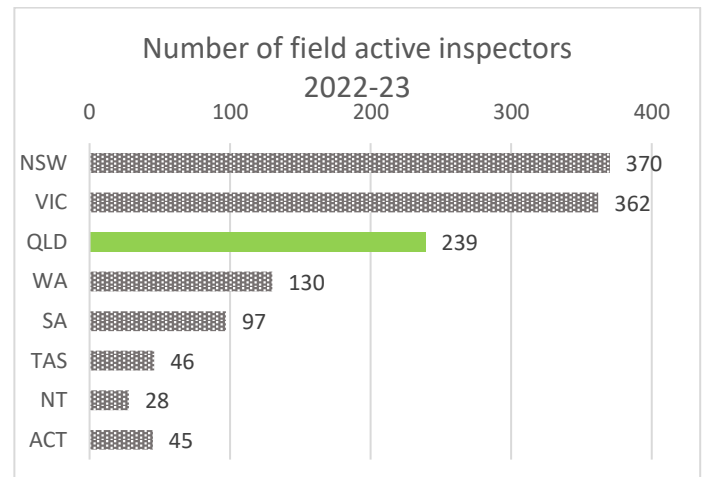
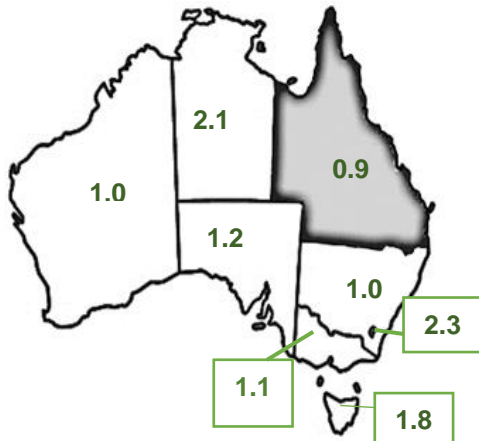


Executive summary – Queensland performance

Indicators of Queensland Work Health and Safety (WHS) performance against other Australian jurisdictions

Based on: Safe Work Australia Annual Comparative Performance Monitoring data, 26th Edition (CPM26 – Part 2) for 2022–23 (November 2024).

Field active inspectors
per 10,000 employees
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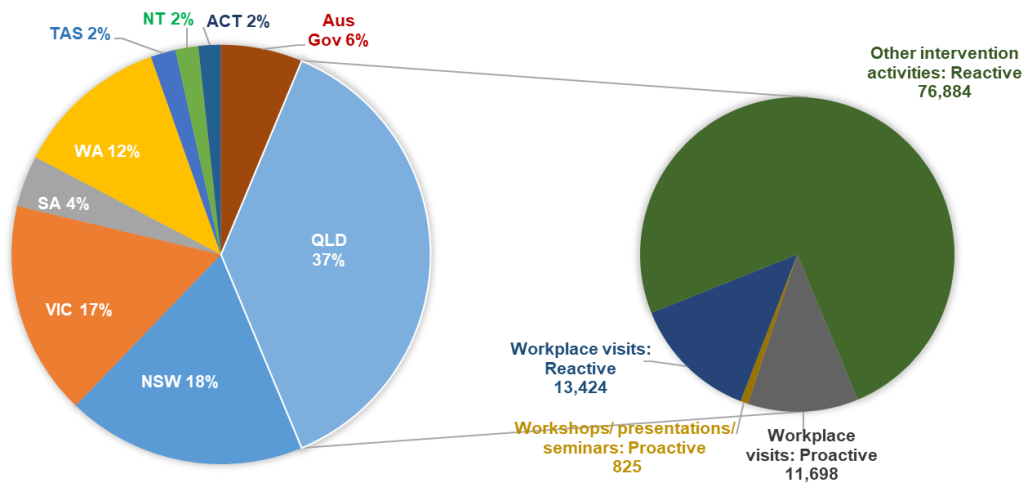


The number of field active inspectors in Queensland, at 0.9 inspector per 10,000 employees, is just below the national average ratio of inspectors to employees (1.1). In 2022–23, Queensland had the third highest number of field active inspectors at 239.

