



## Cairns region (SA4) work health and safety profile



## Cairns

Population	249,745	2017 <sup>1</sup>
	301,146	2031 <sup>2</sup>
Workforce	99,301	2016 <sup>3</sup>
	105,300	2022 <sup>4</sup>



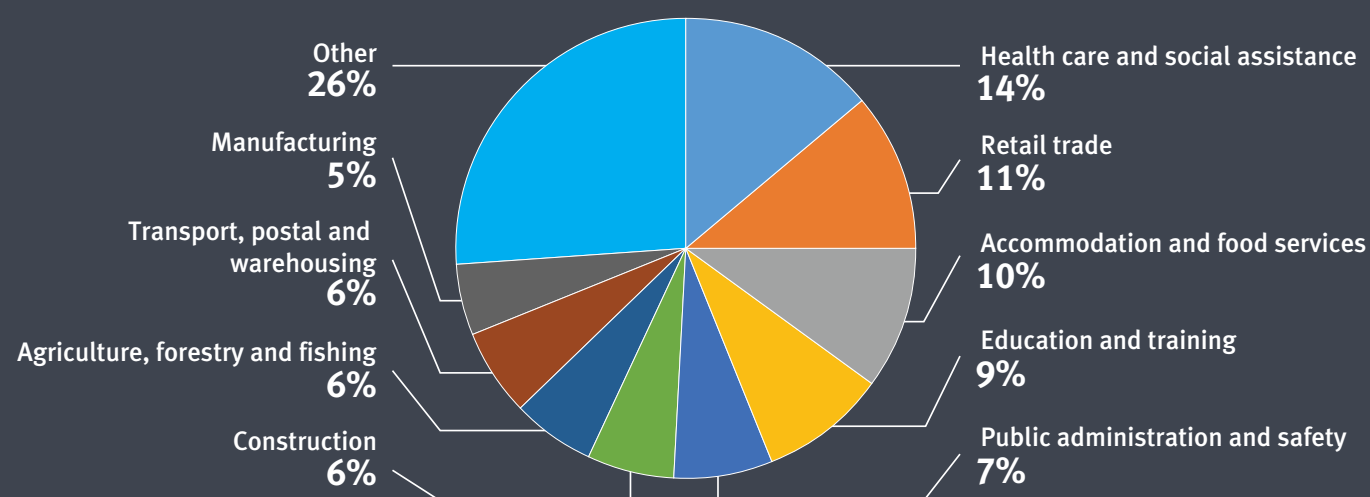
## Workforce breakdown<sup>3</sup>

60,613	full-time workers
33,320	part-time workers
30.7%	blue collar workers
67.6%	white collar workers

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

1. Sales assistants and sales persons	7.5 %
2. Carers and aides	5.2 %
3. Health professionals	5.1 %
4. Hospitality, retail and service managers	5.0 %
5. Education professionals	4.7 %

## 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 Cairns statistical area level 4 (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 Cairns statistical area level 4 (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 Cairns 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 Cairns statistical area level 4 (SA4), Queensland Government Statistician's office, Queensland Treasury).

The Cairns statistical area level 4 (SA4) region includes Cairns City, as well as the townships of Port Douglas and Cape Tribulation in the north, and the Tablelands, and Mount Garnet in the west, Innisfail, Tully, and Cardwell in the south.

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

Average no. accepted claims per year	2,520	(3.9% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	1.7	(3.9% of Qld fatality claims)

## Return to work rate at claim finalisation\*

Cairns	93.7%
Queensland	94%

93.7 per cent of injured workers in Cairns 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\*

Cairns	45.7
Queensland	45 days

Injured workers in Cairns region were off work for 45.7 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

Agriculture, forestry and fishing had the highest number of claims per year – 291 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Retail trade had the second highest number of claims per year – 280 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry (70.1 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by manufacturing (62.4 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were construction (\$15,770) and transport, postal and warehousing (\$14,312).

