

# Townsville 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 Townsville SA4 region reflects its importance as a regional service hub, with 1 in 5 workers employed in Health Care and Social Assistance and significant proportions of people employed in Education and Training, and Retail Trade.**



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

**114,170** people employed in the Townsville SA4 region\*

**+7,701** additional people from 2019

**By 2024, the Townsville SA4 region was projected to experience the eleventh largest increase in employment in Queensland. It was projected to comprise 4.2% 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
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>2,728,883</b>
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
<b>Townsville</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>114,170</b>
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 Townsville workforce would be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change from 2019	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	<b>23,644</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>↑15.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Midwifery and Nursing Professionals</li> <li>Personal Carers and Assistants</li> <li>Medical Practitioners</li> <li>Health and Welfare Support Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and Training</b>	<b>13,103</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>↑11.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Teachers</li> <li>Education Aides</li> <li>Tertiary Education Teachers</li> <li>Miscellaneous Education Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>11,268</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>↑1.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> <li>Retail Managers</li> <li>Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>Freight Handlers and Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>7,823</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>↑7.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality Workers</li> <li>Food Preparation Assistants</li> <li>Food Trades Workers</li> <li>Accommodation and Hospitality Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Public Administration and Safety</b>	<b>7,672</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>↑6.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defence Force Members, Fire Fighters and Police</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Prison and Security Officers</li> <li>Information and Organisation Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>7,009</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>↑3.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Process Workers</li> <li>Fabrication Engineering Trades Workers</li> <li>Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers</li> <li>Construction, Distribution and Production Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>6,951</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>↓0.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction and Mining Labourers</li> <li>Bricklayers, and Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Glaziers, Plasterers and Tilers</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, Postal and Warehousing</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>↑8.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Automobile, Bus and Rail Drivers</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Logistics Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Services</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>↑4.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automotive Electricians and Mechanics</li> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Personal Service and Travel Workers</li> <li>Panelbeaters, and Vehicle Body Builders, Trimmers and Painters</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>4,131</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>↓5.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stationary Plant Operators</li> <li>Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers</li> <li>Building and Engineering Technicians</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b>	<b>3,686</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>↑15.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries</li> <li>Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors</li> <li>Legal Professionals</li> <li>Engineering Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and Support Services</b>	<b>3,526</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>↑3.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaners and Laundry Workers</li> <li>Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers</li> <li>Horticultural Trades Workers</li> <li>Personal Service and Travel Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</b>	<b>3,087</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>↑2.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmers and Farm Managers</li> <li>Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers</li> <li>Mobile Plant Operators</li> <li>Packers and Product Assemblers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>↑5.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Construction, Distribution and Production Managers</li> <li>Logistics Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and Recreation Services</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>↑7.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports and Fitness Workers</li> <li>Arts Professionals</li> <li>Hospitality Workers</li> <li>Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>↑10.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and Insurance Services</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>↑5.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial and Insurance Clerks</li> <li>Financial Brokers and Dealers, and Investment Advisers</li> <li>Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>↓1.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Engineering Professionals</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Information Media and Telecommunications</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>↑9.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Media Professionals</li> <li>ICT Network and Support Professionals</li> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> </ul>

