

Southern Downs (Warwick) (R) local government area work health and safety profile



Southern Downs (Warwick)

Population	35,570	2017 ¹
	37,564	2031 ²
Workforce	13,305	2016 ³
	13,800	2022 ⁴



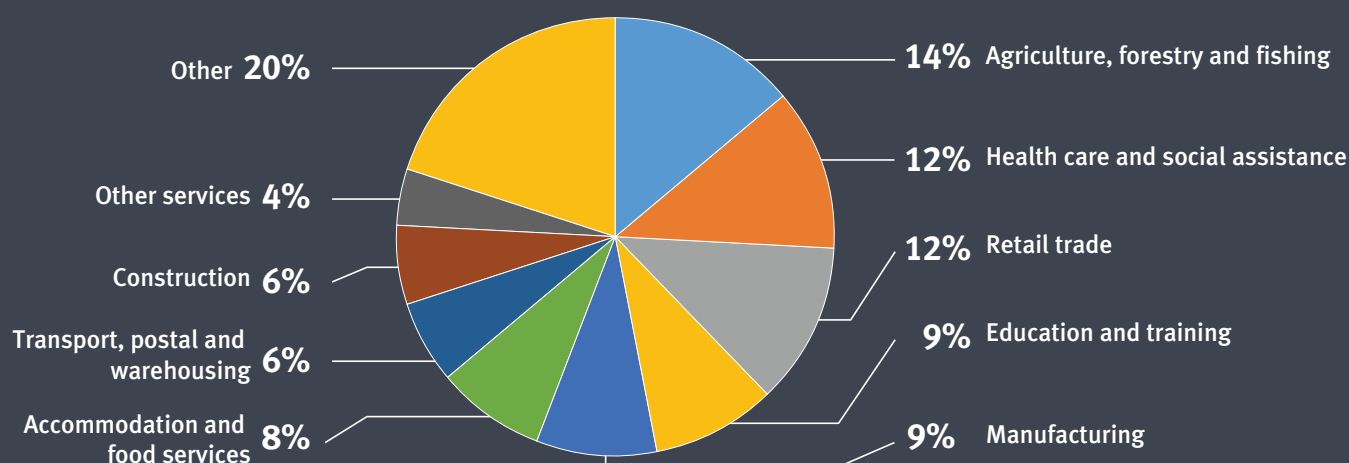
Workforce breakdown³

7,701	full-time workers
4,781	part-time workers
38%	blue collar workers
60.3%	white collar workers

Top five occupation groups³

1. Farmers and farm managers	8.1%
2. Sales assistants and sales persons	6.9%
3. Carers and aides	5.7%
4. Factory process workers	5.1%
5. Education professionals	4.7%

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 Southern Downs (R) Local Government Area (LGA), 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 Southern Downs (R) Local Government Area (LGA), Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury).

4. Source: Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business projected employment level (medium term) May 2022. Growth for wider SA4 area applied to Southern Downs local government area data (<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 Southern Downs (R) Local Government Area (LGA), Queensland Government Statistician's office, Queensland Treasury).

Southern Downs (Warwick) accepted workers' compensation claims (2014-15 to 2016-17)

Average no. accepted claims per year	306	(0.5% of Qld claims)
Average no. accepted fatality claims per year	0.3	(0.8% of Qld fatality claims)

Return to work rate at claim finalisation*

Southern Downs	95.4%
Queensland	94%

95.4 per cent of injured workers in the Southern Downs returned to some form of employment (three year average). For Queensland overall, 94 per cent of injured workers returned to work.

Injured workers in the Southern Downs were off work for 36.1 days per claim on average, compared to the Queensland average of 45 days per claim.

Average work days lost per claim*

Southern Downs	36.1 days
Queensland	45 days








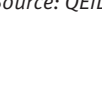
Note *based on accepted claims finalised between 2014-15 and 2016-17. Includes on-duty claims with one or more workdays absent.

Workers' compensation claims by workers in high risk industries

Manufacturing had the highest number of claims per year – 70 claims on average over the three years 2014-15 to 2016-17. Agriculture, forestry and fishing had the second highest number of claims per year – 53 claims on average over the three years.

