

Forecast of serious injury claims 2019-20

Internal OIR analysis to compliment figures published by Safe Work Australia in the annual Comparative Performance Monitoring Report

This report provides more up-to-date data than the information published in the most recent Comparative Performance Monitoring Report 22nd Edition (CPM 21 Part 1 – published by Safe Work Australia in January 2021).

Forecast as at July 2020

Internal OIR claims forecasts show that for 2019-20 the serious injury incidence rate (per 1,000 workers) as measured by Safe Work Australia (SWA) will remain stable in Queensland compared with the previous financial year. However, when combined with the published SWA data to 2017-18, there is a slight increase in the serious injury incidence rate from 2014-15 to 2019-20. The rates each year are shown in table 1 below.

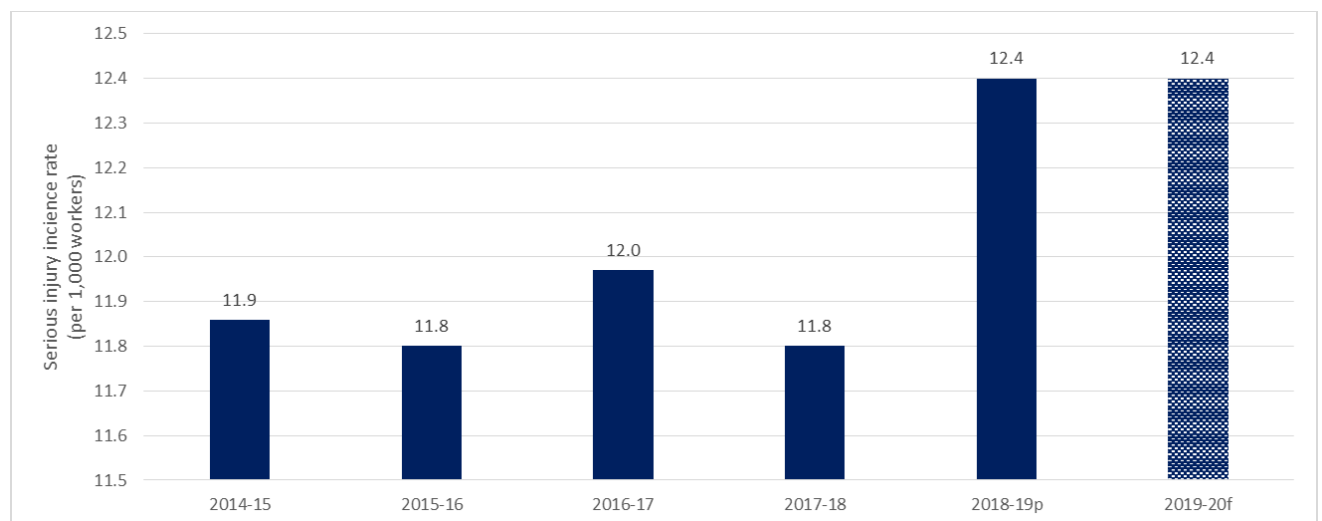
1. Queensland serious injury claims and incidence rates, 2013-14 to 2018-19 forecast

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19p	2019-20f
Workers ('000)	2,145.2	2,165.1	2,180.2	2,279.3	2,299.9	2,306.2
No. Claims	25,440	25,425	26,097	26,702	26,992	28,532
Rate (per 1,000 workers)	11.9	11.8	12.0	11.8	12.4	12.4
Annual rate % change		-0.5%	1.4%	-1.4%	5.1%	0.0%

Note: Data for 2018-19 is preliminary and subject to change when new data is available.

Serious claims forecasts are up to date for the 2019-20 lodgement year as at 30 June 2020. These forecasts have been produced by OIR and are comparable to Safe Work Australia Comparative Performance Monitoring Report. They may differ marginally with Safe Work Australia published rates due to claim developments and ABS adjustments to the labour force figures (which are used as the denominator when calculating rates).

