Cairns region (SA4)
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**Population**
- 249,745 in 2017
- 301,146 in 2031

**Workforce**
- 99,301 in 2016
- 105,300 in 2022

**Top five occupation groups**
1. Sales assistants and sales persons: 7.5%
2. Carers and aides: 5.2%
3. Health professionals: 5.1%
4. Hospitality, retail and service managers: 5.0%
5. Education professionals: 4.7%

**Biggest employing industries**
- Health care and social assistance: 14%
- Retail trade: 11%
- Accommodation and food services: 10%
- Education and training: 9%
- Public administration and safety: 7%
- Other: 26%
- Manufacturing: 5%
- Transport, postal and warehousing: 6%
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing: 6%
- Construction: 6%

**Notes:**
1. Estimated resident population as at 30 June 2017, Source: ABS Cat 3218.0 Regional Population Growth, Australia.

The Cairns statistical area level 4 (SA4) region includes Cairns City, as well as the townships of Port Douglas and Cape Tribulation in the north, and the Tablelands, and Mount Garnet in the west, Innisfail, Tully, and Cardwell in the south.

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Workers' compensation claims by workers in high risk industries

Agriculture, forestry and fishing had the highest number of claims per year – 291 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Retail trade had the second highest number of claims per year – 280 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry (70.1 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by manufacturing (62.4 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were construction ($15,770) and transport, postal and warehousing ($14,312).

High risk industries ranked by average number of finalised claims per year, 2014-15 to 2016-17

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<tr>
<th>High risk industry</th>
<th>Qld average number of claims per year</th>
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<th>Cairns claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)</th>
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<td>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</td>
<td>1,740</td>
<td>291</td>
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<td>46.8</td>
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<td>Health care and social assistance</td>
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<td>Transport, postal and warehousing</td>
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<td>41.3</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
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<td>57.0</td>
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<td>34.2</td>
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Source: QEIDB, finalised employee claims as at 20 June, 2018.
Top five mechanisms of injury

1. Body stressing 34%
2. Falls, trips and slips of a person 18%
3. Hitting objects with a part of the body 16%
4. Being hit by moving objects 15%
5. Vehicle incidents and other 10%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.