

# Employment by industry, March quarter 2026

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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	12.0	4.9
Construction	1.6	-0.4
Retail trade	-7.3	0.8
Education and training	2.8	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.9	7.1
Accommodation and food services	-1.5	0.1
Public administration and safety	2.3	1.6
Manufacturing	-4.8	-2.6
Transport, postal and warehousing	2.1	2.3
Other services	14.0	5.7
Other <sup>(c)</sup>	-4.7	-2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>

(a) Based on Queensland's top ten industries by number employed as at March quarter 2026.

(b) Year to March quarter 2026 on year to March quarter 2025.

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

## Main findings

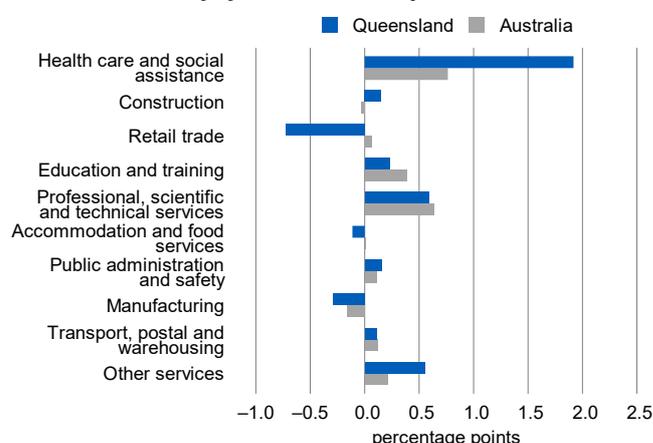
Note: All data in this brief are based on 4-quarter moving averages of direct survey estimates.

- In the February reference month of March quarter 2026, there were 3,008,128 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.5% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to March quarter 2026, 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 'Professional, scientific and technical services' industry had the largest percentage increase (7.1%).
- Over the year to March quarter 2026, 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 (1.9 percentage points). In comparison, the 'Retail

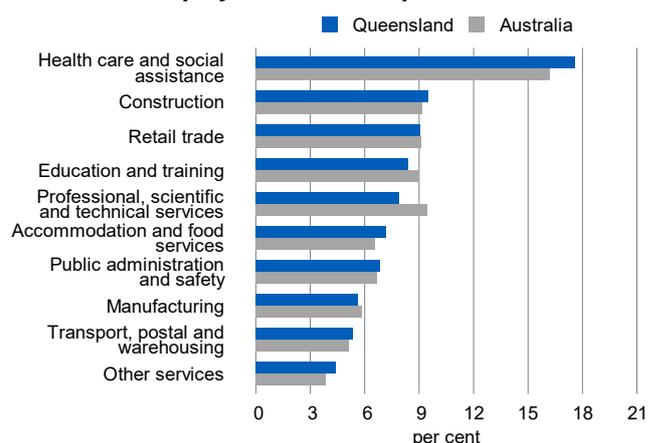
trade' industry recorded the largest detraction in Queensland (0.7 of a percentage point) (Figure 1).

- During March quarter 2026, the highest percentage of total employment in Queensland was recorded in the 'Health care and social assistance' industry (17.6%). 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 March quarter 2026**



**Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by industry of employment, March quarter 2026**



### 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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