## 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	Cairns average number of claims per year	Cairns claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Cairns average yearly statutory costs	Cairns average statutory costs per claim
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	291	70.1	46.8	\$1,647,953	\$5,670
	Retail trade	5,597	280	27.8	28.2	\$2,977,489	\$10,647
	Health care and social assistance	7,945	272	20.7	30.4	\$2,759,356	\$10,145
	Manufacturing	10,284	248	62.4	85.6	\$2,039,599	\$8,235
	Construction	7,673	180	37.6	50.4	\$2,838,591	\$15,770
	Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	180	35.2	41.3	\$2,576,091	\$14,312
	Wholesale trade	3,052	77	37.2	57.0	\$714,475	\$9,319
	All industries	65,420	2,520	28.7	34.2	\$25,560,252	\$10,144

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

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

### Top five high risk occupations

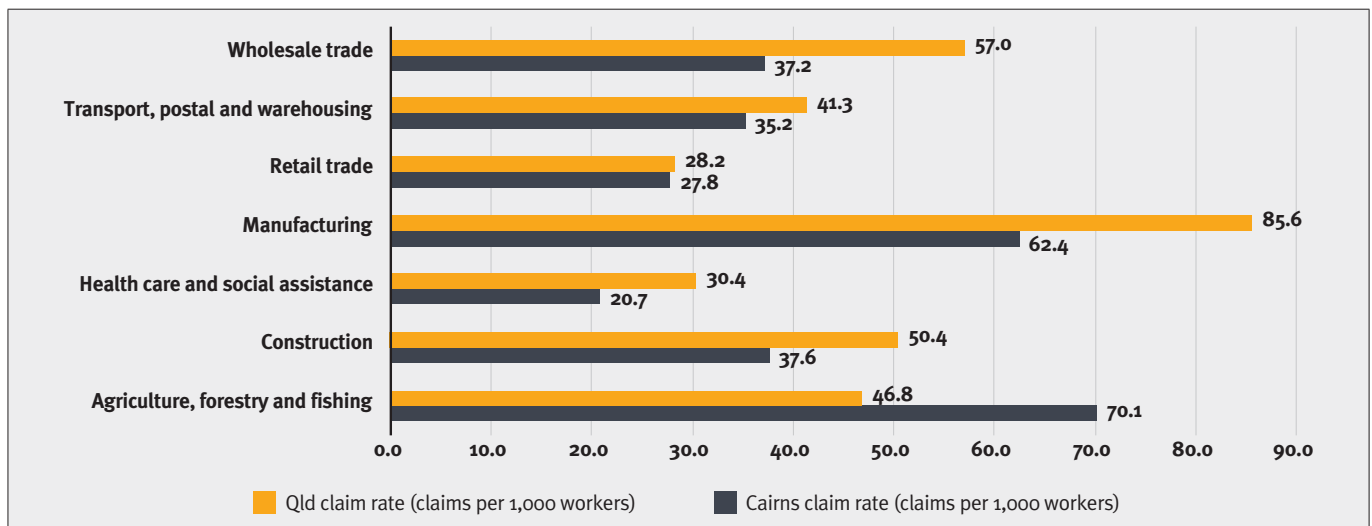
1. Other labourers	14%
2. Automotive and engineering trades workers	7%
3. Sales assistants and salespersons	6%
4. Mobile plant operators	6%
5. Farm, forestry and garden workers	5%

### Top five agencies of injury

1. Non-powered hand tools and equipment	28%
2. Environmental agencies, including outdoor environment	15%
3. Materials and substances, including. metal and fragments	14%
4. Mobile plant and transport, including. road transport	9%
5. Animal, human and biological agencies, including people	9%

## Workers' compensation claim rates by industry, Cairns and Queensland

(Claims finalised per 1,000 workers)



### Top five mechanisms of injury

	1. Body stressing	34%
	2. Falls, trips and slips of a person	18%
	3. Hitting objects with a part of the body	16%
	4. Being hit by moving objects	15%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	10%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.



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