

Employment by occupation, September quarter 2021

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.003, released 23 September 2021, 11:30 am AEST

Key data

Table 1 Employed persons by occupation (annual change^(a))

Occupation	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Managers	7.3	5.2
Professionals	2.9	5.2
Technicians and trades workers	7.2	1.0
Community and personal service workers	3.5	5.2
Clerical and administrative workers	1.5	-1.6
Sales workers	8.8	2.4
Machinery operators and drivers	8.4	0.6
Labourers	-2.5	-1.8
Total	4.2	2.5

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

Main findings

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

- In the August reference month of September quarter 2021, there were 2,610,929 employed persons in Queensland, which accounted for 20.1% of Australia's total employment.
- Over the year to September quarter 2021, the largest percentage increase in employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group *Sales workers* (up 8.8%), followed by *Machinery operators and drivers* (up 8.4%). In Australia, the largest percentage increase occurred in the occupation group *Professionals* (up 5.2%).
- Over the year to September quarter 2021, the occupation group *Technicians and trades workers* recorded the largest contribution to employment changes in Queensland (1.0 percentage points), followed by *Managers* (0.9 percentage point). In comparison, the occupation group *Labourers* recorded the largest detraction in Queensland (-0.3 percentage point) (Figure 1).
- During September quarter 2021, the occupation group *Professionals* had the largest percentage of total employment in Queensland (21.9%), followed by *Technicians and trades workers* (14.7%). The largest percentage in total employment in Australia was also in *Professionals* (25.9%) (Figure 2).

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

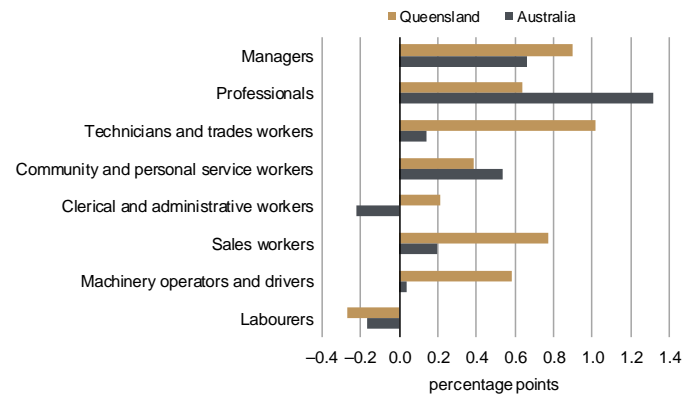
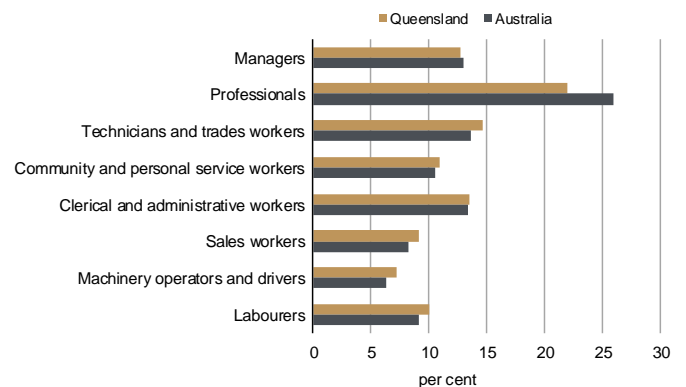


Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by occupation of employment, September quarter 2021



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).