

Employment by industry, December quarter 2025

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Key data

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

Industry	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Health care and social assistance	13.6	5.1
Construction	4.4	1.1
Retail trade	-7.2	0.4
Education and training	-0.7	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.3	2.9
Public administration and safety	9.1	3.8
Accommodation and food services	-1.5	1.6
Manufacturing	-5.2	-2.8
Transport, postal and warehousing	-0.3	0.8
Other services	14.0	5.2
Other ^(c)	-4.3	-1.8
Total	1.8	1.6

(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at December quarter 2025.

(b) Year to December quarter 2025 on year to December quarter 2024.

(c) Other includes the following nine industries: Administrative and support services; Mining; Financial and insurance services; Wholesale trade; 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: All data in this brief are based on 4-quarter moving averages of direct survey estimates.

- In the November reference month of December quarter 2025, there were 2,999,017 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.5% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to December quarter 2025, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the largest percentage increase in employment occurred in the 'Other services' industry (14.0%). For Australia, within these ten industries, the 'Other services' industry had the largest percentage increase (5.2%).
- Over the year to December quarter 2025, of Queensland's top ten industries by number employed, the 'Health care and social assistance' industry recorded the largest contribution to employment changes in Queensland (2.1 percentage points). In comparison, the 'Retail trade' industry recorded the largest detracting in

Queensland (0.7 of a percentage point) (Figure 1).

- During December quarter 2025, the highest percentage of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the 'Health care and social assistance' industry (17.3%). The highest percentage of total employment in Australia was also in 'Health care and social assistance' (16.2%) (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by industry, year to December quarter 2025

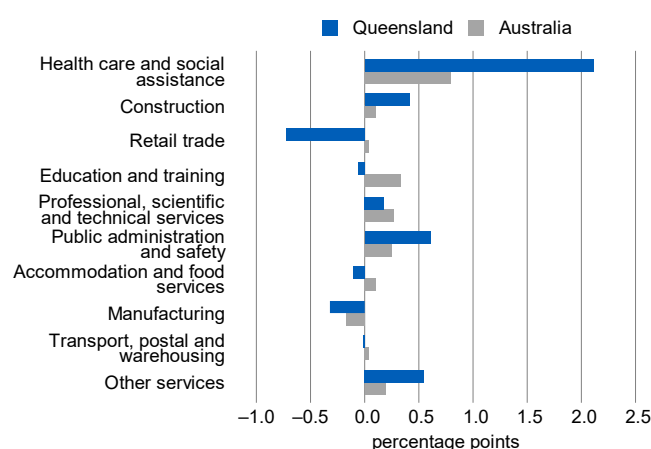
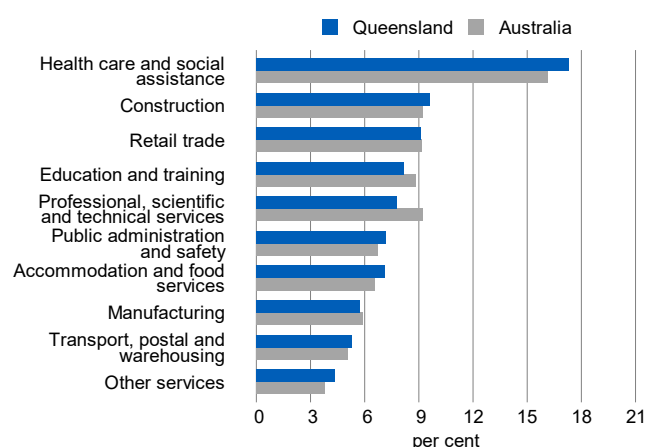


Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by industry of employment, December quarter 2025



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).

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