

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Public administration and safety



The public administration and safety industry includes central, state and local governments, courts, consulates and embassies, defence and public order, safety and regulatory services. These include police, fire and correctional services, locksmiths, security guards and customs.

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

216,574 people employed in public administration and safety in Queensland

+16,373 additional people employed since 2023-24



By 2027-28, the four largest public administration and safety groups will be:

State government administration

People employed

63,197

29.2% of industry's workforce

+7.4%

change from 2024
(+4,375 people)

Largest occupations

- General Clerks
- Contract, Program and Project Administrators
- Intelligence and Policy Analysts

Public order and safety services

People employed

51,923

24.0% of industry's workforce

+8.4%

change from 2024
(+4,013 people)

Largest occupations

- Police
- Security Officers and Guards
- Prison Officers

Local government administration

People employed

39,532

18.3% of industry's workforce

+6.2%

change from 2024
(+2,319 people)

Largest occupations

- General Clerks
- Other Miscellaneous Labourers
- Urban and Regional Planners

Central government administration

People employed

34,482

15.9% of industry's workforce

+11.2%

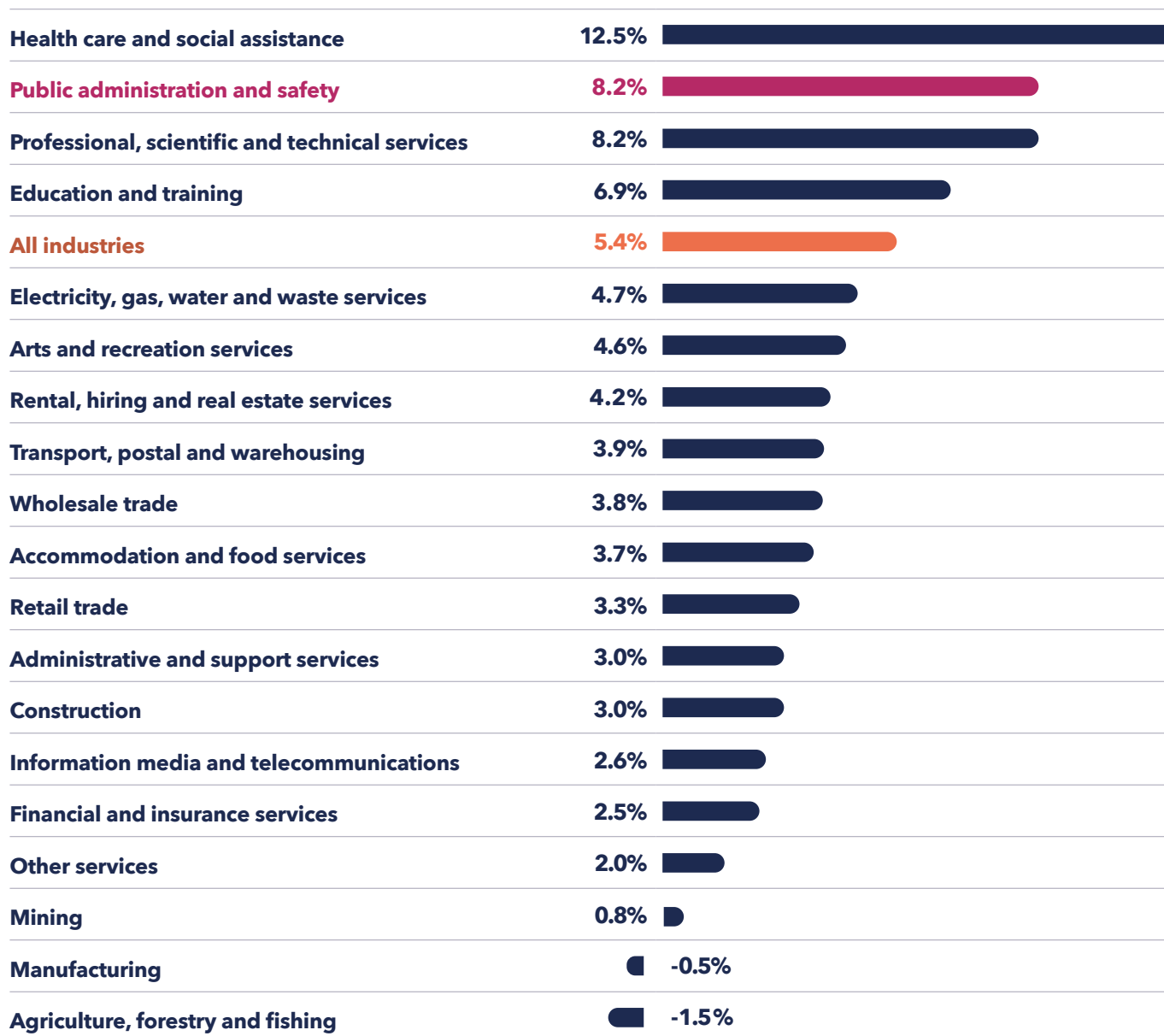
change from 2024
(+3,465 people)

Largest occupations

- Inspectors and Regulatory Officers
- General Clerks
- Contract, Program and Project Administrators

*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 public administration and safety is projected to have the second-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



Employment in this industry is proportionately higher in major centres and regions with smaller populations, such as Outback - Far North.

Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce	Region	New jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	7,663	8.8%	Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	456	5.2%
Gold Coast	1,631	4.7%	Moreton Bay - North	379	5.2%
Townsville	1,348	11.0%	Moreton Bay - South	277	4.2%
Ipswich	1,335	9.9%	Wide Bay	197	6.1%
Sunshine Coast	760	4.0%	Outback - Far North	69	19.3%
Logan - Beaudesert	593	5.1%	Outback - North	55	7.9%
Toowoomba	591	4.6%	Outback - South	7	11.2%
Central Queensland	551	6.6%	Darling Downs - Maranoa	-12	6.2%
Cairns	473	7.1%			

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