2. Queensland serious injury incidence rate, 2014-15 to 2019-20 forecast



OIR are unable to forecast injury rates for the 2020-21 lodgement year as the claims data is largely underdeveloped and unreported at this time. Safe Work Australia collects the information nine months after the end of lodgement year to allow for claim development. In addition, there are further adjustments made by Safe Work Australia to the number of employees covered (denominator) which is based on the labour force survey and survey of employee earnings and hours.

Similar to the overall serious injury incidence rate for Queensland, the majority of significant industries are forecasted to have little to no change for 2019-20. There are two exceptions; health care and social assistance, which is expected to increase (13 per cent) and construction which is expected to decrease (7.6 per cent) in the serious injury incidence rate over 2019-20.

3. Projected trends for the serious injury incidence rate by industry

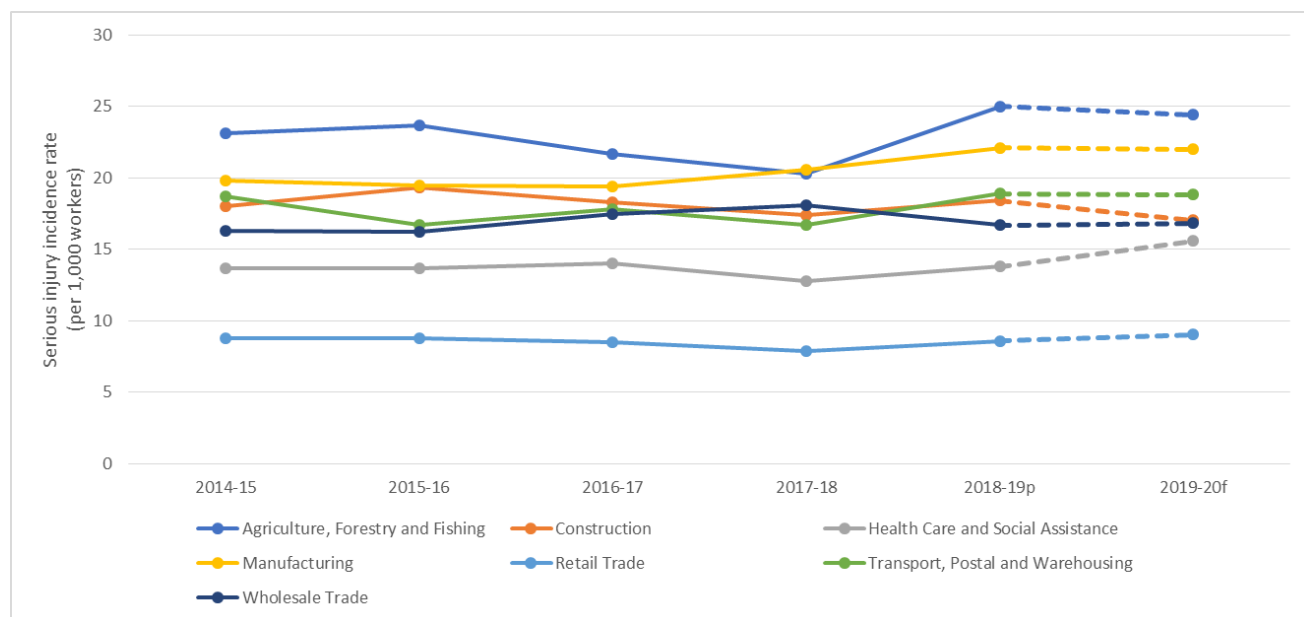


Table 4 shows the overall change in serious injury incidence rate for significant industries between 2014-15 and the OIR forecasted 2019-20 period.

4. Queensland serious injury incidence rates by Industry (per 1,000 workers)

Industry sector	2014-15	2019-20f	Annual average	% change 2014-15 to 2019-20f
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	23.1	24.4	23.0	5.6%
Construction	18.0	17.0	18.1	-5.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.7	15.6	13.9	13.9%
Manufacturing	19.8	22.0	20.6	11.1%
Retail Trade	8.8	9.0	8.6	2.3%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	18.7	18.8	17.9	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	16.3	16.8	16.9	3.1%
Other industries	8.5	8.8	8.8	3.5%
Total	11.9	12.4	12.0	4.2%