



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Brisbane region

Employment in the Brisbane region reflects its status as a capital city and major provider of services. More than one-third of Queensland's workforce is projected to be located in the Brisbane region by 2025-26.



By 2025-26, it is projected that there will be:

1,030,194 people employed in this region*

+74,831 additional workers since 2021-22

By 2025-26, Brisbane is projected to experience the ninth fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 35.4% of the state's workforce.

Region	Growth (%) between 2021-22 and 2025-26	People employed in 2025-26
Wide Bay	13.6	133,252
Sunshine Coast	12.5	203,940
Townsville	12.0	134,375
Central Queensland	11.5	138,831
Moreton Bay - South	10.4	73,983
Toowoomba	10.4	85,456
Moreton Bay - North	9.9	94,207
Logan - Beaudesert	9.3	142,093
Brisbane	7.8	1,030,194
Cairns	7.5	142,446
Ipswich	5.9	157,674
Far North	4.5	12,590
Outback - North	2.7	22,310
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	2.3	114,384
Gold Coast	2.2	348,444
Outback - South	-0.5	9,036
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-0.9	70,207

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 2025-26, it is projected that the Brisbane workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce 2025-2026	% change since 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
 Health Care and Social Assistance	170,339	17.9	↑14.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses Aged and Disabled Carers Receptionists Child Carers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	127,601	13.4	↑12.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software and Applications Programmers Accountants Solicitors Civil Engineering Professionals
 Education and Training	89,600	9.4	↑8.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary School Teachers Secondary School Teachers Education Aides University Lecturers and Tutors
 Public Administration and Safety	83,507	8.8	↑6.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Clerks Police Contract, Program and Project Administrators Security Officers and Guards
 Retail Trade	81,477	8.6	↑2.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Shelf Fillers
 Construction	72,374	7.6	↑6.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpenters and Joiners Electricians Construction Managers Plumbers
 Accommodation and Food Services	68,687	7.2	↑8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiters Kitchenhands Bar Attendants and Baristas Sales Assistants (General)
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	66,438	7.0	↑9.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Storepersons Automobile Drivers Delivery Drivers
 Manufacturing	55,012	5.8	↑2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers Metal Fitters and Machinists Production Managers Packers
 Financial and Insurance Services	44,054	4.6	↑7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks Financial Investment Advisers and Managers Financial Brokers Bank Workers
 Other Services	36,020	3.8	↑3.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairdressers Motor Mechanics Beauty Therapists Ministers of Religion
 Administrative and Support Services	30,709	3.2	↑3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Cleaners Domestic Cleaners Human Resource Professionals Tourism and Travel Advisers
 Wholesale Trade	27,547	2.9	↑0.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storepersons Sales Assistants (General) Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers Purchasing and Supply Logistics Clerks
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	17,838	1.9	↑0.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents General Clerks Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Office Managers
 Arts and Recreation Services	17,275	1.8	↑5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials Gaming Workers Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals
 Mining	14,816	1.6	↑5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians Mining Engineers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	12,694	1.3	↓7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecommunications Trades Workers Telecommunications Engineering Professionals Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors Journalists and Other Writers
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	11,903	1.3	↑6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical Distribution Trades Workers Electricians Truck Drivers Electrical Engineers
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,302	0.2	↓5.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Farmers Crop Farmers Crop Farm Workers Livestock Farm Workers