

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS

Brisbane Region

Employment in the Brisbane region reflects its capital city status, with almost 50% of the workforce projected to be employed in industries with high numbers of professionals. Health care and social assistance is projected to be the fastest-growing and largest-employing industry in the region by 2027-28.

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

1,074,452 people employed in this region
+61,348 additional workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Brisbane is projected to experience the fifth-fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 35.2% 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
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 Brisbane workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 Health care and social assistance	174,092	16.2	↑12.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses Aged and Disabled Carers Child Carers Receptionists
 Professional, scientific and technical services	136,732	12.7	↑8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software and Applications Programmers Accountants Solicitors Civil Engineering Professionals
 Public administration and safety	94,048	8.8	↑8.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Clerks Contract, Program and Project Administrators Police Inspectors and Regulatory Officers
 Education and training	93,530	8.7	↑7.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary School Teachers Secondary School Teachers Education Aides University Lecturers and Tutors
 Retail trade	88,693	8.3	↑4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Shelf Fillers
 Construction	74,331	6.9	↑2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpenters and Joiners Electricians Construction Managers Plumbers
 Transport, postal and warehousing	73,372	6.8	↑3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Storepersons Automobile Drivers Delivery Drivers
 Accommodation and food services	64,900	6.0	↑3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Attendants and Baristas Kitchenhands Waiters Chefs
 Manufacturing	51,324	4.8	↓0.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers Metal Fitters and Machinists Production Managers Storepersons
 Financial and insurance services	47,386	4.4	↑3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Brokers Financial Investment Advisers and Managers Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks Bank Workers
 Other services	33,781	3.1	↑2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairdressers Motor Mechanics Beauty Therapists Ministers of Religion
 Administrative and support services	33,137	3.1	↑2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Cleaners Human Resource Professionals Domestic Cleaners Tourism and Travel Advisers
 Wholesale trade	28,666	2.7	↑4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storepersons Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers Sales Assistants (General)
 Rental, hiring and real estate services	19,044	1.8	↑3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Land Economists and Valuers General Clerks
 Arts and recreation services	15,746	1.5	↑4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals Gaming Workers Fitness Instructors
 Electricity, gas, water and waste services	15,021	1.4	↑4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical Distribution Trades Workers Electricians Truck Drivers Electrical Engineers
 Information media and telecommunications	14,421	1.3	↑3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecommunications Trades Workers Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors Journalists and Other Writers Library Assistants
 Mining	14,048	1.3	↑0.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians Mining Engineers
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,182	0.2	↓2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Farmers Crop Farmers Livestock Farm Workers Crop Farm Workers

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