

## ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS

# Outback South Region

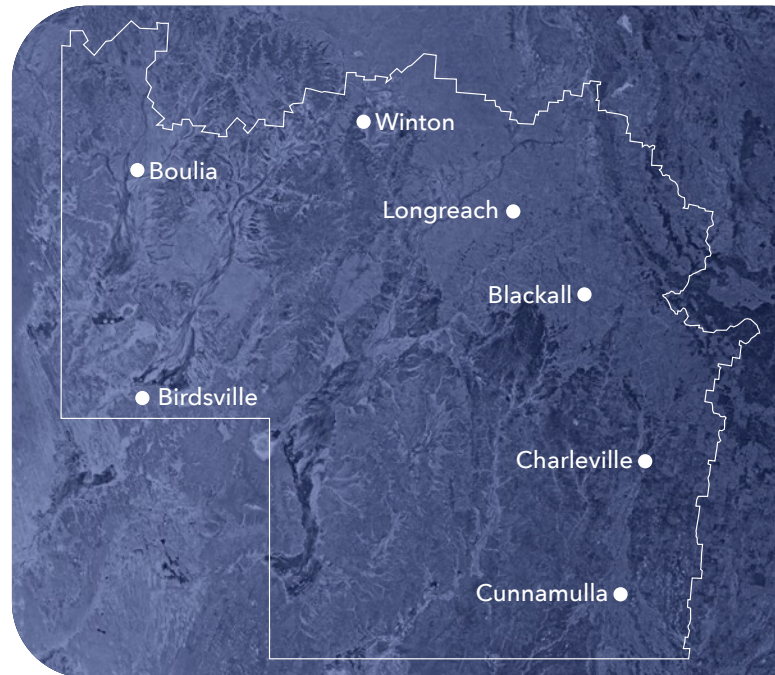


Almost half of all workers in Outback - South will be employed in three industries - agriculture, forestry and fishing, health care and social assistance, and public administration and safety. The fastest growth in the region will be in rental, hiring and real estate services, followed by electricity, gas, water and waste.

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

**10,093** people employed in this region

**-248** fewer workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Outback - South is projected to experience a decrease in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 0.3% 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
<b>Outback - South</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>10,093</b>

\* 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 Outback - South workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>↓2.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Livestock Farmers</li> <li>○ Livestock Farm Workers</li> <li>○ Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers</li> <li>○ Crop Farmers</li> </ul>
 <b>Health care and social assistance</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>↑1.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Registered Nurses</li> <li>○ Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>○ Receptionists</li> <li>○ General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers</li> </ul>
 <b>Public administration and safety</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>↑0.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ General Clerks</li> <li>○ Contract, Program and Project Administrators</li> <li>○ Inspectors and Regulatory Officers</li> <li>○ Information Officers</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail trade</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>↓2.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>○ Retail Managers</li> <li>○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>○ Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>↓10.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Electricians</li> <li>○ Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>○ Plumbers</li> <li>○ Construction Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and training</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>↓10.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Secondary School Teachers</li> <li>○ Primary School Teachers</li> <li>○ Education Aides</li> <li>○ Child Carers</li> </ul>
 <b>Accommodation and food services</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>↑0.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bar Attendants and Baristas</li> <li>○ Waiters</li> <li>○ Chefs</li> <li>○ Housekeepers</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, postal and warehousing</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>↑1.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Truck Drivers</li> <li>○ Delivery Drivers</li> <li>○ Couriers and Postal Deliverers</li> <li>○ Storepersons</li> </ul>
 <b>Other services</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>↓6.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motor Mechanics</li> <li>○ Hairdressers</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>○ Automotive Electricians</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and support services</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>↑1.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>○ Tourism and Travel Advisers</li> <li>○ Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>○ Human Resource Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>↓5.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Packers</li> <li>○ Meat, Poultry and Seafood Process Workers</li> <li>○ Bakers and Pastrycooks</li> <li>○ Sales Assistants (General)</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale trade</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>↑2.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Storepersons</li> <li>○ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers</li> <li>○ Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>○ Purchasing and Supply Logistics Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, scientific and technical services</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>↑4.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Solicitors</li> <li>○ Accountants</li> <li>○ Civil Engineering Professionals</li> <li>○ Bookkeepers</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, gas, water and waste services</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>↑4.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> <li>○ Electricians</li> <li>○ Truck Drivers</li> <li>○ Electrical Engineers</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and recreation services</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>↓1.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals</li> <li>○ Music Professionals</li> <li>○ Gallery, Museum and Tour Guides</li> <li>○ Other Specialist Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Information media and telecommunications</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>↓10.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Library Assistants</li> <li>○ Librarians</li> <li>○ Journalists and Other Writers</li> <li>○ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>↓1.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>○ Geologists, Geophysicists and Hydrogeologists</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>○ Mining Engineers</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and insurance services</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>↓1.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bank Workers</li> <li>○ Credit and Loans Officers</li> <li>○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>○ Financial Brokers</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, hiring and real estate services</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>↑7.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>○ General Clerks</li> <li>○ Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> </ul>

