ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS

Moreton Bay - North Region

Employment in the Moreton Bay - North region is expected to increase at an above-average rate by 2027–28. This is reflected in high levels of growth in numerous industries. The largest-employing and fastest-growing industry is projected to be health care and social assistance, where more than one in five workers are projected to be employed by 2027–28. Construction is also a large and growing industry.

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

95,923 people employed in this region

+5,768 additional workers since 2023–24

Map labels: Kingaham, Mount Stanley, Sheep Station Creek, Bellthorpe, Kilcoy, Woodford, Caboolture, Burpengary, Bribie Island, Moreton Island

By 2027–28, Moreton Bay - North is projected to experience the third-fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 3.1% 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
Brisbane	6.1%	1,074,452
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 Moreton Bay - North workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
Health care and social assistance	22,770	23.7	↑16.0	○ Aged and Disabled Carers ○ Registered Nurses ○ Child Carers ○ Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
Construction	10,932	11.4	↑2.2	○ Electricians ○ Carpenters and Joiners ○ Construction Managers ○ Plumbers
Retail trade	9,955	10.4	↑5.2	○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Retail Managers ○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ○ Shelf Fillers
Education and training	7,829	8.2	↑10.0	○ Secondary School Teachers ○ Primary School Teachers ○ Education Aides ○ Child Carers
Manufacturing	6,973	7.3	↓1.3	○ Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers ○ Cabinetmakers ○ Production Managers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists
Accommodation and food services	6,961	7.3	↑3.7	○ Bar Attendants and Baristas ○ Kitchenhands ○ Waiters ○ Chefs
Other services	5,194	5.4	↑5.9	○ Motor Mechanics ○ Hairdressers ○ Beauty Therapists ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists
Public administration and safety	4,942	5.2	↑8.3	○ Police ○ General Clerks ○ Security Officers and Guards ○ Contract, Program and Project Administrators
Professional, scientific and technical services	3,862	4.0	↑6.8	○ Solicitors ○ Accountants ○ Software and Applications Programmers ○ Civil Engineering Professionals
Transport, postal and warehousing	3,460	3.6	↓0.1	○ Truck Drivers ○ Automobile Drivers ○ Delivery Drivers ○ Bus and Coach Drivers
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,394	3.5	↑1.0	○ Crop Farmers ○ Crop Farm Workers ○ Livestock Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers
Administrative and support services	2,858	3.0	↑0.8	○ Commercial Cleaners ○ Domestic Cleaners ○ Garden and Nursery Labourers ○ Gardeners
Wholesale trade	2,163	2.3	↑6.0	○ Storepersons ○ Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers ○ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers ○ Sales Assistants (General)
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1,068	1.1	↑1.7	○ Truck Drivers ○ Other Stationary Plant Operators ○ Other Specialist Managers ○ Civil Engineering Professionals
Arts and recreation services	1,044	1.1	↑5.7	○ Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials ○ Fitness Instructors ○ Sportspersons ○ Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers
Rental, hiring and real estate services	785	0.8	↓12.5	○ Real Estate Sales Agents ○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ Land Economists and Valuers ○ General Clerks
Mining	689	0.7	↑1.2	○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Truck Drivers ○ Earthmoving Plant Operators
Financial and insurance services	534	0.6	↓8.1	○ Financial Brokers ○ Financial Investment Advisers and Managers ○ Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks ○ Bank Workers
Information media and telecommunications	513	0.5	↑4.5	○ Telecommunications Trades Workers ○ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors ○ ICT Managers ○ Journalists and Other Writers

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