

## ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



# Accommodation and food services



The accommodation and food services industry engages in providing short-term accommodation for visitors and/or meals, snacks, and beverages for consumption by customers both on and off-site. It includes sectors such as hotels, motels, cafes, pubs and restaurants.

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

**212,484** people employed in accommodation and food services in Queensland  
**+7,674** additional people employed since 2023-24

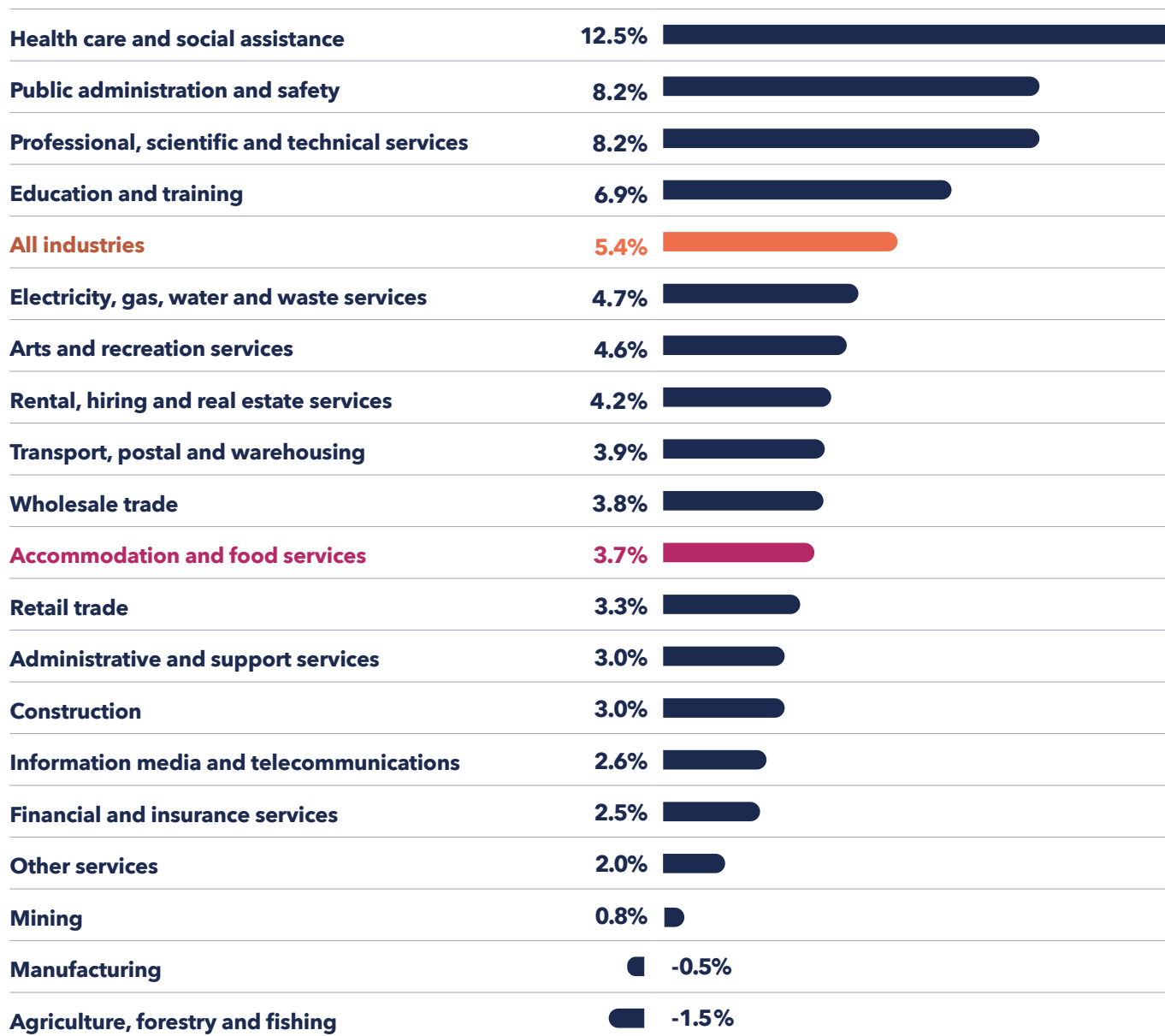


By 2027-28, the four largest accommodation and food services groups will be:

Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services	Accommodation	Pubs, taverns and bars	Clubs (hospitality)
<b>People employed</b>	<b>People employed</b>	<b>People employed</b>	<b>People employed</b>
<b>154,122</b> 72.5% of industry's workforce	<b>27,884</b> 13.1% of industry's workforce	<b>22,883</b> 10.8% of industry's workforce	<b>7,595</b> 3.6% of industry's workforce
<b>+4.1%</b> change from 2024 (+ 6,076 people)	<b>+1.7%</b> change from 2024 (+461 people)	<b>+4.6%</b> change from 2024 (+1,013 people)	<b>+1.7%</b> change from 2024 (+124 people)
<b>Largest occupations</b>	<b>Largest occupations</b>	<b>Largest occupations</b>	<b>Largest occupations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Kitchenhands</li><li>○ Waiters</li><li>○ Sales Assistants (General)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Housekeepers</li><li>○ Hotel Service Managers</li><li>○ Receptionists</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bar Attendants and Baristas</li><li>○ Waiters</li><li>○ Chefs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bar Attendants and Baristas</li><li>○ Waiters</li><li>○ Chefs</li></ul>

\*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 accommodation and food services is projected to have the tenth-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.**



**More than 1 in 10 workers in the Sunshine Coast region are projected to work in this industry by 2027-28.**

Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	2,271	6.0%
Sunshine Coast	1,275	10.3%
Gold Coast	884	8.6%
Wide Bay	494	7.7%
Logan - Beaudesert	428	6.2%
Moreton Bay - South	414	8.2%
Ipswich	372	5.9%
Townsville	362	7.0%
Cairns	292	8.9%

Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - North	246	7.3%
Central Queensland	231	6.3%
Toowoomba	219	4.9%
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	199	6.1%
Outback - North	43	6.2%
Far North	26	7.2%
Outback - South	4	5.6%
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-86	4.3%

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