

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Agriculture, forestry and fishing



The agriculture, forestry and fishing industry is mainly engaged in growing crops, raising animals, growing and harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from farms or their natural habitats. It also includes agriculture, forestry and fishing support services such as reforestation, shearing and aerial crop spraying.

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

67,331

people employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Queensland

-1,038

fewer people employed since 2023-24



By 2027-28, the four largest agriculture, forestry and fishing groups will be:

Sheep, beef cattle and grain farming

People employed

28,478

42.3% of industry's workforce

-3.1%

change from 2024
(-911 people)

Largest occupations

- Livestock Farmers
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers
- Livestock Farm Workers

Fruit and tree nut growing

People employed

8,737

13.0% of industry's workforce

+0.7%

change from 2024
(+57 people)

Largest occupations

- Crop Farmer
- Crop Farm Workers
- Packers

Mushroom and vegetable growing

People employed

5,423

8.1% of industry's workforce

-1.5%

change from 2024
(-82 people)

Largest occupations

- Crop Farmers
- Crop Farm Workers
- Packers

Other crop growing

People employed

5,157

7.7% of industry's workforce

-1.5%

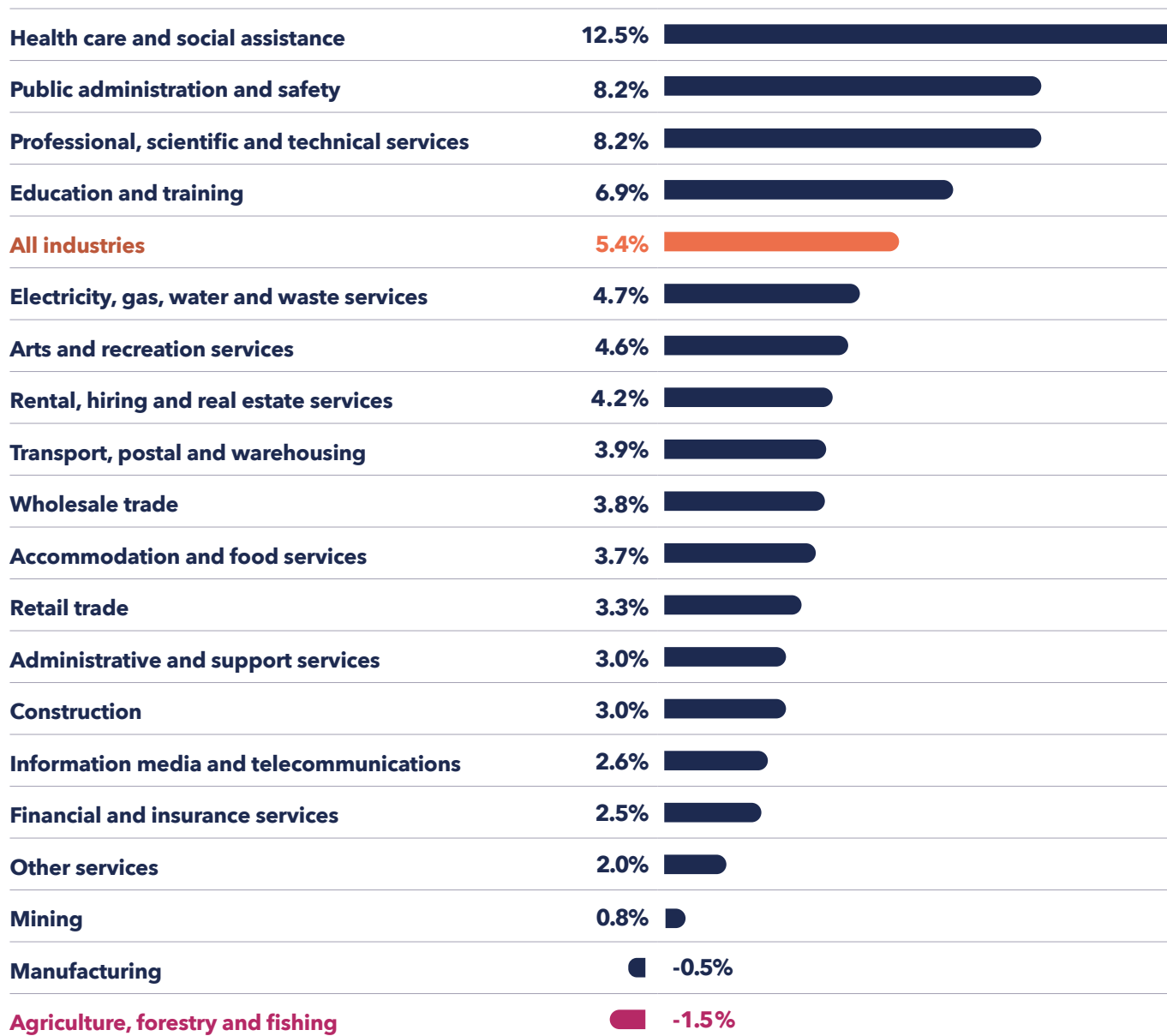
change from 2024
(-77 people)

Largest occupations

- Crop Farmers
- Agricultural, Forestry and Horticultural Plant Operators
- Crop Farm Workers

*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 agriculture, forestry and fishing is projected to decline slightly.



Most of the falls in employment are due to technological advancements and increased productivity in this industry.

Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce	Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Toowoomba	222	6.0%	Outback - South	-56	25.5%
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	143	4.1%	Brisbane	-57	0.2%
Ipswich	134	2.9%	Logan - Beaudesert	-72	0.7%
Far North	88	10.9%	Wide Bay	-83	7.0%
Gold Coast	86	0.6%	Darling Downs - Maranoa	-120	18.1%
Moreton Bay - North	34	3.5%	Townsville	-192	2.8%
Sunshine Coast	0	1.6%	Cairns	-260	2.3%
Moreton Bay - South	-12	0.5%	Central Queensland	-855	3.1%
Outback - North	-37	7.4%			

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