

Whitsunday (R) local government area work health and safety profile



Whitsunday

Population	34,784	2017 ¹
	41,072	2031 ²
Workforce	15,102	2016 ³
	15,590	2022 ⁴



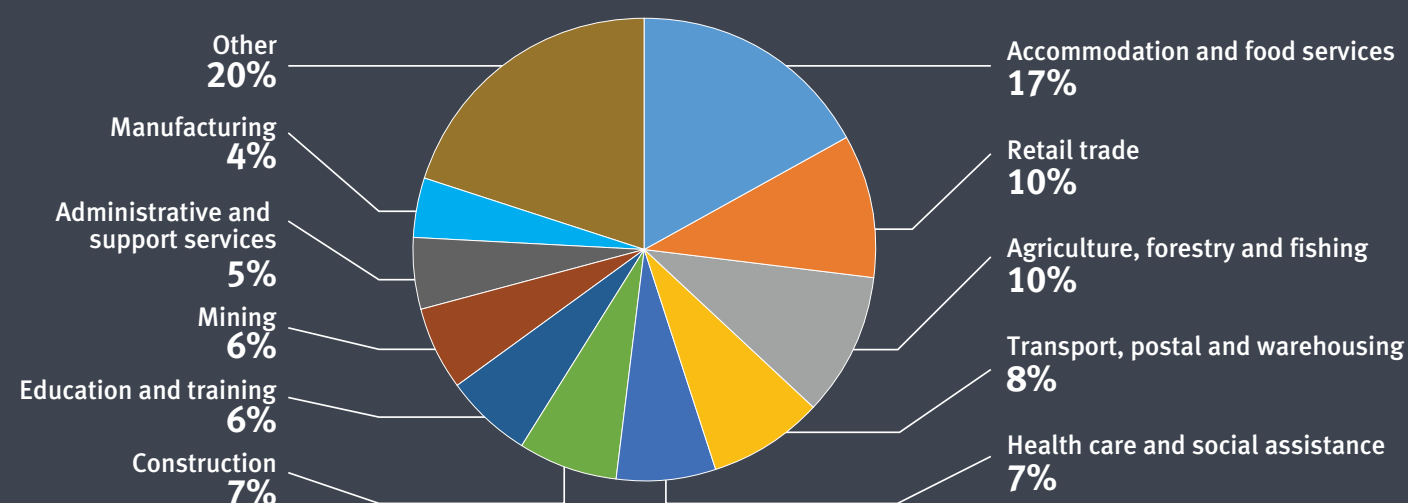
Workforce breakdown³

9,992	full-time workers
4,255	part-time workers
41.9%	blue collar workers
56.5%	white collar workers

Top five occupation groups³

1. Sales assistants and salespersons	6.6 %
2. Hospitality retail and service managers	6.0 %
3. Cleaners and laundry workers	4.7 %
4. Automotive and engineering trades workers	4.3 %
5. Farm forestry and garden workers	3.9 %

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 Whitsunday (R) Local Government Area, 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 Whitsunday (R) Local Government Area, Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

4. Source: Projection based on Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment growth (medium term) to May 2022 for (<http://lmp.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/EmploymentProjections>) Mackay SA4.

5. Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (data reproduced in Queensland Regional Profiles: Workforce Profile for Whitsunday (R) Local Government Area, Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

Whitsunday accepted workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Average no. accepted claims per year	509	(0.8% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	0	(0% of Qld fatality claims)

Return to work rate at claim finalisation*

Whitsunday	92.8%
Queensland	94%

92.8 per cent of injured workers in Whitsunday 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*

Whitsunday	37.7 days
Queensland	45 days

Injured workers in Whitsunday were off work for 37.7 days per claim on average, compared to the Queensland average of 45 days per claim.

*Note *based on accepted claims finalised between 2014-15 and 2016-17.*









Includes on-duty claims with one or more workdays absent.

