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Toowoomba region

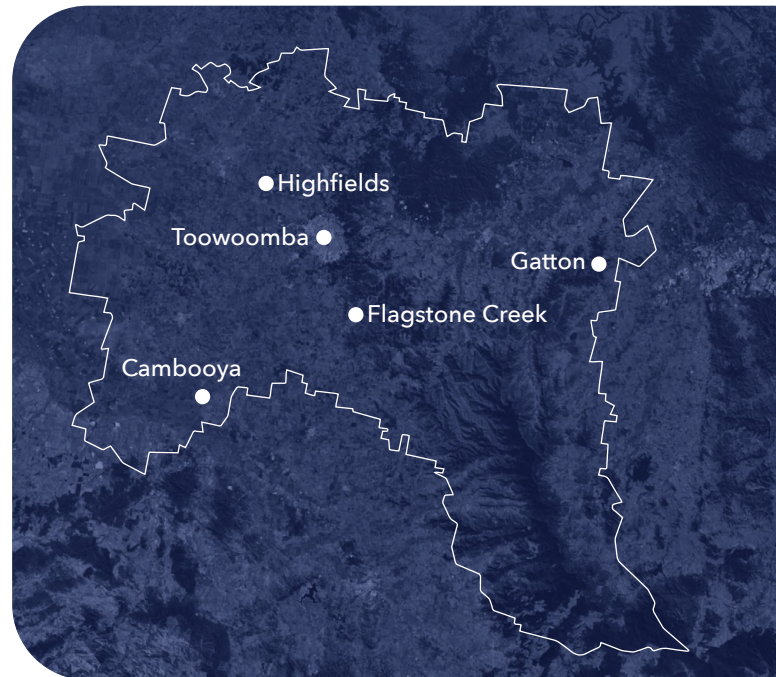


Employment in the Toowoomba region reflects its importance as a regional hub, with high employment in industries such as health care and social assistance, education and training, and retail trade. Despite declining employment in agriculture, forestry and fishing on a state level, in Toowoomba, employment in this industry is projected to grow by 4.5% by 2027-28. While a relatively small workforce, employment in public administration and safety is projected to grow at the highest rate of 17.5%.

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

86,785 people employed in this region

+3,919 additional workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Toowoomba is projected to experience the eighth-fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 2.9% 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 Toowoomba workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 Health care and social assistance	16,911	19.5	↑9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aged and Disabled Carers ○ Registered Nurses ○ Child Carers ○ Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
 Education and training	10,375	12.0	↑6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secondary School Teachers ○ Primary School Teachers ○ Education Aides ○ University Lecturers and Tutors
 Retail trade	7,334	8.5	↓0.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Retail Managers ○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ○ Shelf Fillers
 Manufacturing	6,895	7.9	↑2.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers ○ Production Managers ○ Cabinetmakers
 Construction	6,864	7.9	↑0.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electricians ○ Carpenters and Joiners ○ Construction Managers ○ Plumbers
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5,207	6.0	↑4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Farmers ○ Crop Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers ○ Crop Farm Workers
 Transport, postal and warehousing	4,545	5.2	↑5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Drivers ○ Automobile Drivers ○ Delivery Drivers ○ Bus and Coach Drivers
 Accommodation and food services	4,295	4.9	↑5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bar Attendants and Baristas ○ Kitchenhands ○ Waiters ○ Chefs
 Public administration and safety	3,957	4.6	↑17.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Clerks ○ Police ○ Contract, Program and Project Administrators ○ Security Officers and Guards
 Other services	3,775	4.3	↑0.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motor Mechanics ○ Hairdressers ○ Beauty Therapists ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Professional, scientific and technical services	3,615	4.2	↑4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solicitors ○ Accountants ○ Civil Engineering Professionals ○ Management and Organisation Analysts
 Administrative and support services	2,797	3.2	↑0.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial Cleaners ○ Domestic Cleaners ○ Gardeners ○ Garden and Nursery Labourers
 Wholesale trade	2,700	3.1	↑2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storepersons ○ Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers ○ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers ○ Sales Assistants (General)
 Mining	1,879	2.2	↑2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Mining Engineers ○ Other Building and Engineering Technicians
 Financial and insurance services	1,583	1.8	↓0.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bank Workers ○ Financial Brokers ○ Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks ○ Credit and Loans Officers
 Arts and recreation services	1,520	1.8	↑10.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials ○ Fitness Instructors ○ Sportspersons ○ Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers
 Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1,338	1.5	↑7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Drivers ○ Electrical Distribution Trades Workers ○ Electricians ○ Electrical Engineers
 Rental, hiring and real estate services	688	0.8	↓4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Real Estate Sales Agents ○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ Land Economists and Valuers ○ General Clerks
 Information media and telecommunications	508	0.6	↑0.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Journalists and Other Writers ○ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors ○ Telecommunications Trades Workers ○ Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters

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