

Sunshine Coast and Noosa local government areas (LGAs) work health and safety profile



Coast - Noosa region

Population	365,865	2017 ¹
	498,425	2031 ²
Workforce	130,982	2016 ³
	144,140	2022 ⁴



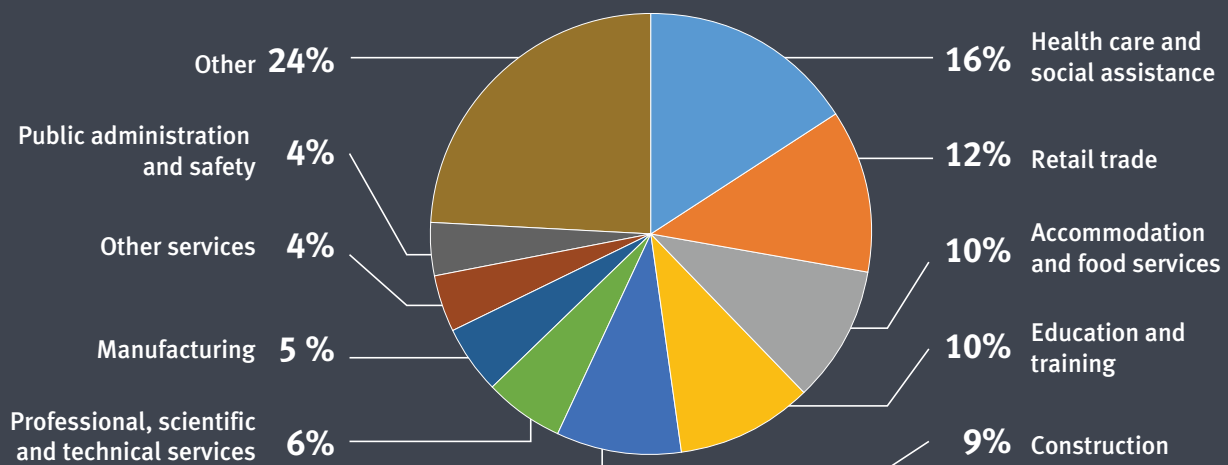
Workforce breakdown³

71,282	full-time workers
53,535	part-time workers
28.4%	blue collar workers
70.2%	white collar workers

Top five occupation groups³

1. Sales assistants and sales persons	8.1 %
2. Health professionals	5.7%
3. Carers and aides	5.4%
4. Hospitality retail and service managers	5.2%
5. Education professionals	4.9 %

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 Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government Areas (LGAs), 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 Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government Areas (LGAs), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

⁴ Source: Workforce projection based on Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment growth (medium series) to May 2022 for the Sunshine Coast Statistical Area level 4 (<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 Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government Areas (LGAs), Queensland Government Statistician's office, Queensland Treasury).

Sunshine Coast – Noosa region accepted workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Average no. accepted claims per year	2,892	(4.4% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	1.3	(3% of Qld fatality claims)

Return to work rate at claim finalisation*

Sunshine Coast – Noosa LGAs	93.3%
Queensland	94%

Approximately 93 per cent of injured workers in the Sunshine Coast – Noosa region returned to some form of employment (three year average). For Queensland overall, 94 per cent of injured workers returned to work.

Injured workers in the Sunshine Coast – Noosa region were off work for 47.7 days per claim on average, compared to the Queensland average of 45 days per claim.

Average work days lost per claim*

Sunshine Coast – Noosa LGAs	47.7 days
Queensland	45 days









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 had the highest number of claims per year – 471 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Construction had the second highest number of claims per year – 400 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (58.8 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by construction (42.3 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were transport, postal and warehousing (\$24,659) and agriculture, forestry and fishing (\$14,464).

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

High risk industry	Qld average no. of claims per year	Sunshine Coast - Noosa average no. of claims per year	Sunshine Coast - Noosa claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Sunshine Coast - Noosa average yearly statutory costs	Sunshine Coast - Noosa average statutory costs per claim
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	471	19.7	30.4	\$4,960,598	\$10,540
 Construction	7,673	400	42.3	50.4	\$5,615,889	\$14,028
 Retail trade	5,597	331	22.5	28.2	\$2,379,074	\$7,180
 Manufacturing	10,284	326	58.8	85.6	\$2,238,834	\$6,875
 Wholesale trade	3,052	84	34.0	57.0	\$767,303	\$9,135
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	81	24.8	41.3	\$2,005,575	\$24,659
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	35	19.8	46.8	\$511,045	\$14,464
 All industries	65,420	2,892	22.1	34.2	\$29,596,128	\$10,235

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

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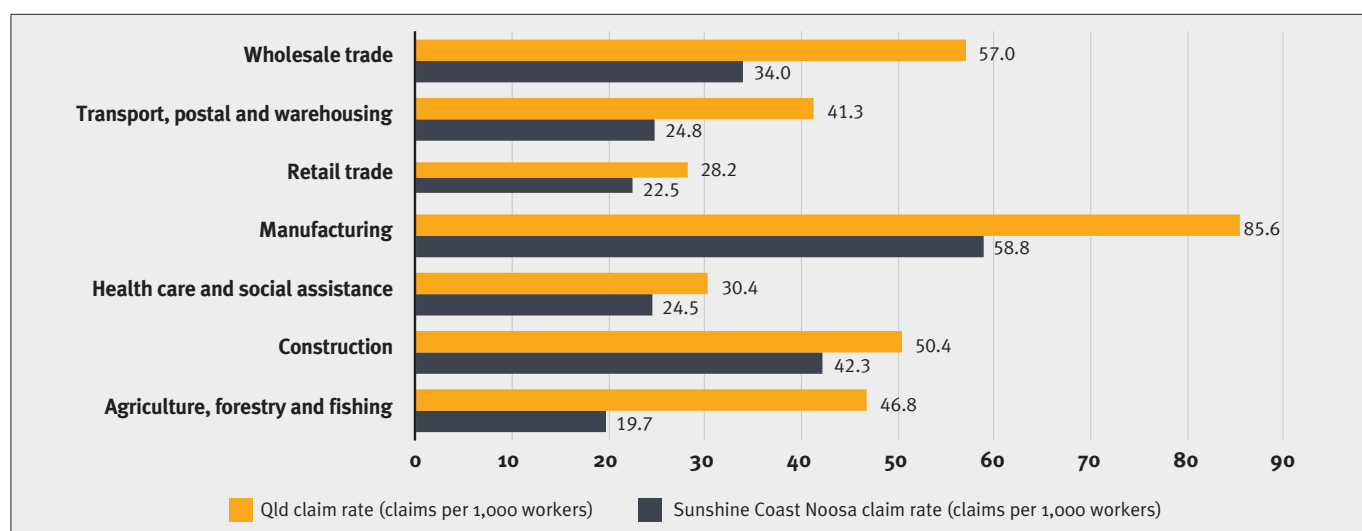
Top five high risk occupations

1. Other labourers	14%
2. Carers and aides	8%
3. Construction trades workers	7%
4. Sales assistants and salespersons	6%
5. Automotive and engineering trades workers	5%

Top five agencies of injury

1. Outdoor environment, incl. buildings, roads and ground surfaces	10%
2. Human	8%
3. Furniture and fittings	8%
4. Sheet and other metal	5%
5. Powered equipment, tools and appliances	5%

Workers' compensation claim rates by industry, Sunshine Coast – Noosa region and Queensland (Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	34%
	2. Falls, trips and slips	19%
	3. Hitting objects with a part of the body	17%
	4. Being hit by moving objects	16%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	9%

Source: QEIDB employee claims, 20 June 2018



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