Gold Coast region

Jobs Queensland

These AFS Series projections for 2019-2024 were finalised prior to the emergence of COVID-19 and do not take into account the impacts of the pandemic.#

Employment in the Gold Coast SA4 region reflects its status as a major tourism hub, with more than 1 in 5 workers projected to be employed in Retail Trade or Accommodation and Food Services. Health Care and Social Assistance was projected to be the largest employer and was projected to grow by more than 20 per cent by 2024.

By 2024, it was projected that there would have been:

370,297
people employed in the Gold Coast SA4 region*

+38,651
additional people from 2019

Beenleigh

Gold Coast

Coomera

Southport
Surfers Paradise

Burleigh Heads

Springbrook

Coolangatta

By 2024, the Gold Coast SA4 region was projected to experience the second fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It was projected to comprise 13.6% of the state's workforce.

Region (SA4)	Growth (%) between 2019 and 2024	People employed in 2024
Ipswich	14.8	178,197
Gold Coast	11.7	370,297
Sunshine Coast	11.2	197,218
Moreton Bay - South	10.7	104,340
Logan - Beaudesert	9.8	160,362
Queensland	9.4	2,728,883
Moreton Bay - North	9.4	109,625
Brisbane	9.3	836,920
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsundays	8.3	101,320
Cairns	7.8	127,746
Toowoomba	7.4	82,786
Townsville	7.2	114,170
Queensland - Outback	6.9	40,071
Wide Bay	6.0	117,870
Central Queensland	4.8	120,564
Darling Downs - Maranoa	3.8	67,396

The Anticipating Future Skills project provides employment projections for Queensland between 2019 and 2024, enabling Queenslanders to identify job opportunities across industries, occupations and regions. As these projections are high level and indicative, 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 4 (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.

By 2024, it was projected that the Gold Coast workforce would be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change from 2019	Largest occupational groupings
Health Care and Social Assistance	52,753	14.2	↑20.3	○ Midwifery and Nursing Professionals ○ Personal Carers and Assistants ○ Medical Practitioners ○ Child Carers
Retail Trade	43,047	11.6	↑7.2	○ Sales Assistants and Salespersons ○ Retail Managers ○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ○ Freight Handlers and Shelf Fillers
Accommodation and Food Services	40,118	10.8	↑12.6	○ Hospitality Workers ○ Food Preparation Assistants ○ Accommodation and Hospitality Managers ○ Food Trades Workers
Construction	39,855	10.8	↑6.1	○ Construction and Mining Labourers ○ Bricklayers, and Carpenters and Joiners ○ Electricians ○ Glaziers, Plasterers and Tilers
Education and Training	32,280	8.7	↑15.7	○ School Teachers ○ Education Aides ○ Tertiary Education Teachers ○ Miscellaneous Education Professionals
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24,030	6.5	↑16.7	○ Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries ○ Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors ○ Business and Systems Analysts, and Programmers ○ Legal Professionals
Manufacturing	23,778	6.4	↑6.9	○ Construction, Distribution and Production Managers ○ Fabrication Engineering Trades Workers ○ Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers ○ Wood Trades Workers
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	16,683	4.5	↑11.6	○ Truck Drivers ○ Automobile, Bus and Rail Drivers ○ Clerical and Office Support Workers ○ Storepersons
Public Administration and Safety	15,823	4.3	↑10.9	○ Defence Force Members, Fire Fighters and Police ○ Prison and Security Officers ○ General Clerks ○ Miscellaneous Clerical and Administrative Workers
Administrative and Support Services	15,579	4.2	↑8.6	○ Cleaners and Laundry Workers ○ Personal Service and Travel Workers ○ Human Resource and Training Professionals ○ Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers
Other Services	15,208	4.1	↑9.8	○ Hairdressers ○ Automotive Electricians and Mechanics ○ Personal Service and Travel Workers ○ Cleaners and Laundry Workers
Arts and Recreation Services	10,854	2.9	↑14.0	○ Sports and Fitness Workers ○ Hospitality Workers ○ Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ Arts Professionals
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	9,612	2.6	↑16.1	○ Real Estate Sales Agents ○ General Clerks ○ Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ Information and Organisation Professionals
Wholesale Trade	9,413	2.5	↑11.2	○ Sales Assistants and Salespersons ○ Storepersons ○ Construction, Distribution and Production Managers ○ Logistics Clerks
Financial and Insurance Services	9,252	2.5	↑5.1	○ Financial Brokers and Dealers, and Investment Advisers ○ Financial and Insurance Clerks ○ General Clerks ○ Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries
Information Media and Telecommunications	5,219	1.4	↑12.5	○ Media Professionals ○ Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers ○ Miscellaneous Technicians and Trades Workers ○ Miscellaneous Sales Support Workers
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2,702	0.7	↑4.3	○ Truck Drivers ○ Engineering Professionals ○ Stationary Plant Operators ○ Electricians
Mining	2,364	0.6	↑0.6	○ Stationary Plant Operators ○ Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers ○ Truck Drivers ○ Building and Engineering Technicians
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,729	0.5	↑3.0	○ Farmers and Farm Managers ○ Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers ○ Mobile Plant Operators ○ Miscellaneous Labourers