

Toowoomba (R) work health and safety profile



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Population	166,409	2017 ¹
	194,784	2031 ²
Workforce	69,344	2016 ³
	74,700	2022 ⁴



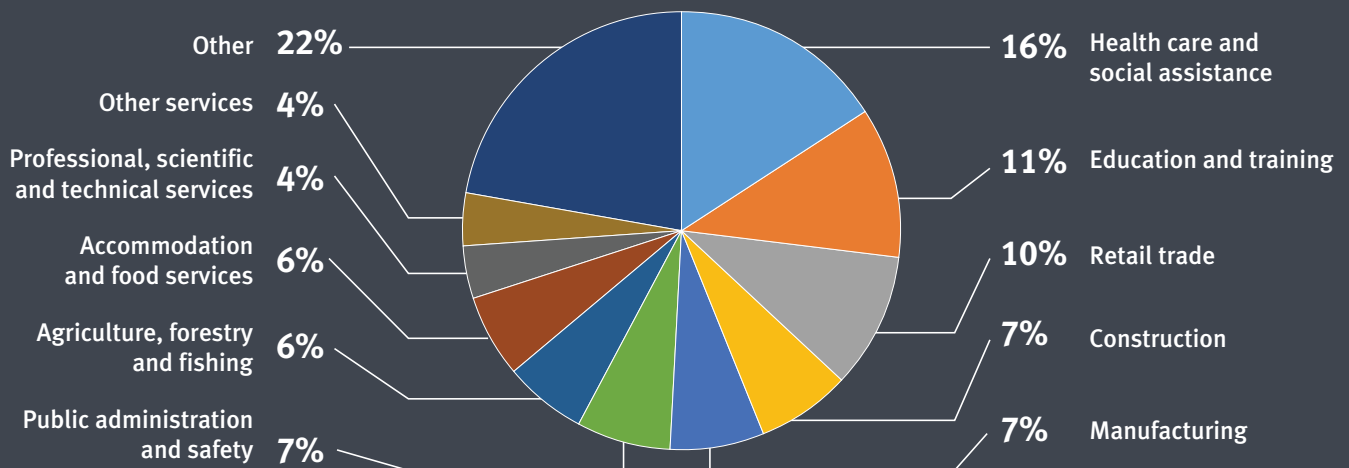
Workforce breakdown³

43,236	full-time workers
22,466	part-time workers
32.2%	blue collar workers
66.5%	white collar workers

Top five occupation groups³

1. Sales assistants and sales persons	6.9 %
2. Carers and aides	5.8 %
3. Health professionals	5.7 %
4. Education professionals	5.3 %
5. Specialist managers	4.4 %

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

⁴ Source: Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment growth (medium series) May 2022 for Toowoomba SA4 used as proxy for Toowoomba local government area (<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 Toowoomba (R) Local Government Area, Queensland Government Statistician's office, Queensland Treasury).

Toowoomba (R) workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Average no. accepted claims per year	2,279 (3.5% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	0.7 (1.6% of Qld fatality claims)

Return to work rate at claim finalisation*

Toowoomba (R)	95.4%
Queensland	94%

95.4 per cent of injured workers in Toowoomba (R) 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*

Toowoomba (R)	34.3 days
Queensland	45 days

Injured workers in Toowoomba (R) were off work for 34.3 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

Manufacturing had the highest number of claims per year – 469 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Health care and social assistance had the second highest number of claims per year – 348 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (106.9 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by wholesale trade (56.8 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were transport, postal and warehousing (\$13,561) and construction (\$12,374).

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	Toowoomba (R) average number of claims per year	Toowoomba (R) claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Toowoomba (R) average yearly statutory costs (for 3 year period)	Toowoomba (R) average statutory costs per claim
 Manufacturing	10,284	469	106.9	85.6	\$2,038,695	\$4,347
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	348	33.9	30.4	\$1,691,990	\$4,862
 Retail trade	5,597	204	31.5	28.2	\$904,955	\$4,436
 Construction	7,673	196	49.3	50.4	\$2,429,381	\$12,374
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	129	52.6	46.8	\$840,147	\$6,513
 Wholesale trade	3,052	117	56.8	57.0	\$813,708	\$6,935
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	107	41.4	41.3	\$1,455,569	\$13,561
 All industries	65,420	2,279	36.6	34.2	\$15,538,302	\$6,818

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

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

Top five high risk occupations

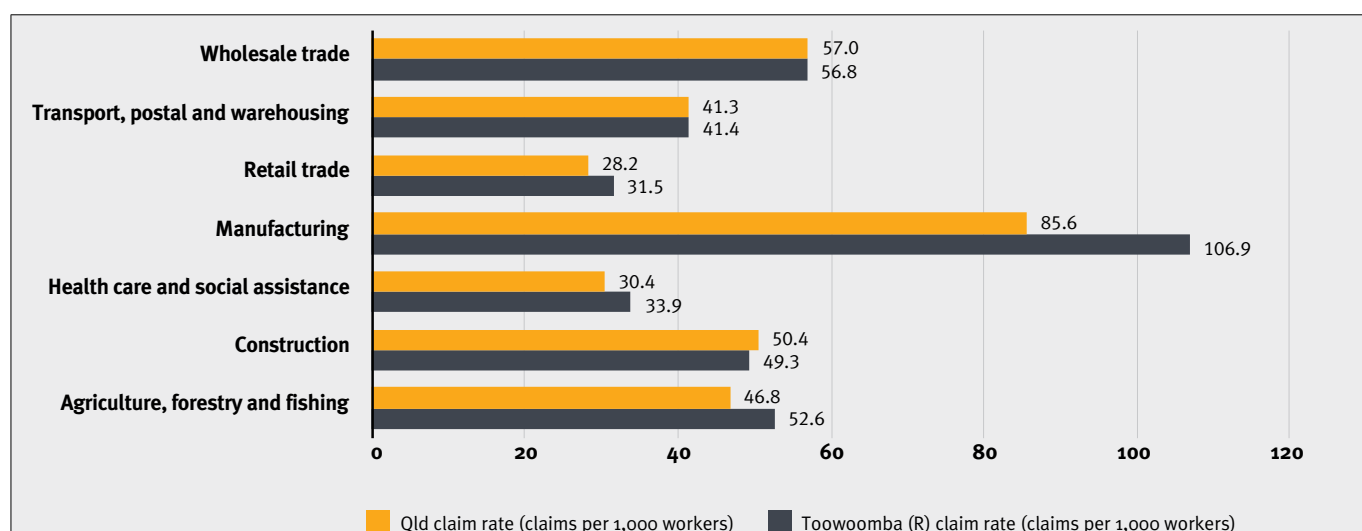
1.	Other labourers	13%
2.	Automotive and engineering trades workers	10%
3.	Factory process workers	8%
4.	Carers and aides	6%
5.	Road and rail drivers	5%

Top five agencies of injury

1.	Animal, human and biological	11%
2.	Fastening, packing and packaging equipment, including crates and boxes	6%
3.	Sheet and other metal	6%
4.	Furniture and fittings	6%
5.	Road and traffic surface	5%

Workers compensation claim rates by industry, Toowoomba (R) and Queensland

(Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	27%
	2. Being hit by moving objects	21%
	3. Falls, trips and slips	19%
	4. Hitting objects with a part of the body	17%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	8%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.



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