

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Agriculture, forestry and fishing



The agriculture, forestry and fishing industry is mainly engaged in growing crops, raising animals, growing and harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from farms or their natural habitats. It also includes agriculture, forestry and fishing support services such as reforestation, shearing and aerial crop spraying.

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

67,331 people employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Queensland

-1,038 fewer people employed since 2023-24

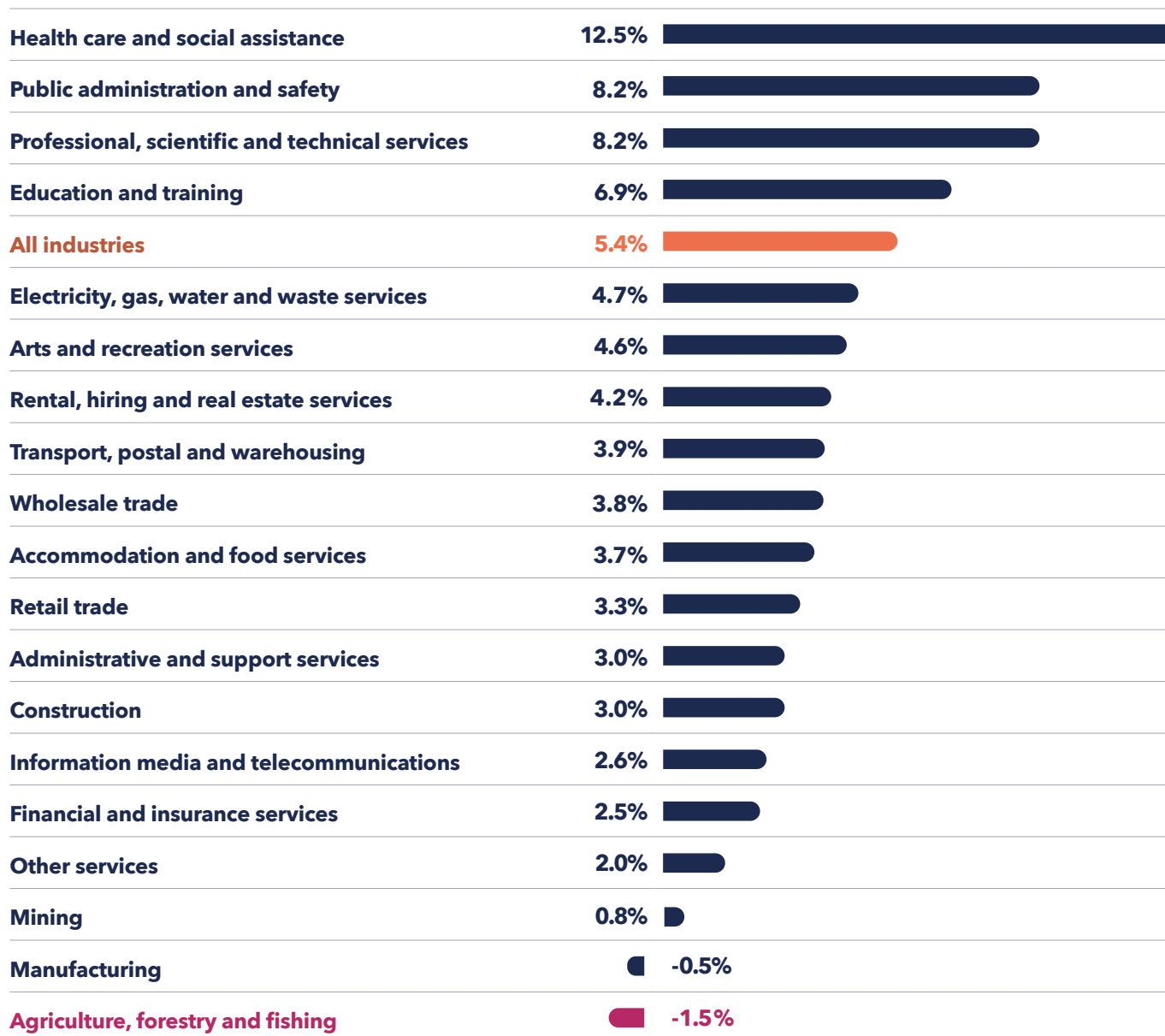


By 2027-28, the four largest agriculture, forestry and fishing groups will be:

Sheep, beef cattle and grain farming	Fruit and tree nut growing	Mushroom and vegetable growing	Other crop growing
People employed	People employed	People employed	People employed
28,478 42.3% of industry's workforce	8,737 13.0% of industry's workforce	5,423 8.1% of industry's workforce	5,157 7.7% of industry's workforce
-3.1% change from 2024 (-911 people)	+0.7% change from 2024 (+57 people)	-1.5% change from 2024 (-82 people)	-1.5% change from 2024 (-77 people)
Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Farmers ○ Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop Farmer ○ Crop Farm Workers ○ Packers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop Farmers ○ Crop Farm Workers ○ Packers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crop Farmers ○ Agricultural, Forestry and Horticultural Plant Operators ○ Crop Farm Workers

*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.

By 2027-28, employment in agriculture, forestry and fishing is projected to decline slightly.



Most of the falls in employment are due to technological advancements and increased productivity in this industry.

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce	Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Toowoomba	222	6.0%	Outback - South	-56	25.5%
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	143	4.1%	Brisbane	-57	0.2%
Ipswich	134	2.9%	Logan - Beaudesert	-72	0.7%
Outback - Far North	88	10.9%	Wide Bay	-83	7.0%
Gold Coast	86	0.6%	Darling Downs - Maranoa	-120	18.1%
Moreton Bay - North	34	3.5%	Townsville	-192	2.8%
Sunshine Coast	0	1.6%	Cairns	-260	2.3%
Moreton Bay - South	-12	0.5%	Central Queensland	-855	3.1%
Outback - North	-37	7.4%			

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