

## ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS

# Sunshine Coast Region



High population growth is projected to drive high employment growth in the Sunshine Coast region, with nine industries projected to experience growth above the state average by 2027-28.

Health care and social assistance is set to be the largest-employing and fastest-growing industry.

The top four industries are projected to employ over half of the region's total workforce.

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

**216,818** people employed in this region

**+14,708** additional workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Sunshine Coast is projected to experience the fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 7.1% of the state's workforce.

Region	Growth (%) between 2023-24 and 2027-28	People employed in 2027-28
<b>Sunshine Coast</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>216,818</b>
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 Sunshine Coast 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>45,915</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>↑14.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Nurses</li> <li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>Child Carers</li> <li>Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail trade</b>	<b>22,576</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>↑6.0</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>Accommodation and food services</b>	<b>22,346</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>↑6.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bar Attendants and Baristas</li> <li>Waiters</li> <li>Kitchenhands</li> <li>Chefs</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>21,406</b>	<b>9.9</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>Education and training</b>	<b>18,816</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>Private Tutors and Teachers</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, scientific and technical services</b>	<b>16,184</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>↑8.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Software and Applications Programmers</li> <li>Civil Engineering Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>9,878</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabinetmakers</li> <li>Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers</li> <li>Production Managers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> </ul>
 <b>Other services</b>	<b>9,607</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>↑5.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Motor Mechanics</li> <li>Beauty Therapists</li> <li>Animal Attendants and Trainers</li> </ul>
 <b>Public administration and safety</b>	<b>8,585</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>↑9.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Police</li> <li>Contract, Program and Project Administrators</li> <li>Inspectors and Regulatory Officers</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and support services</b>	<b>8,091</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>↑5.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>Gardeners</li> <li>Garden and Nursery Labourers</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, postal and warehousing</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>↑6.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Delivery Drivers</li> <li>Couriers and Postal Deliverers</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and insurance services</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>↑5.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Brokers</li> <li>Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks</li> <li>Financial Investment Advisers and Managers</li> <li>Insurance Agents</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and recreation services</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>↑5.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials</li> <li>Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals</li> <li>Fitness Instructors</li> <li>Music Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, hiring and real estate services</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>↑6.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Land Economists and Valuers</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crop Farmers</li> <li>Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farm Workers</li> <li>Livestock Farm Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale trade</b>	<b>3,256</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>↑1.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers</li> <li>Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers</li> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, gas, water and waste services</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>↑8.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Other Stationary Plant Operators</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>↑4.7</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>Truck Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Information media and telecommunications</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>↑2.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journalists and Other Writers</li> <li>Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors</li> <li>Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters</li> </ul>

