

Employment by industry, December quarter 2024

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Key data

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

Industry	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Health care and social assistance	0.3	4.0
Retail trade	10.6	0.5
Construction	-0.1	1.6
Education and training	-1.4	6.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	1.5	0.1
Accommodation and food services	11.0	2.8
Public administration and safety	4.1	3.5
Manufacturing	2.1	-1.0
Transport, postal and warehousing	-1.3	1.9
Other services	2.5	2.0
Other ^(c)	9.0	3.2
Total	3.9	2.5

(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2024.

(b) Year to December quarter 2024 on year to December quarter 2023.

(c) Other includes the following nine industries: Administrative and support services; Mining; Wholesale trade; Financial and insurance services; Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Rental, hiring and real estate services; Electricity, gas, water and waste services; Arts and recreation 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 2024, there were 2,955,514 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.5% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2024, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the *Accommodation and food services* industry (up 11.0%). For Australia, within these ten industries, the *Education and training* industry had the largest percentage increase (up 6.0%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2024, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the *Retail trade* industry recorded the largest contribution to employment changes in Queensland (1.0 percentage point). In comparison, the *Education and training* industry recorded the largest deduction in Queensland (-0.1 percentage point) (Figure 1).

- During December quarter 2024, the highest percentage of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the *Health care and social assistance* industry (15.5%). The highest percentage of total employment in Australia was also in *Health care and social assistance* (15.6%) (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by industry, year to December quarter 2024

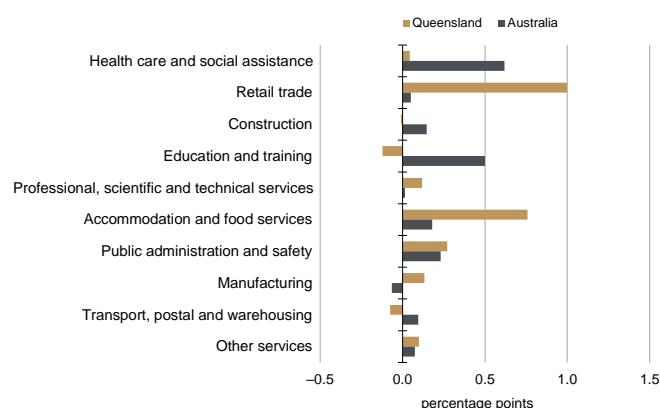
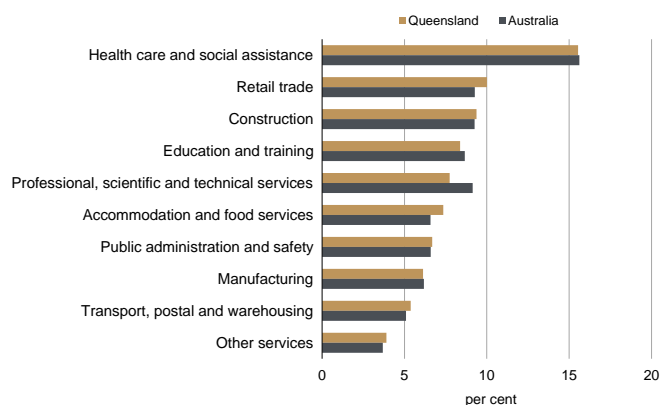


Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by industry of employment, December quarter 2024



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).