

The public sector at a glance

The Western Australian public sector is dynamic, made up of a rich mosaic of diverse backgrounds and life experiences. At a glance, our workforce spans occupations from community workers in Kalumburu to rangers in Torndirrup National Park. This year, 80 employees worked in locations such as Christmas Island, Cocos Islands, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates. The oldest permanent employee works as a gardener/handyman and the youngest employee works as a dental clinic assistant.

As of June 2014, there were 137 944 employees in the WA public sector, representing 108 999 full-time equivalents (FTE). There was a decrease in employment of 1.4 per cent over the year. With the exception of Queensland and Victoria, this was the largest decline across jurisdictions. In comparison, the WA population increased by 2.5 per cent and the broader WA workforce by three per cent.¹


In 2014, the public sector had a higher proportion of 'professionals' (49 per cent) than the broader WA workforce (20.2 per cent).² This representation in the sector was similar to other jurisdictions. However, the WA public sector had a lower proportion of managers (7.2 per cent) than the broader WA workforce (12.1 per cent). The representation of managers in the sector decreased slightly this year from 7.8 per cent.

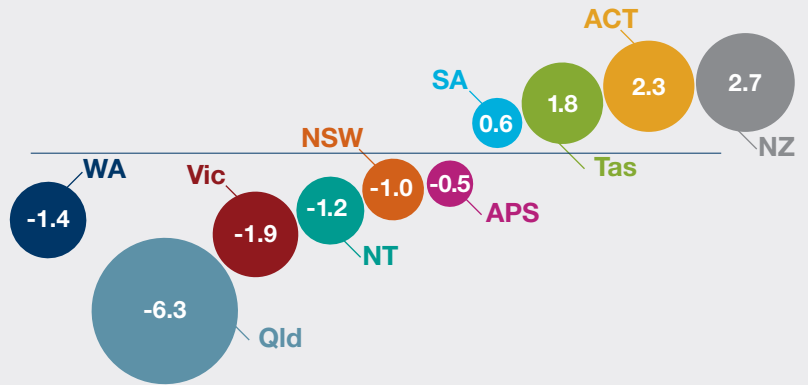
The following figures benchmark WA's performance in 2014 against other jurisdictions where reasonable comparisons can be drawn. Appendix B provides references to information sources and other considerations.

On the following pages you will see, by graphical representation of the sector, a new addition to the report. These indicators are intended to track the state of the sector in future years.

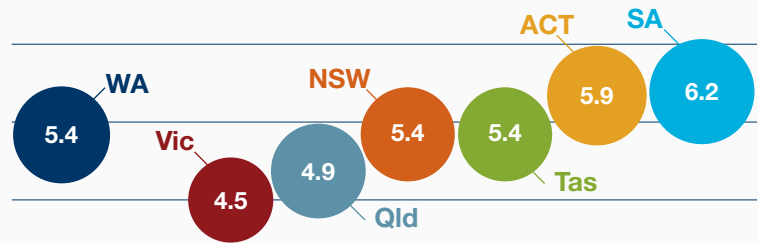
1 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2014, *3101.0 – Australian demographic statistics, March quarter 2014*; ABS 2014, *6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, September 2014*

2 ABS 2014, *6291.0.55.003 – Labour force, Australia, detailed, quarterly, May 2014*

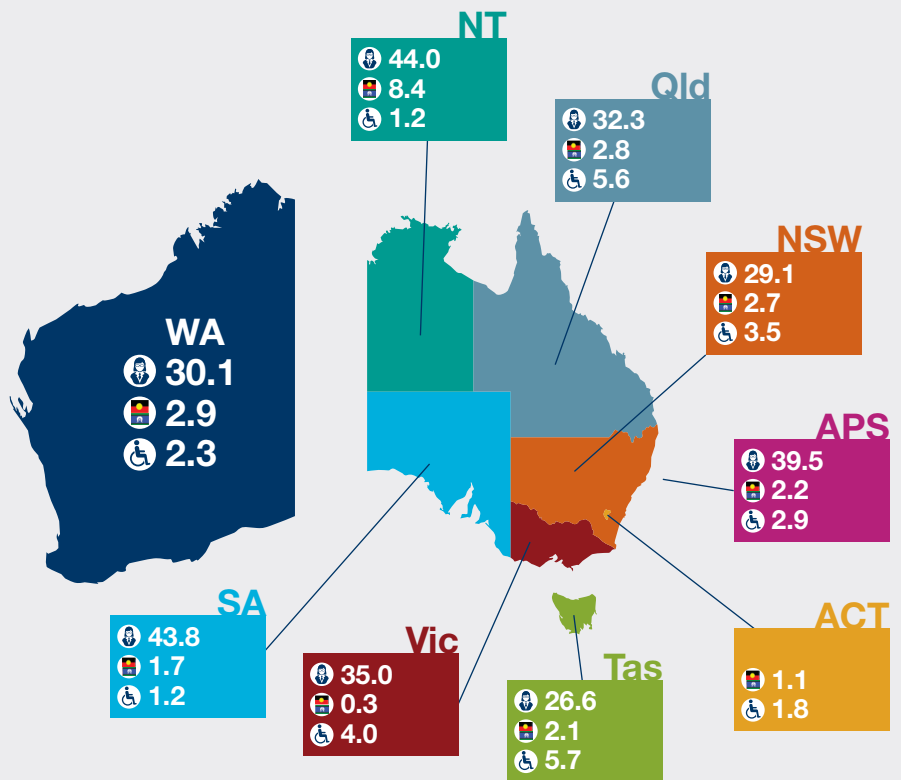

 % workforce growth over the year (FTE or headcount)




 workforce as % of population

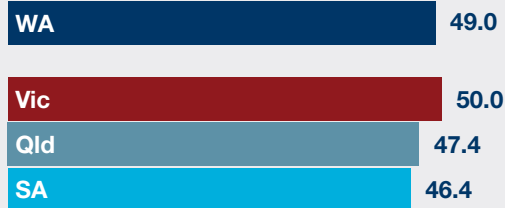


 women as % of senior executives
 Aboriginal Australians as % of workforce
 people with disability as % of workforce

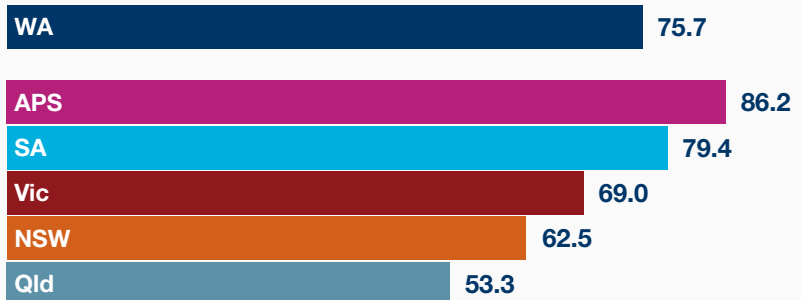




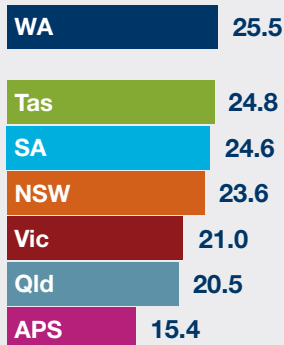
professionals as % of workforce



working in metropolitan areas as % of workforce



aged 55 years and over as % of workforce



women as % of workforce