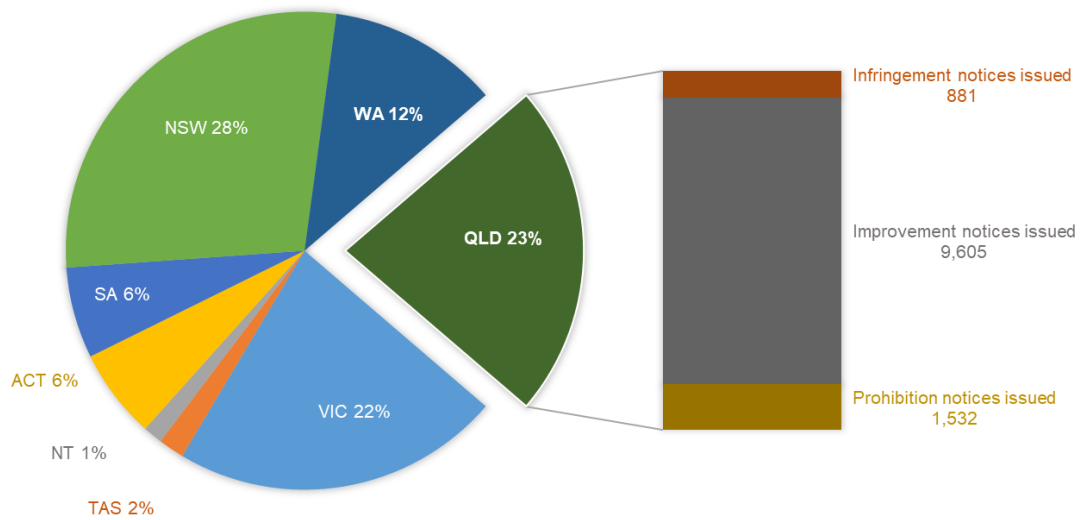
In 2022–23, there were 102,831 proactive and reactive activities undertaken by work health and safety officers across Queensland. Queensland represented 37 per cent of all WHS activities performed in Australia, making Queensland the biggest contributor of all jurisdictions.

In the 2022–23 financial year Queensland accounted for 23 per cent of all notices issued in the states and territories of Australia, with a total of 12,018 notices issued within the region. This led to Queensland having the second highest number of notices issued by jurisdiction, with New South Wales ranking first.

PROPORTION OF TOTAL WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIVITY BY JURISDICTION (2022-23)



PROPORTION OF NOTICES ISSUED BY JURISDICTION (2022-23)



Indicators of Queensland WHS performance against other Australian jurisdictions

This report summarises the 2022-23 Comparative Performance Monitoring inspectorate data, published by Safe Work Australia November 2024. (CPM26 – Part 2.)

Comparative Performance Monitoring (CPM) data is published annually by Safe Work Australia to provide trend analysis on work health and safety and workers' compensation schemes operating in Australia and New Zealand.

Jurisdictional capacity

In 2022–23, Queensland had the third highest number of field active inspectors, at 239, behind New South Wales (370) and Victoria (362). The ratio of field active inspectors to employees in Queensland fell just short of the national average (1.1).

Table 1: Field active inspectors, number and rate (number per 10,000 employees)

	Year	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
Number of active field inspectors	2018–19	330	263	244	99	96	38	32	29
	2022–23	370	362	239	130	97	46	28	45
Rate (no. per 10,000 employees)	2018–19	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.7
	2022–23	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.8	2.1	2.3

Inspectorate activity

In 2022–23 Queensland inspectors had the highest number of other reactive interventions than any other jurisdiction. Queensland had the third highest number of proactive workplace visits and the second highest number of workshops/presentations/seminars and forums after New South Wales and Victoria.

