

Australian Jobs in 2019

The Australian Government collects data each year on the workforce and presents this in the form of statistics. The workforce includes people working full-time, part-time, casually, in contracts, and volunteers. The data set is very broad, and does not look into too many specifics, however it is interesting and worth viewing for those people interested in making their way into the workforce and making big decisions about their future careers.

1. Jobs By Location (1 of 4 in the Series)

- The figure on the next page shows the employment in each state & territory of Australia as of Dec 2018.
- The table below shows the population and workforce of each state & territory in Australia as of Dec 2018.

State	Population	Workforce	Percentage
Australia Capital Territory	420,000	228,000	55%
New South Wales	7,540,000	4,054,000	54%
Northern Territory	240,000	133,000	54%
Victoria	6,360,000	3,339,000	53%
Western Australia	2,590,000	1,351,000	52%
South Australia	1,680,000	843,000	50%
Queensland	5,070,000	2,491,000	49%
Tasmania	520,000	249,000	48%

- This data is interesting, but what does it mean for you, or for school leavers?
- Remember there are many reasons why a large percentage of the population does not work, including:
 - o They are elderly (Retired from the workforce)
 - o They are young (Children or teenagers, not yet of working age, or still in school)
 - o They are parents (Staying at home to raise children)
 - o They have chronic disabilities (Physically or mentally unable to work)
 - o They have a temporary illness (Short hiatus in their ability to work)
 - o They are unable to find work (Temporarily supported until work is found)
 - o And many others
- Also, note that Australia has an ageing population, and those states with the lowest employment percentages also tend to have the largest number of retirees.
- This information may be useful if you plan to work in **healthcare**. An ageing population means that nationally, especially in states like Queensland and Tasmania, there is likely to be work in **healthcare**.
- Jobs in healthcare are also likely to be long-term jobs, as seen by the steady increase in population ages in Australia, trend towards living healthily and an increased life expectancy.

Don't be too excited or discouraged by this data. Although this information presents some interesting figures, these findings are still open to personal interpretation. Look out for our post next week, when we look at jobs by industry.

Employment In Each State

JOBS BY LOCATION



Australia's **largest employing** state



The **strongest employment growth** in Australia over the past five years

