



Townsville region work health and safety profile



Townsville region (SA4)

Population	235,683	2017 ¹
	247,156	2031 ²
Workforce	98,272	2016 ³
	101,450	2022 ⁴



Workforce breakdown³

62,592	full-time workers
30,264	part-time workers
31.3%	blue collar workers
67.3%	white collar workers

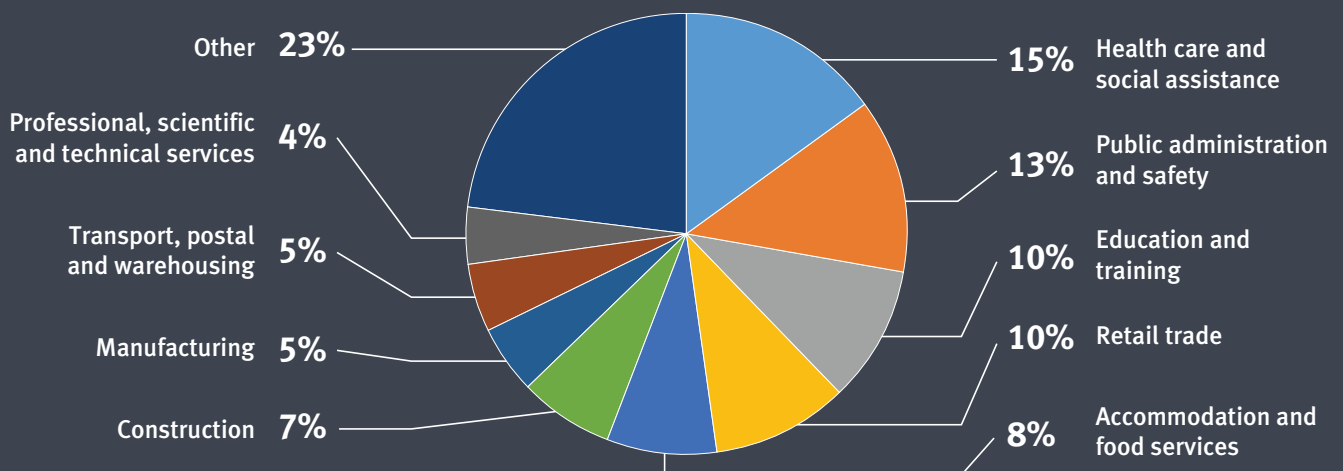
Top five occupation groups³

1. Sales assistants and sales persons	6.9%
2. Health professionals	5.7%
3. Carers and aides	5.3%
4. Education professionals	4.9%
5. Specialist managers	4.6%

The Townsville region SA4

The Townsville region statistical local area level 4 (SA4) includes Townsville City local government area (LGA), as well as the townships of Ingham in the north, Charters Towers in the west, Ravenswood, Ayr and Home Hill in the south and south west.

Biggest employing industries⁵



Notes:

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

² Source: Population projection based on medium series, Queensland Government Population Projections, 2015 edition. (Population data reproduced in Queensland Regional Profiles: Resident Profile for Townsville Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

³ Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (data reproduced in Queensland Regional Profiles: Workforce Profile for Townsville Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

⁴ Source: Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment level (medium series) May 2022. (<http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/EmploymentProjections>).

⁵ Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (data reproduced in Queensland Regional Profiles: Workforce Profile for Townsville Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4), Queensland Government Statistician's office, Queensland Treasury).

Townsville region (SA4) accepted workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Average no. accepted claims per year	1,984	(3% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	1.7	(3.9% of Qld fatality claims)

Return to work rate at claim finalisation*

Townsville region	92.7%
Queensland	94%

92.7 per cent of injured workers in the Townsville region returned to some form of employment (three year average). For Queensland overall, 94 per cent of injured workers returned to work.

Average work days lost per claim*

Townsville region	53.4 days
Queensland	45 days

Injured workers in Townsville region were off work for 53.4 days per claim on average, compared to the Queensland average of 45 days per claim.









Note * three year average 2014-15 to 2016-17. All on-duty finalised claims.

