State of play: women in the Queensland public sector  
June 2015

Workforce participation
- 68.74% of the public service workforce are women
- 73.42% of the workforce is employed in the public service
- 55.28% of the professional occupation group are women
- 44.08% of senior officers are women
- 36.07% of senior executives are women
- 13.73% of chief executive officers are women

Age
- Average annual salary increases with age:
  - Under 19: $0
  - 19 - 24: $20,000
  - 25 - 29: $40,000
  - 30 - 34: $60,000
  - 35 - 39: $80,000
  - 40 - 44: $100,000
  - 45 - 49: $120,000
  - 50 - 54: $140,000
  - 55 - 59: $160,000
  - 60 - 64: $180,000
  - 65 and older: $200,000

Agency
- 68.74% of Qld public sector are women

Remuneration
- Average annual salary (FTE)
  - Less than $50,000: 10%
  - $50,000 - $60,000: 12%
  - $60,000 - $70,000: 9%
  - $70,000 - $80,000: 8%
  - $80,000 - $90,000: 5%
  - $90,000 - $100,000: 4%
  - $100,000 - $110,000: 4%
  - $110,000 - $120,000: 3%
  - $120,000 - $130,000: 2%
  - $130,000 - $140,000: 1%
  - $140,000 - $150,000: 1%
  - $150,000 and over: 1%

Intention to leave
- Intention to leave organization within the next 12 months:
  - Male: 14.56%
  - Female: 19.35%

Employment status
- Full-time: 69%
- Part-time: 31%
- Casual: 64%
- Contract: 68%

Definitions and data sources
- Queensland public sector = government departments, most public service offices and some statutory bodies. This dashboard includes figures sourced from the Queensland Public Service Commission and Obligatory Human Resource Information (OHS) which is submitted by government agencies & managed by the Public Service Commission.
- Labour force figures sourced from ABS, Cat Nos 6202, Table 12. 
- Total employed labour force: 1315,000
- Labour force figures by occupational coding sourced from Qld Regional Database (QRDS).
- Education, engagement, career and intention to leave figures sourced from the Queensland Employee Opinion Survey.
- Change. Refer to: http://qldmcc.org/state-of-play/
- Based on active/paid headcount.
- All other figures sourced from March 2015 MOHRI (Minimum Obligatory Human Resource Information) which is submitted by government agencies & managed by the Public Service Commission.
- Based on active/paid headcount.
- Accompanying detailed notes/further definitions for this report are included as subsequent pages in this report file.
The Queensland Government is committed to building constructive workplace cultures across the public sector where workforce inclusion and diversity is embraced and fostered as not only the right thing to do, but because it makes the best business sense.

The State of play: women in the Queensland public sector dashboard was prepared by the Public Service Commission (PSC), and the data was sourced from:

- quarterly Minimum Obligatory Human Resource Information (MOHRI)—collated by the PSC on behalf of Queensland Government agencies

Where possible, data is compared to the Queensland employed labour force statistics.

**Analysis**

**Workforce participation of women**

- Women represent 68.74% of the Queensland public sector compared to the 46.93% of the Queensland labour force. However, they represent:
  - 44.08% of the senior officer workforce
  - 36.07% of the senior executive service workforce
  - 13.73% of the chief executive officer workforce.
- Women represent 73.42% of the professional Queensland public sector workforce compared to 55.28% of the professional Queensland employed labour force.

**Remuneration**

- The average annual salary (full-time equivalent [FTE]) of women is $7397 less than men. This indicates women within the Queensland public sector are generally in lower paid jobs than men, given men and women receive the same salary for the same job. For example:
  - an AO5 female is paid the same as an AO5 male
  - a female and male teacher at the same level receive the same level of remuneration.

**Age group**

- Women and men have similar average annual salaries (FTE) until the 30–34 years age group. After that, men have higher average annual salaries than women.
- While each job falls within a particular salary classification, there is capacity:
  - for new appointees to request a higher pay point in the classification level based on their capabilities and experience
  - for senior executive service roles to request a pay point increase based on performance and changes in the role.
- Further analysis may reveal different pay point outcomes for men and women.

**Education**

- Females who have a salary of $110,000 or more, and are managers or senior managers, have reported higher formal qualification levels than men in the same cohort.

**Job and agency engagement**

- Women report higher levels of job engagement and satisfaction, and agency engagement than men.
Carer status

- Almost two-thirds of the workforce indicate they have no carer responsibilities. The proportion with no carer responsibilities is similar for women and men (62.98% and 60.56% respectively). More than twice as many women compared to men report they perform a primary carer role (19.35% and 7.86% respectively). However, 39.44% of men report they undertake some form of carer role overall compared to 37% of women.

Employment category

- Two-thirds of permanent and casual workforces are female. Nearly three quarters of the temporary workforce are female. Nearly one-third of the contract workforce is female.

Employment status

- More than half (59.28%) of full-time employees are female. About 9 in 10 part-time employees within the Queensland public sector are female (89.35%).
- The proportion of women in each agency differs significantly. This ranges from 14.62% of females within the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services to 81.08% of females within the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.
Accompanying definitional notes

**Note:** this report has been prepared as per PSC responsibilities under Chapter 2 (Equal Employment Opportunity) *Public Service Act 2008.*

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Government owned corporations and most statutory bodies are not in scope for this report.
Term | Definition/notes
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MOHRI | MOHRI data is provided by agencies (from their individual human resource [HR] information systems) to the PSC on a quarterly basis. This approach was adopted to facilitate strategic management of HR across the Queensland public sector. Workforce details of agencies are reported to government and included in other statistical reports as per PSC Directive 05/2014. Headcounts of employees whose employment status is A (Active) or P (Paid leave for a period greater than eight weeks) are included in the figures. It is important to note the MOHRI collection is only concerned with employees of agencies and not private sector contractors and/or consultants who may be engaged to undertake specific work and paid through financial systems. The figures stated in this report are subject to revision and further validation by departments and agencies. Employee numbers published by individual agencies may vary from those in this report due to differing dates of data capture and definitional issues relating to employee status.