Workers' compensation claims by workers in high risk industries

Transport, postal and warehousing had the highest number of claims per year – 42 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Manufacturing had the second highest number of claims per year – 32 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (56.9 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by wholesale trade (45.9 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were construction (\$13,198) and agriculture, forestry and fishing (\$11,546).

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	Whitsunday average number of claims per year	Whitsunday claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Whitsunday average yearly statutory costs	Whitsunday average statutory costs per claim
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	42	37.8	41.3	\$450,105	\$10,803
 Manufacturing	10,284	32	56.9	85.6	\$320,011	\$10,000
 Construction	7,673	31	38.7	50.4	\$409,125	\$13,198
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	25	25.0	30.4	\$244,761	\$9,790
 Retail trade	5,597	22	16.0	28.2	\$153,312	\$6,969
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	20	17.5	46.8	\$230,929	\$11,546
 Wholesale trade	3,052	10	45.9	57.0	\$75,688	\$7,569
 All industries	65,420	509	38.2	34.2	\$3,641,634	\$7,150

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

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Top five high risk occupations

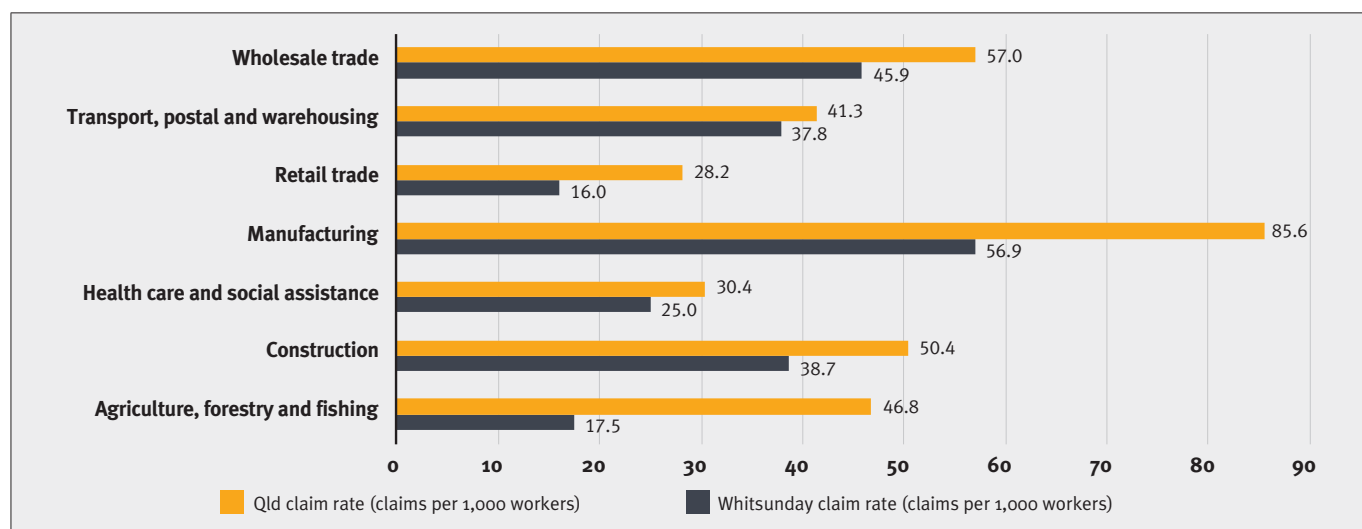
1. Other labourers	16%
2. Cleaners and laundry workers	9%
3. Hospitality workers	8%
4. Food trades workers	6%
5. Road and rail drivers	4%

Top five agencies of injury

1. Non-powered hand tools, appliances and equipment	29%
2. Environmental Agencies, incl. outdoor environment.	15%
3. Materials and substances, incl. metal and timber	13%
4. Mobile Plant and Transport, incl. road transport	12%
5. Animal, human and biological agencies, incl. people	6%

Workers' compensation claim rates by industry, Whitsunday and Queensland

(Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	31%
	2. Falls, trips and slips of a person	19%
	3. Hitting objects with a part of the body	17%
	4. Being hit by moving objects	13%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	9%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.



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