Workers' compensation claims by workers in high risk industries

Health care and social assistance industry had the highest number of claims per year – 305 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Manufacturing had the second highest number of claims per year – 290 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (57.3 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by transport, postal and warehousing (39.3 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were agriculture, forestry and fishing (\$25,221) and construction (\$20,944).

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

High risk industry	Qld average number of claims per year	Townsville region (SA4) average number of claims per year	Townsville region (SA4) claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Townsville region (SA4) average yearly statutory costs (for 3 year period)	Townsville region (SA4) average statutory costs per claim
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	305	22.1	30.4	\$2,895,391	\$9,483
 Manufacturing	10,284	290	57.3	85.6	\$3,162,590	\$10,918
 Construction	7,673	172	31.6	50.4	\$3,602,325	\$20,944
 Retail trade	5,597	167	17.8	28.2	\$1,092,403	\$6,528
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	158	39.3	41.3	\$2,210,894	\$13,964
 Wholesale trade	3,052	54	27.1	57.0	\$573,410	\$10,619
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	41	19.7	46.8	\$1,025,674	\$25,221
 All industries	65,420	1,984	22.0	34.2	\$22,200,577	\$11,190

Source: QEIDB, employee claims as at 20 June 2018.

Townsville region (SA4) accepted workers compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Top five high risk occupations

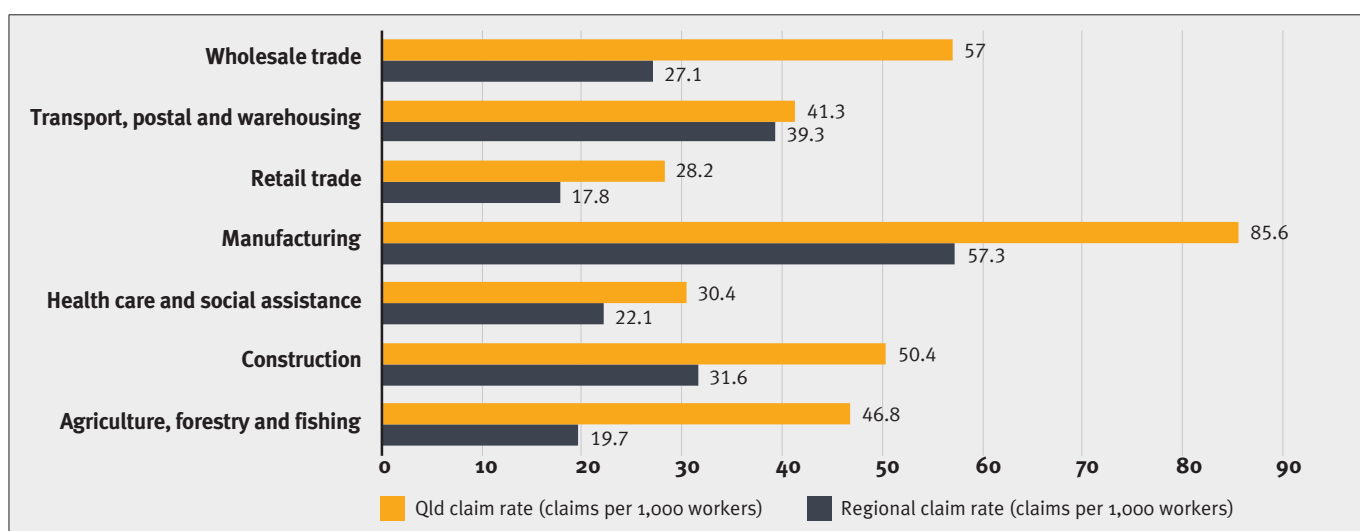
1.	Other labourers	13%
2.	Automotive and engineering trades workers	8%
3.	Carers and aides	6%
4.	Road and rail drivers	6%
5.	Sales assistants and salespersons	5%

Top five agencies of injury

1.	Non-powered hand tools, appliances	24%
2.	Animal, human and biological	12%
3.	Road and ground surfaces	5%
4.	Road transport	5%
5.	Sheet and other metal	5%

Workers compensation claim rates by industry, Townsville region and Queensland

(Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	33%
	2. Falls, trips and slips	19%
	3. Being hit by moving objects	18%
	4. Hitting objects with a part of the body	12%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	9%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.



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