**Sectional notes**

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| Workforce participation | MOHRI collated by the PSC and ABS | ANZSCO is an industry standard coding system that attributes a six digit code to a position to describe the occupation being performed. The professional workforce includes those records coded as 'professional' as per the ANZSCO classifications. The professionals group includes teachers, high-level nurses, health practitioners, doctors and others. Queensland labour force figures for March 2015 are sourced from the ABS publication, Cat. No. 6202.0, Table 12, issued 7 May 2015 as part of the April 2015 release. The figures are for the Queensland total (i.e. full-time and part-time) employed labour force. Queensland labour force professional figures are sourced from the Queensland Regional Database (also known as the Queensland Regional Statistical Information System or QRSIS) managed by the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office. The figures are based on the 2011 Census data. It includes persons aged 15 years and over and occupation is coded to ANZSCO First Edition, Revision 1, released in 2009. The public sector figures, sourced from MOHRI data, are headcount and based on each data record submitted by an agency representing an individual employee.
| Remuneration | MOHRI collated by the PSC | Average annual salary (FTE) means the salary of a person as if they were working full-time. It excludes allowances.
<p>| Age | MOHRI collated by the PSC | Five year age cohorts. |</p>
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| Education        | 2014 Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey    | Survey response choices were:  
- less than year 12 or equivalent’  
- year 12 or equivalent (senior certificate, Queensland certification of education, high school certificate, leaving certificate)’  
- certificate level, including trade’  
- diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree’  
- bachelor’s degree (including with honours)  
- graduate certificate or diploma  
- master’s degree  
- PhD or higher doctorate  
- Other’  
  ’ Categories grouped as ‘Rest’ for the purposes of this report. |
| Intention to leave | 2014 Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey    | Intention to leave the organisation  
**Original question**: I intend to leave my organisation within the next 12 months?  
Intention to leave the Queensland public sector  
**Original question**: I intend to leave the Queensland public sector within the next 12 months?  
The intention to leave the Queensland public sector question was only asked of those who agreed or strongly agreed with the intention to leave the organisation statement.  
The percentages shown for the leaving the Queensland public sector question are based on all respondents who responded to the leaving the organisation question so the percentages relate to the whole sample. |
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| Job engagement and satisfaction | 2014 Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey    | Percentages combine ‘strongly agree’ and ‘agree’ responses are based on valid responses (exclude missing cases). Agency engagement, and job engagement and satisfaction are measures combining information from multiple survey items as per below:  
**Job engagement and satisfaction**  
q22f: I enjoy the work in my current job?  
q22g: My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment?  
q22h: When needed, I am willing to put in the extra effort to get a job done?  
q37: All things considered, how satisfied are with your current job?  
**Agency engagement**  
q35c: I feel strong personal attachment to my organisation?  
q35b: I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation?  
q35d: My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives?  
q35e: My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job?  
q35a: I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work?  
For agency engagement, and job engagement and satisfaction the percentages relate to all valid responses to the items included in the measures. The resulting percentage can be seen as the average agreement to the survey items included in the measures. |
| Carer status                     | 2014 Working for Queensland Employee Opinion Survey    | **Original question** Are you the care giver for a child under the age of 15 or another person in need of care?  
Yes, I am the primary care giver of at least one person  
Yes, I share the primary care giver role  
Yes, but I am not a primary care giver  
No  
* A primary care giver is a person who has the main responsibility for providing care for a person. |
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| Employment category | MOHRI collated by the PSC | Employment category is either permanent, temporary, casual or contract.  
- **Permanent** employees are employed on a continuing basis to perform ongoing functions.  
- **Temporary** employees are employed for fixed term engagements of specific periods of time. The circumstances for engaging temporary employees are many and include specific budget allocation for particular projects, replacing permanent employees who are absent from their substantive position or assistance required to meet peak workloads. Temporary employees are generally employed on the same conditions as permanent employees as prescribed by the applicable industrial instrument.  
- **Casual** employees are not permanent employees and normally work less than full-time hours as prescribed by the applicable industrial instrument.  
  - Casual employment attracts the payment of a loading (as prescribed by the applicable industrial instrument) in lieu of sick and recreation leave.  
  - Casual employment is characterised by its ad-hoc nature with each engagement standing alone. However, because of historical factors there are instances where employees have been employed as casuals on a regular and systematic basis over a long period of time. This is normally not within the strict definition of the term and many such employees should be properly classified as temporaries or part-timers.  
  - The difference between casual employment and temporary employment is that casual employment attracts the loading in lieu of sick and recreation leave, whereas temporaries will generally receive the same entitlements as full-time employees.  
The Contract group includes employees of the senior executive service and chief executive service, and those employed under Section 122 of the *Public Service Act 2008* or similar legislation in other relevant Acts. Also includes employees on common law and high income guarantee contracts. |
### Employment status

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<td>- <strong>Full-time</strong> means an employee who works full-time hours as specified in the award or agreement under which the employee is engaged.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Part-time</strong> means an employee who works less than full-time hours and performs those duties on a regular basis. For the meaning of <strong>casual</strong> employee, refer to the section above about employment category.</td>
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* Australian Bureau of Statistics  
** Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations

**More information**

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