

# Employment by industry, December quarter 2020

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## Key data

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

Industry	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Health care and social assistance	-1.4	2.5
Retail trade	-3.8	-2.8
Construction	-4.1	0.1
Education and training	3.2	2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.2	-0.0
Accommodation and food services	-11.3	-12.8
Public administration and safety	6.0	2.4
Manufacturing	2.3	-2.2
Transport, postal and warehousing	-5.1	-5.7
Other services	-11.2	-10.6
Other <sup>(c)</sup>	1.0	-1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>

(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2020.

(b) Year to December quarter 2020 on year to December quarter 2019.

(c) Other includes the following nine industries: Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Administrative and support services; Wholesale trade; Mining; Financial and insurance services; Rental, hiring and real estate services; Arts and recreation services; Electricity, gas, water and waste services; and Information media and telecommunications.

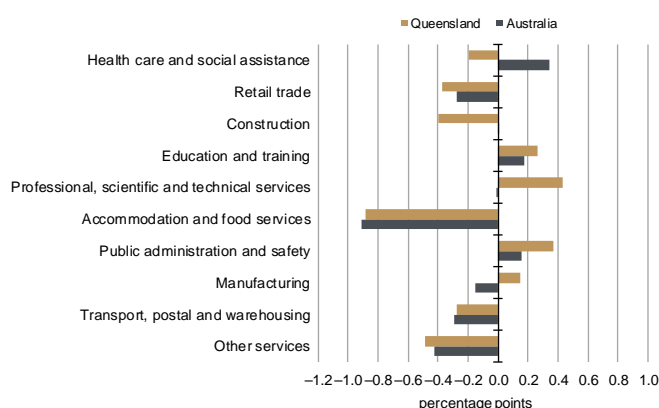
## Main findings

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

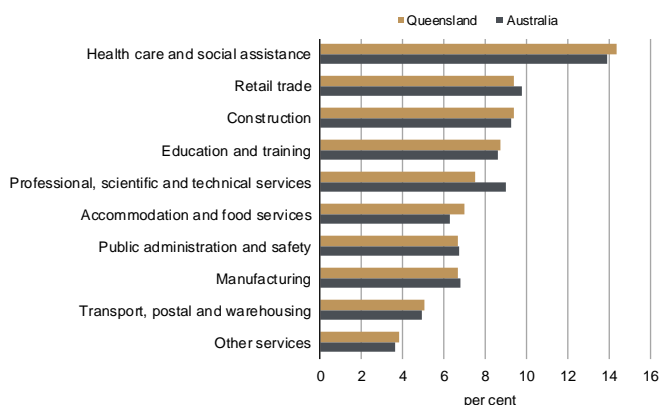
- In the November reference month of December quarter 2020, there were 2,501,741 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 19.7% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2020, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the *Professional, scientific and technical services* industry (up 6.2%). For Australia, within these ten industries, the *Health care and social assistance* industry had the largest percentage increase (up 2.5%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2020, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the *Professional, scientific and technical services* industry recorded the largest contribution to employment in Queensland (0.4 percentage point). In comparison, the *Accommodation and food services* industry recorded the largest detractor in Queensland (-0.9 percentage point) (Figure 1).

- During December quarter 2020, the highest percentage of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Health care and social assistance* industry (14.3%). The highest percentage of total employment in Australia was also in *Health care and social assistance* (13.9%) (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by industry, year to December quarter 2020**



**Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by industry of employment, December quarter 2020**



### 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.

Industry of employment was coded to the ABS 2006 Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC).