

# Employment by occupation, March quarter 2021

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## Key data

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

Occupation	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Managers	1.8	5.3
Professionals	3.2	2.7
Technicians and trades workers	-2.7	-3.9
Community and personal service workers	-11.1	-10.4
Clerical and administrative workers	1.4	-1.2
Sales workers	-4.6	-5.8
Machinery operators and drivers	-4.2	-6.3
Labourers	-2.2	-7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

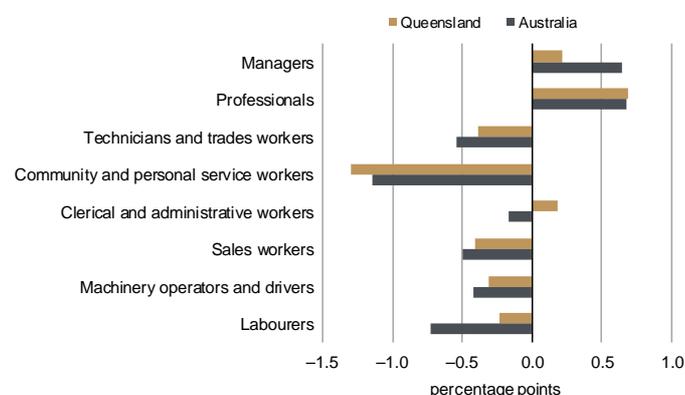
(a) Year to March quarter 2021 on year to March quarter 2020.

## Main findings

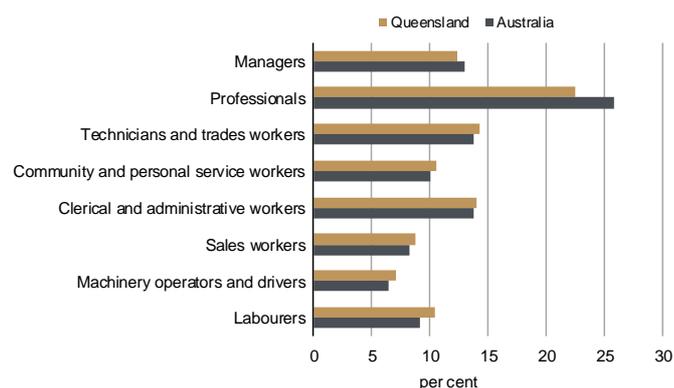
Note: Data in this brief are based on 4-quarter moving averages.

- In the February reference month of March quarter 2021, there were 2,510,786 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 19.8% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to March quarter 2021, the largest percentage increase in employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group *Professionals* (up 3.2%), followed by *Managers* (up 1.8%). In Australia, the largest percentage increase occurred in the occupation group *Managers* (up 5.3%).
- Over the year to March quarter 2021, the occupation group *Professionals* recorded the largest contribution to employment in Queensland (0.7 percentage point), followed by *Managers* (0.2 percentage point). In comparison, the occupation group *Community and personal service workers* recorded the largest deduction in Queensland (-1.3 percentage points) (Figure 1).
- During March quarter 2021, the occupation group *Professionals* had the largest percentage of total employment in Queensland (22.5%), followed by *Technicians and trades workers* (14.3%). The largest percentage in total employment in Australia was also in *Professionals* (25.8%) (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by occupation group, year to March quarter 2021**



**Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by occupation of employment, March quarter 2021**



### 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.

Occupation was coded to the ABS 2013 v1.2 Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).