

Employment by occupation, March quarter 2026

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Key data

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

Occupation	Qld	Aus
	— % —	
Managers	3.2	0.4
Professionals	7.8	5.9
Technicians and trades workers	3.4	0.2
Community and personal service workers	9.2	3.3
Clerical and administrative workers	-3.2	-1.3
Sales workers	-10.2	-1.6
Machinery operators and drivers	-3.2	-0.7
Labourers	-6.1	-1.6
Total	1.7	1.6

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

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, the largest percentage increase in employment in Queensland occurred in the occupation group 'Community and personal service workers' (9.2%), followed by 'Professionals' (7.8%). In Australia, the largest percentage increase occurred in 'Professionals' (5.9%).
- Over the year to March quarter 2026, the occupation group 'Professionals' recorded the largest contribution to employment changes in Queensland (1.8 percentage points), followed by 'Community and personal service workers' (1.1 percentage points). In comparison, the occupation group 'Sales workers' recorded the largest detracting in Queensland (0.9 of a percentage point) (Figure 1).
- During March quarter 2026, the occupation group 'Professionals' had the largest percentage of total employment in Queensland (25.0%), followed by 'Technicians and trades workers' (14.7%). The largest percentage in total employment in Australia was also in 'Professionals' (27.5%) (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Contribution to employment changes by occupation group, year to March quarter 2026

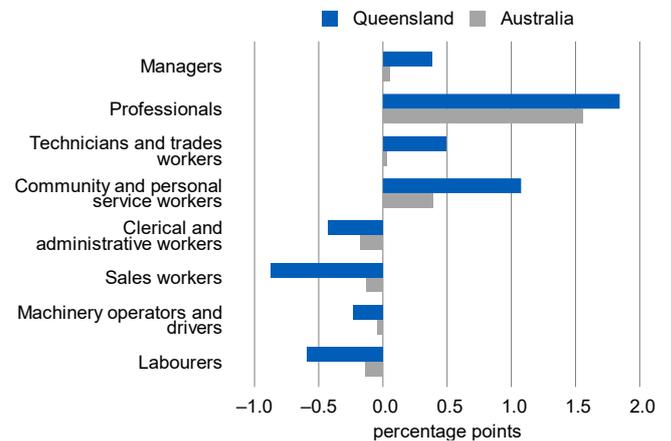
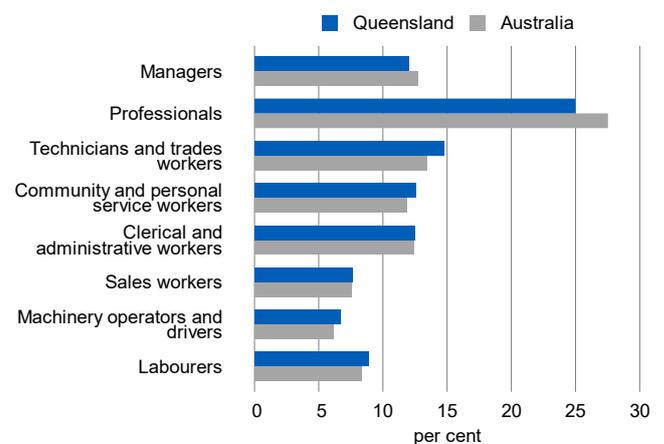


Figure 2 Percentage of employed persons by occupation of employment, March quarter 2026



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.

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

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