



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

# Far North region

Employment in the sparsely populated Far North region is dependent on four key industries. Public Administration and Safety and Mining are the two largest employing industries, while Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to be the fastest growing industry by 2025-26.

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

**12,590** people employed in this region\*

**+541** additional workers since 2021-22



By 2025-26, Far North is projected to experience the 12th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 0.4% 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
<b>Far North</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>12,590</b>
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 Far North workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce 2025-2026	% change since 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Public Administration and Safety</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>↑5.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Security Officers and Guards</li> <li>Contract, Program and Project Administrators</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>↑7.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Other Building and Engineering Technicians</li> <li>Electricians</li> </ul>
 <b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>↑12.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Nurses</li> <li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>Child Carers</li> <li>Receptionists</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and Training</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>↑2.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary School Teachers</li> <li>Secondary School Teachers</li> <li>Education Aides</li> <li>Child Carers</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>↓13.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farm Workers</li> <li>Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>↑7.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>Construction Managers</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Building and Plumbing Labourers</li> </ul>
 <b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>↑11.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiters</li> <li>Kitchenhands</li> <li>Bar Attendants and Baristas</li> <li>Chefs</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>↑2.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>Retail Managers</li> <li>Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Services</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>↑6.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor Mechanics</li> <li>Ministers of Religion</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Hairdressers</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, Postal and Warehousing</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>↑7.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Air Transport Professionals</li> <li>Bus and Coach Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>↑0.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Industrial Spraypainters</li> <li>Production Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and Support Services</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>↑3.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>Human Resource Professionals</li> <li>Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>Tourism and Travel Advisers</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and Recreation Services</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>↑6.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals</li> <li>Music Professionals</li> <li>Environmental Scientists</li> <li>Journalists and Other Writers</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>↑9.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management and Organisation Analysts</li> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Advertising and Marketing Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>↓9.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>Land Economists and Valuers</li> <li>Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>↑2.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Electrical Engineers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>↑1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers</li> <li>Purchasing and Supply Logistics Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and Insurance Services</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>↑3.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Investment Advisers and Managers</li> <li>Financial Brokers</li> <li>Bank Workers</li> <li>Credit and Loans Officers (Aus) / Finance Clerks (NZ)</li> </ul>
 <b>Information Media and Telecommunications</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>↓10.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Librarians</li> <li>Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Library Assistants</li> <li>Gallery, Library and Museum Technicians</li> </ul>