

## ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS

# Brisbane Region

Employment in the Brisbane region reflects its capital city status, with almost 50% of the workforce projected to be employed in industries with high numbers of professionals. Health care and social assistance is projected to be the fastest-growing and largest-employing industry in the region by 2027-28.

By 2027-28, it is projected\* that there will be:

**1,074,452** people employed in this region  
**+61,348** additional workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Brisbane is projected to experience the fifth-fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 35.2% of the state's workforce.

Region	Growth (%) between 2023-24 and 2027-28	People employed in 2027-28
Sunshine Coast	7.3%	216,818
Logan - Beaudesert	6.6%	151,192
Moreton Bay - North	6.4%	95,923
Gold Coast	6.2%	376,740
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>1,074,452</b>
Ipswich	5.9%	170,959
Moreton Bay - South	5.5%	80,034
Toowoomba	4.7%	86,785
Townsville	4.6%	137,989
Cairns	4.5%	149,082
Central Queensland	3.8%	135,361
Wide Bay	3.5%	137,460
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	3.4%	119,334
Outback - Far North	1.1%	14,268
Outback - North	0.2%	24,998
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-0.7%	68,429
Outback - South	-2.4%	10,093

\* Projections are based on the 2024-25 State Budget and are not directly comparable to subsequent Budget Update forecasts for aggregate employment growth. As these projections are high level, indicative and subject to change, it is recommended that the focus be on employment trends rather than the numbers in isolation. The regions used in this project are based on Statistical Area Level (SA4) regions, as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. There are 19 SA4s in Queensland; the five Brisbane SA4s have been combined in this report to take into account the larger natural labour market. Queensland - Outback SA4 has been disaggregated into its SA3 components. Data is based on Place of Work.

## By 2027-28, it is projected that the Brisbane workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Health care and social assistance</b>	<b>174,092</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>↑12.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Nurses</li> <li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>Child Carers</li> <li>Receptionists</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, scientific and technical services</b>	<b>136,732</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>↑8.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Software and Applications Programmers</li> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Civil Engineering Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Public administration and safety</b>	<b>94,048</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>↑8.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Contract, Program and Project Administrators</li> <li>Police</li> <li>Inspectors and Regulatory Officers</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and training</b>	<b>93,530</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>↑7.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary School Teachers</li> <li>Secondary School Teachers</li> <li>Education Aides</li> <li>University Lecturers and Tutors</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail trade</b>	<b>88,693</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>↑4.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Retail Managers</li> <li>Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>74,331</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>↑2.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Construction Managers</li> <li>Plumbers</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, postal and warehousing</b>	<b>73,372</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>↑3.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Delivery Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Accommodation and food services</b>	<b>64,900</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>↑3.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bar Attendants and Baristas</li> <li>Kitchenhands</li> <li>Waiters</li> <li>Chefs</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>51,324</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>↓0.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Production Managers</li> <li>Storepersons</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and insurance services</b>	<b>47,386</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>↑3.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Brokers</li> <li>Financial Investment Advisers and Managers</li> <li>Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks</li> <li>Bank Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Other services</b>	<b>33,781</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>↑2.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Motor Mechanics</li> <li>Beauty Therapists</li> <li>Ministers of Religion</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and support services</b>	<b>33,137</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>↑2.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>Human Resource Professionals</li> <li>Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>Tourism and Travel Advisers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale trade</b>	<b>28,666</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>↑4.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers</li> <li>Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers</li> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, hiring and real estate services</b>	<b>19,044</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>↑3.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>Land Economists and Valuers</li> <li>General Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and recreation services</b>	<b>15,746</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>↑4.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials</li> <li>Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals</li> <li>Gaming Workers</li> <li>Fitness Instructors</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, gas, water and waste services</b>	<b>15,021</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>↑4.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Electrical Engineers</li> </ul>
 <b>Information media and telecommunications</b>	<b>14,421</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>↑3.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors</li> <li>Journalists and Other Writers</li> <li>Library Assistants</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>14,048</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>↑0.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Other Building and Engineering Technicians</li> <li>Mining Engineers</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>↓2.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farmers</li> <li>Livestock Farm Workers</li> <li>Crop Farm Workers</li> </ul>

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