

Anticipating Future Skills Series 5

Fast 5 Facts

Cairns region

Between 2023-24 and 2027-28:

- 1 Employment in Cairns** is projected to increase by 4.5% (6,368) to 149,082 workers, comprising 4.9% of the state's workforce.
- 2 Health care and social assistance** is the largest-employing and fastest-growing industry in the region and is projected to grow by 12.4% (3,357) to 30,369 workers
- 3 The third-largest industry group in the region** (after hospitals and other social assistance services) is cafés, restaurants and takeaway food services, which employs more than 8,000 people.
- 4 More workers will have bachelor degree** level qualifications (35,000) than any other qualification level. The largest occupations for people with this qualification are registered nurses, primary and secondary school teachers.
- 5 Almost one-third of workers** with a Certificate III & IV level will have qualifications in the field of engineering and related technologies.