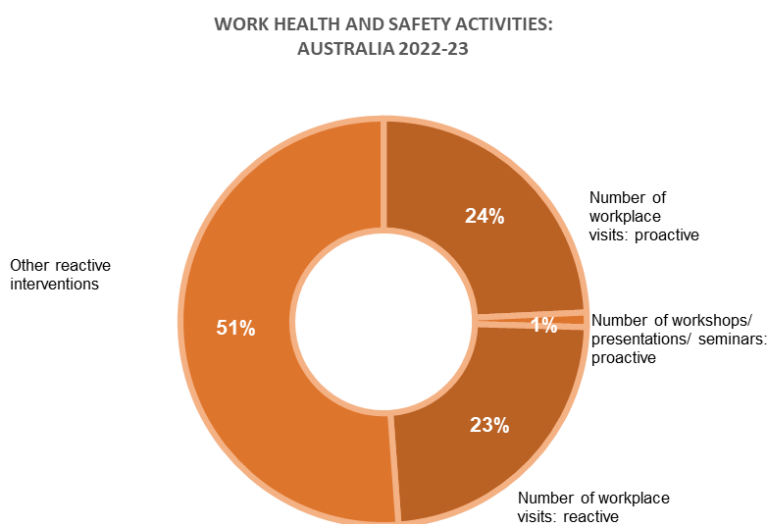
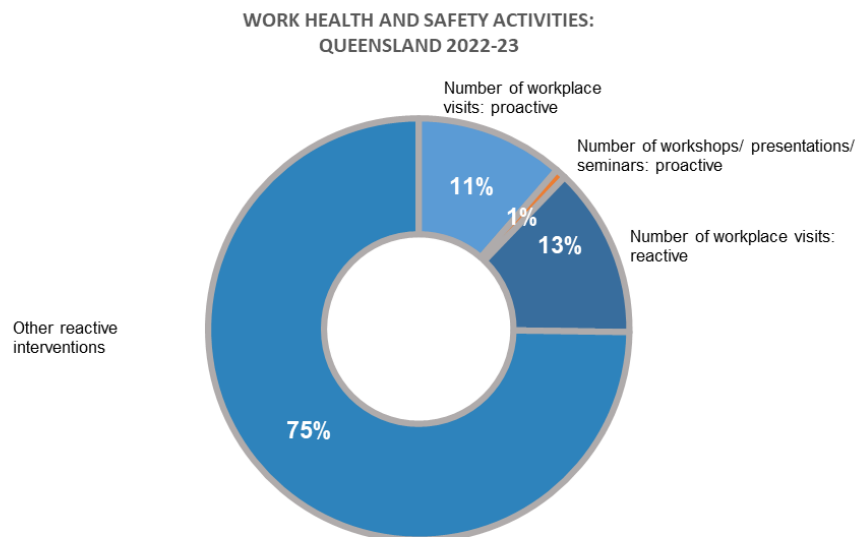
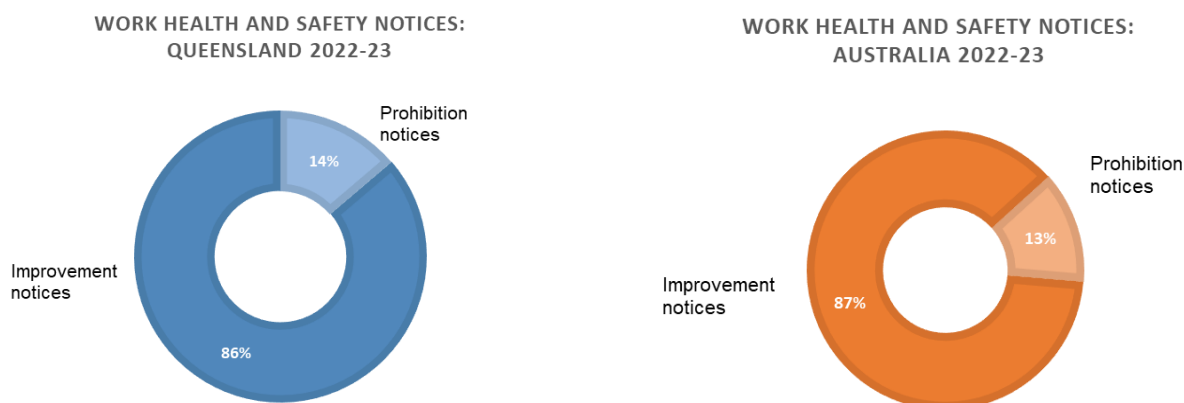


Table 2: WHS jurisdictional inspectorate activity 2022–23

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	Total Australia
Number of workplace visits: proactive	22,970	19,207	11,698	1,882	2,528	66,588
Number of workshops/presentations/seminars/forums: proactive	1,049	0	825	184	199	3,178
Number of workplace visits: reactive	11,963	26,209	13,424	3,240	2,873	64,382
Other reactive interventions	14,831	0	76,884	5,580	27,079	140,682
Total workplace visits	50,813	45,416	102,831	10,886	32,679	274,830

Notices

Throughout 2022–23 Queensland inspectors issued a higher proportion of prohibition notices (at 14 per cent) compared to Australia as a whole, where prohibition notices made up 13 per cent of notices.



Based on the latest CPM data, the table below outlines the number of infringement, improvement and prohibition notices issued by WHS jurisdictions. This highlights that Work Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) inspectors issued the second highest number of infringement notices in 2022-23. Queensland also issued the third highest number of improvement notices and the second highest number of prohibition notices. Direct comparisons of notices issued cannot be made due to differences in jurisdictional policy about the number of breaches that can be addressed on a single notice.

Table 3: WHS notices issued

		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
Number of infringement notices issued	2018–19	636	n/a	819	n/a	1	26	4	24
	2022–23	885	n/a	881	n/a	16	14	59	121
Number of improvement notices issued	2018–19	10,157	14,272	11,430	9,046	2,441	460	116	669
	2022–23	11,286	11,410	9,605	5,984	2,659	722	528	2,441
Number of prohibition notices issued	2018–19	1,905	477	2,217	256	703	94	66	151
	2022–23	2,889	459	1,532	184	611	196	113	675
Total notices issued	2018–19	12,698	14,749	14,466	9,302	3,145	580	186	844
	2022–23	15,060	11,869	12,018	6,168	3,286	932	700	3,237

Sanctions

Among the Australian jurisdictions implementing enforceable undertakings, Queensland ranked third in 2022–23 nationally for the number of enforceable undertakings.

Regarding legal proceedings, in 2022–23 Queensland ranked third in the number of legal proceedings (45) finalised by each state and territory. With a success rate of 100 per cent, Queensland ranked equal first in this measure against a number of other Australian jurisdictions.

