

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS



Public administration and safety



The public administration and safety industry includes central, state and local governments, courts, consulates and embassies, defence and public order, safety and regulatory services. These include police, fire and correctional services, locksmiths, security guards and customs.

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

216,574 people employed in public administration and safety in Queensland

+16,373 additional people employed since 2023-24

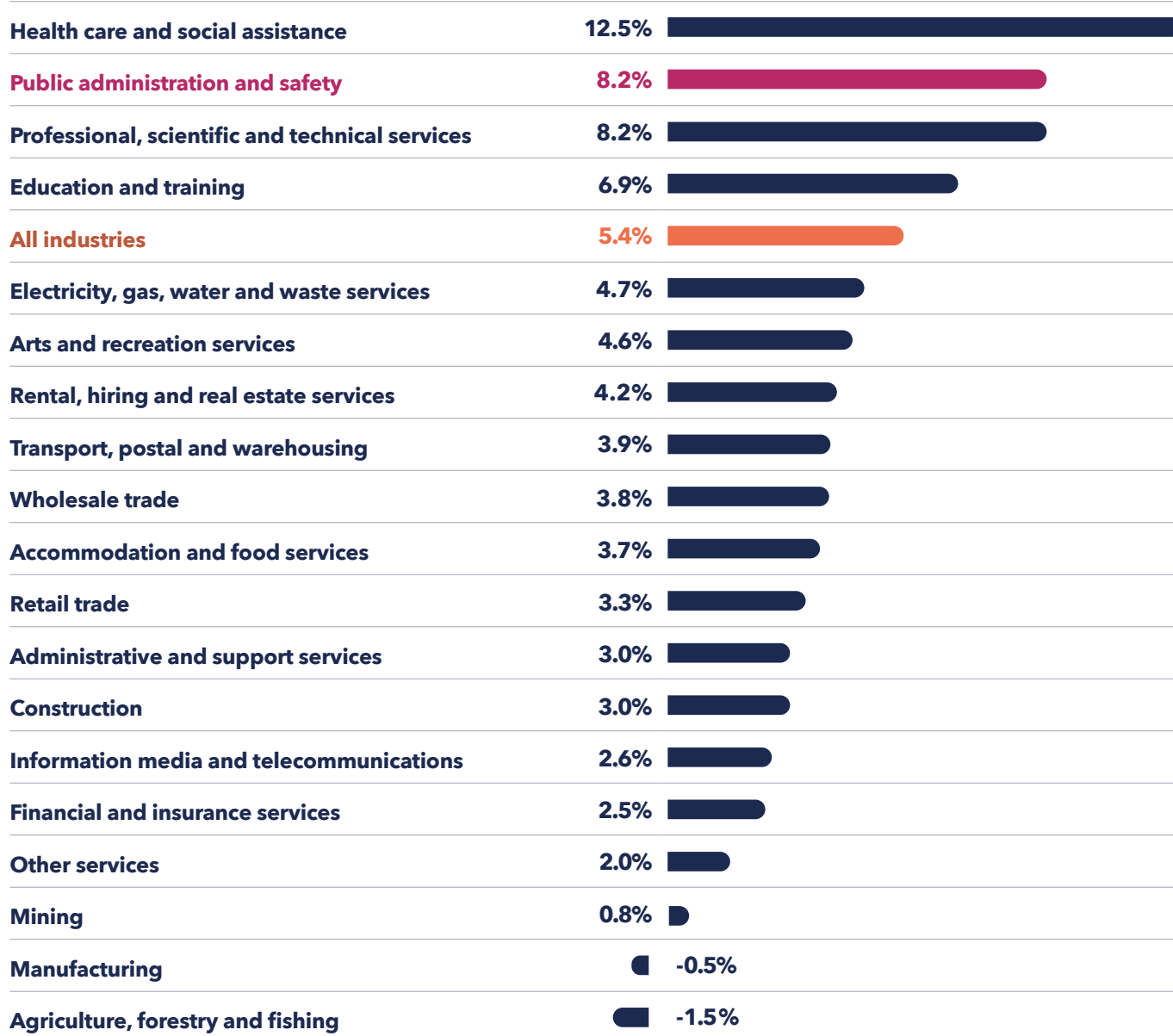


By 2027-28, the four largest public administration and safety groups will be:

State government administration	Public order and safety services	Local government administration	Central government administration
People employed	People employed	People employed	People employed
63,197 29.2% of industry's workforce	51,923 24.0% of industry's workforce	39,532 18.3% of industry's workforce	34,482 15.9% of industry's workforce
+7.4% change from 2024 (+4,375 people)	+8.4% change from 2024 (+4,013 people)	+6.2% change from 2024 (+2,319 people)	+11.2% change from 2024 (+3,465 people)
Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations	Largest occupations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ General Clerks○ Contract, Program and Project Administrators○ Intelligence and Policy Analysts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Police○ Security Officers and Guards○ Prison Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ General Clerks○ Other Miscellaneous Labourers○ Urban and Regional Planners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Inspectors and Regulatory Officers○ General Clerks○ Contract, Program and Project Administrators

*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 public administration and safety is projected to have the second-fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.



Employment in this industry is proportionately higher in major centres and regions with smaller populations, such as Far North.

Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	7,663	8.8%
Gold Coast	1,631	4.7%
Townsville	1,348	11.0%
Ipswich	1,335	9.9%
Sunshine Coast	760	4.0%
Logan - Beaudesert	593	5.1%
Toowoomba	591	4.6%
Central Queensland	551	6.6%
Cairns	473	7.1%

Region	Additional jobs 2027-28	% of regional workforce
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	456	5.2%
Moreton Bay - North	379	5.2%
Moreton Bay - South	277	4.2%
Wide Bay	197	6.1%
Far North	69	19.3%
Outback - North	55	7.9%
Outback - South	7	11.2%
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-12	6.2%

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