

Toowoomba region

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 Toowoomba SA4 region is reflective of its role as a regional centre, with 1 in 5 workers employed in Health Care and Social Assistance and more than 1 in 10 working in Construction. The region’s largest employment growth was projected for the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

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

82,786 people employed in the Toowoomba SA4 region*

+5,720 additional people from 2019



By 2024, the Toowoomba SA4 region was projected to experience the tenth largest increase in employment in Queensland. It was projected to comprise 3.0% 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 Toowoomba workforce would be employed within:

| Industry | People employed | % of regional workforce | % change from 2019 | Largest occupational groupings |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
|  Health Care and Social Assistance | 16,600 | 20.1 | ↑14.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Carers and Assistants Midwifery and Nursing Professionals Health and Welfare Support Workers Medical Practitioners |
|  Construction | 9,652 | 11.7 | ↑3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and Mining Labourers Bricklayers, and Carpenters and Joiners Electricians Glaziers, Plasterers and Tilers |
|  Retail Trade | 7,198 | 8.7 | ↑1.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants and Salespersons Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Freight Handlers and Shelf Fillers |
|  Education and Training | 6,613 | 8.0 | ↑11.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Teachers Education Aides Tertiary Education Teachers Miscellaneous Education Professionals |
|  Accommodation and Food Services | 6,445 | 7.8 | ↑6.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Workers Food Preparation Assistants Food Trades Workers Accommodation and Hospitality Managers |
|  Manufacturing | 5,303 | 6.4 | ↑4.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Process Workers Construction, Distribution and Production Managers Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Fabrication Engineering Trades Workers |
|  Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 5,058 | 6.1 | ↑15.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors Legal Professionals Engineering Professionals |
|  Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 4,623 | 5.6 | ↑1.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers and Farm Managers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Mobile Plant Operators Accounting Clerks and Bookkeepers |
|  Public Administration and Safety | 4,515 | 5.5 | ↑4.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Clerks Defence Force Members, Fire Fighters and Police Prison and Security Officers Information and Organisation Professionals |
|  Transport, Postal and Warehousing | 3,515 | 4.2 | ↑9.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Automobile, Bus and Rail Drivers Clerical and Office Support Workers Logistics Clerks |
|  Other Services | 2,888 | 3.5 | ↑5.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive Electricians and Mechanics Hairdressers Personal Service and Travel Workers Panelbeaters, and Vehicle Body Builders, Trimmers and Painters |
|  Administrative and Support Services | 2,150 | 2.6 | ↑4.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaners and Laundry Workers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Horticultural Trades Workers Personal Service and Travel Workers |
|  Wholesale Trade | 1,803 | 2.2 | ↑7.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants and Salespersons Storepersons Construction, Distribution and Production Managers Logistics Clerks |
|  Mining | 1,682 | 2.0 | ↑1.8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationary Plant Operators Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Engineering Professionals Building and Engineering Technicians |
|  Financial and Insurance Services | 1,547 | 1.9 | ↑5.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and Insurance Clerks Financial Brokers and Dealers, and Investment Advisers Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries |
|  Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services | 1,217 | 1.5 | ↑12.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers General Clerks Sales Assistants and Salespersons |
|  Information Media and Telecommunications | 981 | 1.2 | ↑9.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Professionals Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers ICT Network and Support Professionals Sales, Marketing and Public Relations Professionals |
|  Arts and Recreation Services | 586 | 0.7 | ↑6.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports and Fitness Workers Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Arts Professionals Hospitality Workers |
|  Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services | 411 | 0.5 | ↑0.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Engineering Professionals Electricians Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers |

