

Employment by industry, December quarter 2023

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 December 2023, 10:30 am AEST

Key data

Table 1 Employed persons by industry^(a) (annual change^(b))

Industry	— % —	
	Qld	Aus
Health care and social assistance	1.2	6.1
Construction	11.9	7.7
Retail trade	-5.1	1.3
Education and training	3.8	3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.3	3.8
Accommodation and food services	-4.9	0.4
Public administration and safety	9.9	4.4
Manufacturing	1.4	6.5
Transport, postal and warehousing	13.6	3.3
Other services	-0.1	-0.8
Other ^(c)	1.0	0.8
Total	2.5	3.4

(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2023.

(b) Year to December quarter 2023 on year to December quarter 2022.

(c) Other includes the following nine industries: Administrative and support services; Financial and insurance services; Wholesale trade; Mining; Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Arts and recreation services; Rental, hiring and real estate 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 2023, there were 2,845,168 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.1% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2023, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the *Transport, postal and warehousing* industry (up 13.6%). For Australia, within these ten industries, the *Construction* industry had the largest percentage increase (up 7.7%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2023, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the *Construction* industry recorded the largest contribution to employment changes in Queensland (1.1 percentage points). In comparison, the *Retail trade* industry recorded the largest detracting in Queensland (-0.5 percentage point) (Figure 1).

- During December quarter 2023, the highest percentage of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Health care and social assistance* industry (16.1%). The highest percentage of total employment in Australia was also in *Health care and social assistance* (15.4%) (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by industry, year to December quarter 2023

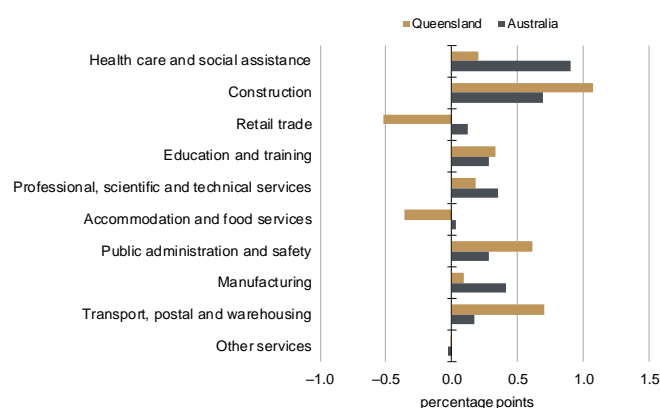
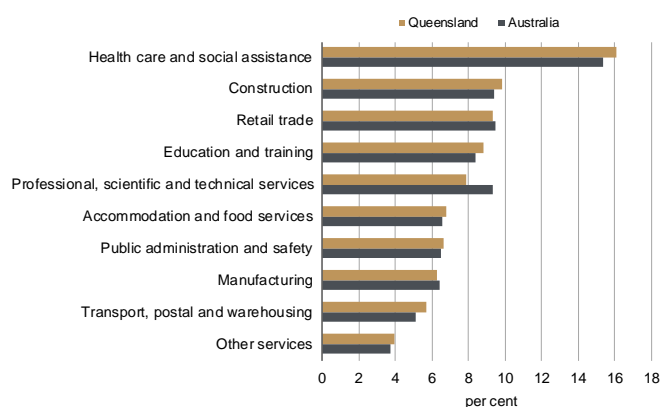


Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by industry of employment, December quarter 2023



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).