 2,713,000 people: 1,074,000 (39.6%) in small businesses, 677,000 (24.9%) in medium businesses and 963,000 (35.5%) in large businesses (Figures 1 and 2).
- Small business employment in Queensland increased 3.2% from the previous year, rising from 1,040,000.
- As at 30 June 2025, 20.5% of Australia’s small business employees were in Queensland.
- Nationally, small business employment increased 2.0% from the previous year (from 5,143,000 to 5,246,000).

**Figure 1 Small business numbers and small business employment, as at 30 June**

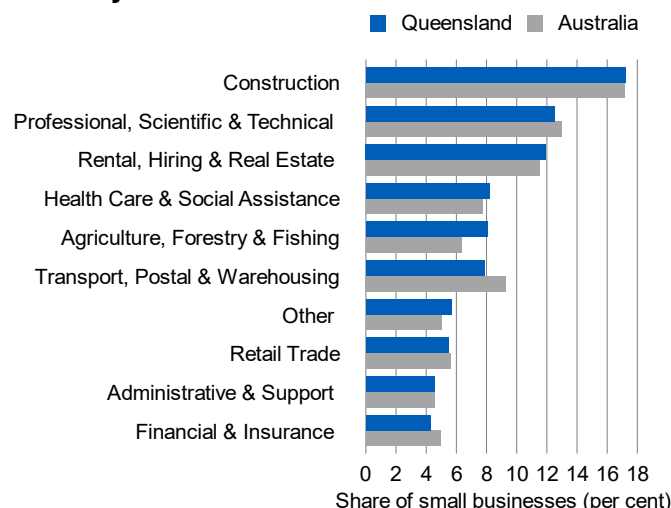


**Figure 2 Share of small businesses and share of small business employment<sup>(a)</sup>, as at 30 June**



(a) As a share of total businesses and total employment respectively.

**Figure 3 Top 10 small business industries, as at 30 June 2025**



Refer to the ABS website for detailed notes on the methodology.

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