



## Wide Bay region (SA4) work health and safety profile



## Wide Bay

Population	294,368	2017 <sup>1</sup>
	334,752	2031 <sup>2</sup>
Workforce	91,920	2016 <sup>3</sup>
	98,354	2022 <sup>4</sup>



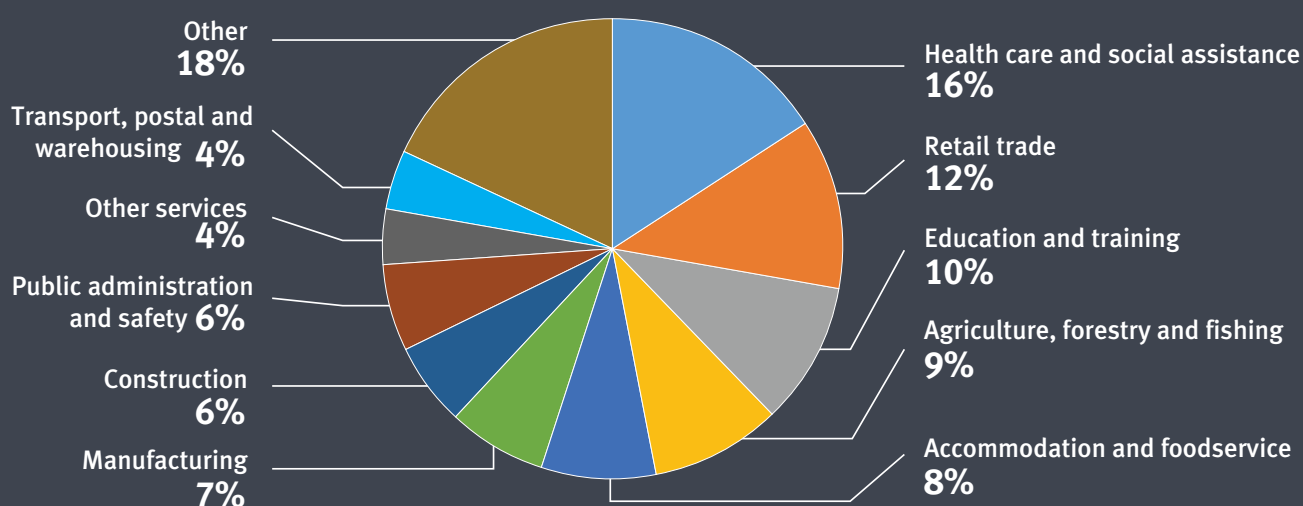
## Workforce breakdown<sup>3</sup>

52,448	full-time workers
34,297	part-time workers
34%	blue collar workers
64.4%	white collar workers

## Top five occupation groups<sup>3</sup>

1. Sales assistants and salespersons	8.0 %
2. Carers and aides	7.0 %
3. Education professionals	5.1 %
4. Health professionals	5.0 %
5. Farmers and farm managers	4.5 %

## Biggest employing industries<sup>5</sup>



### 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 Wide Bay (SA4), 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 Wide Bay (SA4), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

4. Source: Projection based on Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment growth (medium series) to May 2022 for Wide Bay (SA4). (<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 Wide Bay (SA4), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

# Wide Bay workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Average no. accepted claims per year	2,226	(3.4% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	3.3	(0.8% of Qld fatality claims)

## Return to work rate at claim finalisation\*

Wide Bay (SA4)	92.7%
Queensland	94%

92.7 per cent of injured workers in Wide Bay 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\*

Wide Bay	53.2 days
Queensland	45 days

Injured workers in Wide Bay were off work for 53.2 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

Manufacturing had the highest number of claims per year – 454 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 – 350 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (77.5 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry (37.1 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were transport, postal and warehousing (\$27,011) and construction (\$17,382).

## 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	Wide Bay average number of claims per year	Wide Bay claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Wide Bay average yearly statutory costs	Wide Bay average statutory costs per claim
 Manufacturing	10,284	454	77.5	85.6	\$3,124,517	\$6,887
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	350	24.7	30.4	\$4,271,885	\$12,217
 Retail trade	5,597	185	18.1	28.2	\$1,517,602	\$8,203
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	176	37.1	46.8	\$2,682,979	\$15,215
 Construction	7,673	148	35.3	50.4	\$2,578,344	\$17,382
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	83	29.3	41.3	\$2,232,874	\$27,011
 Wholesale trade	3,052	55	34.7	57.0	\$853,289	\$15,421
 All industries	65,420	2,226	28.2	34.2	\$25,727,326	\$11,559

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

## Wide Bay accepted workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

### Top five high risk occupations

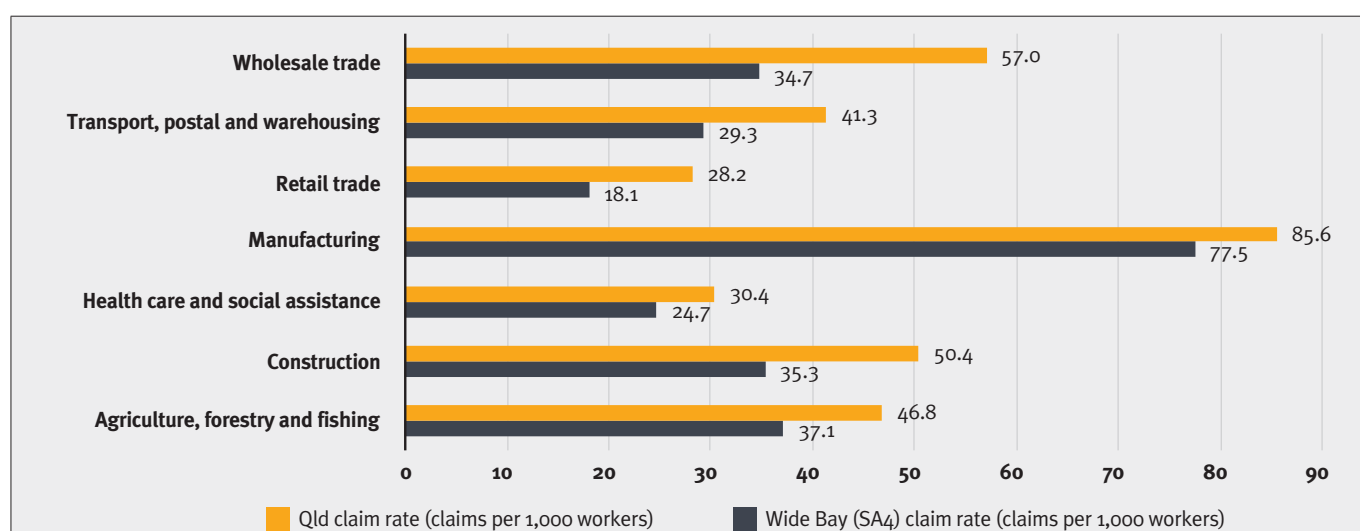
1. Other labourers	13%
2. Factory process workers	9%
3. Carers and aides	8%
4. Automotive and engineering trades workers	6%
5. Sales assistants and salespersons	5%

### Top five agencies of injury

1. Non-powered hand tools, appliances and equipment	26%
2. Environmental agencies, including outdoor environment	15%
3. Materials and substances, including metal and timber	15%
4. Animal, human and biological agencies, including people	11%
5. Mobile plant and transport including road transport	9%

## Workers' compensation claim rates by industry, Wide Bay and Queensland

(Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



### Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	32%
	2. Falls, trips and slips of a person	19%
	3. Being hit by moving objects	18%
	4. Hitting objects with a part of the body	15%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	9%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.



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