

Ipswich region work health and safety profile



Ipswich region

Population	342,529	2017 ¹
	562,412	2031 ²
Workforce	150,400	2016 ³
	169,600	2022 ⁴



Workforce breakdown³

69,115	full-time workers
33,303	part-time workers
36.0%	blue collar workers
62.2%	white collar workers

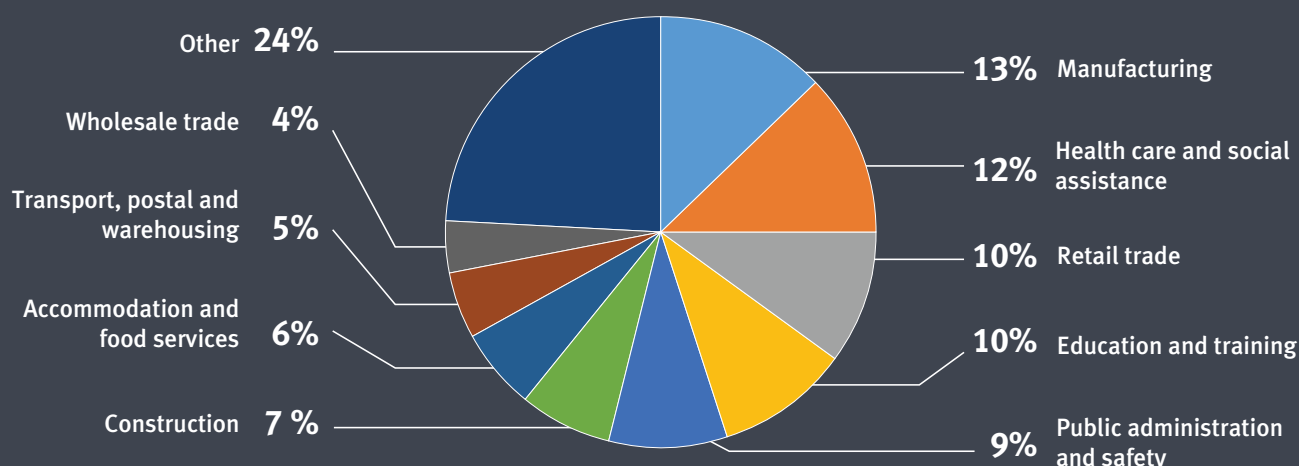
Top five occupation groups³

1. Sales assistants and sales persons	6.5%
2. Carers and aides	6.0%
3. Specialist managers	5.5%
4. Education professionals	5.0%
5. Factory process workers	4.8%

Ipswich region SA4

The Ipswich Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) includes Ipswich City and surrounding townships of Esk, Lowood, Laidley, Harrisville and Boonah. The Ipswich City local government area includes Forest Lake-Oxley, Springfield-Redbank, Ipswich City, Rosewood and Marburg. This locality profile presents data for the wider Ipswich SA4 area.

Biggest employing industries⁵



Notes:

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

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

⁴ Source: Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment growth (medium term) May 2022 for Ipswich 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 for Ipswich Statistical Area Level 4, Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

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

Average no. of accepted claims per year	3,575	(5.5% of Qld claims)
Average no. of accepted fatality claims per year	3	(6.8% of Qld fatality claims)

Return to work rate at claim finalisation*

Ipswich region	94.5%
Queensland	94%

Ninety-four and a half per cent of injured workers in Ipswich SA4 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*

Ipswich region	41.4 days
Queensland	45 days

Injured workers in Ipswich were off work for 41.4 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

Manufacturing had the highest number of claims per year – 1,022 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Retail trade had the second highest number of claims per year – 356 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (73.7 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by wholesale trade (52.6 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were agriculture, forestry and fishing (\$17,571) and transport, postal and warehousing (\$15,021).

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	Ipswich region average number of claims per year	Ipswich region claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Ipswich region average yearly statutory costs	Ipswich region average statutory costs per claim
 Manufacturing	10,284	1,022	73.7	85.6	\$6,238,141	\$6,106
 Retail trade	5,597	356	34.4	28.2	\$2,637,216	\$7,401
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	281	22.7	30.4	\$2,727,304	\$9,717
 Construction	7,673	270	42.5	50.4	\$3,722,962	\$13,789
 Wholesale trade	3,052	209	52.6	57.0	\$1,905,387	\$9,117
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	196	37.7	41.3	\$2,949,070	\$15,021
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	38	21.1	46.8	\$673,552	\$17,571
 All industries	65,420	3,575	33.1	34.2	\$31,293,316	\$8,753

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

Ipswich region accepted and finalised workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Top five high risk occupations

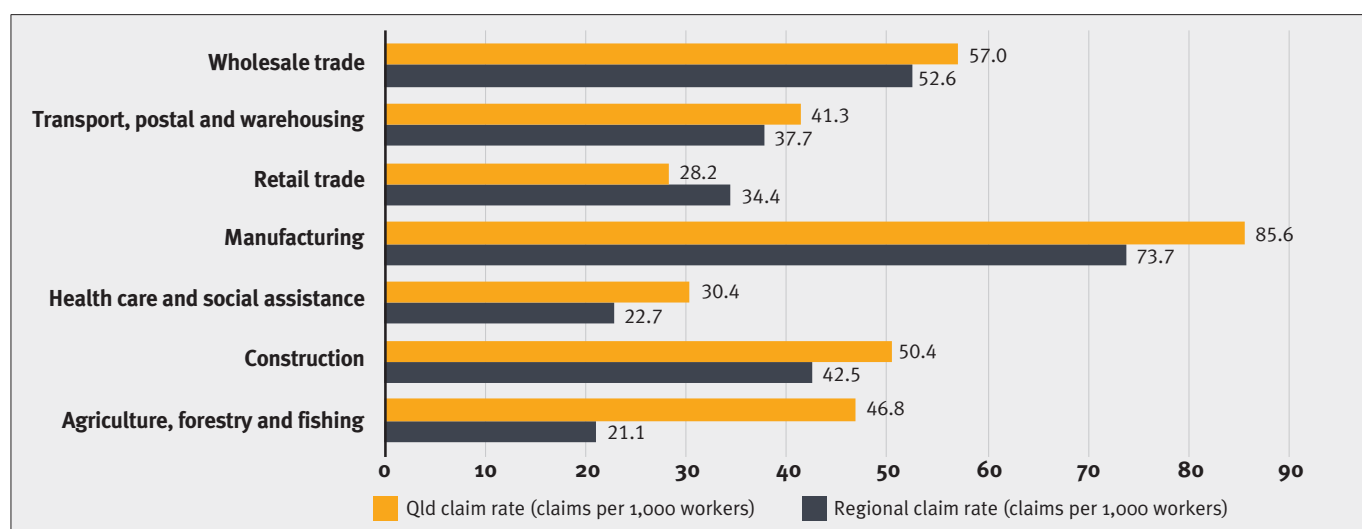
1. Other labourers	13%
2. Factory process workers	13%
3. Automotive and engineering trades workers	10%
4. Storepersons	6%
5. Protective service workers	5%

Top five agencies of injury

1. Animal, human and biological	11%
2. Outdoor environment (e.g. buildings, roads)	8%
3. Sheet and other metal	6%
4. Crates, boxes, cases, drums, kegs	5%
5. Road transport	4%

Workers' compensation claim rates by industry, Ipswich region and Queensland

(Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	33%
	2. Being hit by moving objects	20%
	3. Falls, trips and slips	16%
	4. Hitting objects with a part of the body	10%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	10%

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



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