The highest claim rates were recorded for workers in the manufacturing industry (62.3 claims per 1,000 workers), followed by wholesale trade (52.5 claims per 1,000 workers). The industries with the highest average statutory costs per claim were health care and social assistance (\$14,049) and transport, postal and warehousing (\$13,810).

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	Southern Downs average number of claims per year	Southern Downs claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Qld claim rate (claims per 1,000 workers)	Southern Downs average yearly statutory costs	Southern Downs average statutory costs per claim
 Manufacturing	10,284	70	62.3	85.6	\$415,511	\$5,964
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,740	53	50.5	46.8	\$298,048	\$5,659
 Health care and social assistance	7,945	32	22.2	30.4	\$454,245	\$14,049
 Retail trade	5,597	26	18.4	28.2	\$162,208	\$6,239
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,030	21	31.1	41.3	\$290,007	\$13,810
 Construction	7,673	17	32.6	50.4	\$117,528	\$6,913
 Wholesale trade	3,052	11	52.5	57.0	\$58,459	\$5,481
 All industries	65,420	306	45.4	34.2	\$3,025,438	\$9,887

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

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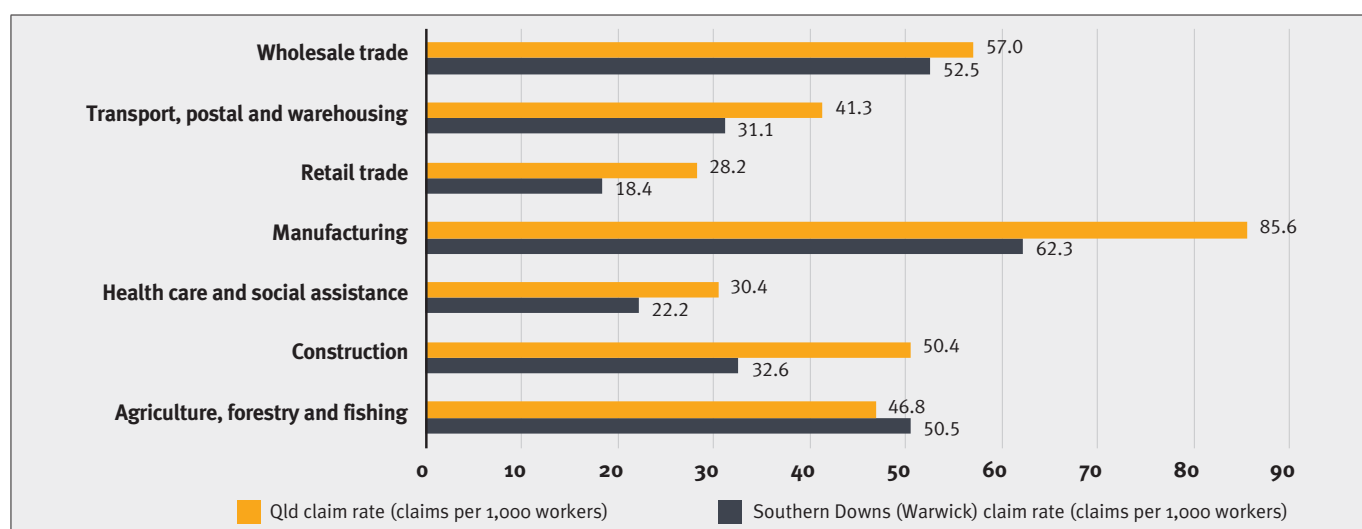
Top five high risk occupations

1. Factory process workers	14%
2. Other labourers	13%
3. Automotive and engineering trades workers	9%
4. Mobile plant operators	7%
5. Farm, forestry and garden workers	7%

Top five agencies of injury

1. Non-powered hand tools, appliances and equipment	28%
2. Materials and substances, incl. metal and fragments	16%
3. Environmental agencies, incl. outdoor environment	14%
4. Animal, human and biological agencies, incl. people	12%
5. Mobile plant and transport, incl. road transport	10%

Workers' compensation claim rates by industry, Southern Downs (Warwick) 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 of a person	19%
	4. Hitting objects with a part of the body	16%
	5. Vehicle incidents and other	10%

Source: QEIDB finalised employee claims, 20 June 2018.



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