



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Gold Coast region

Almost 60% of the Gold Coast workforce is projected to be employed in the five largest industries by 2025-26, with more than 15% employed in Health Care and Social Assistance. This industry is also the fastest growing in the region, while Professional, Scientific and Technical Services is projected to gain 1,500 new workers.

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

348,444 people employed in this region*

+7,416 additional workers since 2021-22



By 2025-26, Gold Coast is projected to experience the 15th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 12% 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 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. 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 Gold Coast 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	54,946	15.8	↑9.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses Aged and Disabled Carers Child Carers Receptionists
 Construction	40,356	11.6	↑1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpenters and Joiners Electricians Construction Managers Plumbers
 Retail Trade	37,180	10.7	↓2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Shelf Fillers
 Accommodation and Food Services	35,801	10.3	↑4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiters Kitchenhands Bar Attendants and Baristas Chefs
 Education and Training	30,758	8.8	↑5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary School Teachers Secondary School Teachers Education Aides Private Tutors and Teachers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26,109	7.5	↑6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountants Solicitors Software and Applications Programmers Civil Engineering Professionals
 Manufacturing	23,307	6.7	↓2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers Cabinetmakers Metal Fitters and Machinists Production Managers
 Public Administration and Safety	14,119	4.1	↑2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police General Clerks Security Officers and Guards Contract, Program and Project Administrators
 Other Services	14,086	4.0	↓1.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairdressers Motor Mechanics Beauty Therapists Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Administrative and Support Services	13,619	3.9	↓1.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Cleaners Domestic Cleaners Human Resource Professionals Gardeners
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	12,653	3.6	↑2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Automobile Drivers Delivery Drivers Storepersons
 Arts and Recreation Services	11,087	3.2	↓1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers Fitness Instructors Sportspersons
 Financial and Insurance Services	8,545	2.5	↓0.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Investment Advisers and Managers Financial Brokers Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks Bank Workers
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	8,515	2.4	↓3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents General Clerks Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Receptionists
 Wholesale Trade	7,725	2.2	↓4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storepersons Sales Assistants (General) Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	4,258	1.2	↓8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters Performing Arts Technicians Telecommunications Trades Workers
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1,967	0.6	↑3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Electricians Electrical Distribution Trades Workers Other Stationary Plant Operators
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,804	0.5	↓8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crop Farmers Livestock Farmers Crop Farm Workers Livestock Farm Workers
 Mining	1,611	0.5	↑2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Truck Drivers Other Building and Engineering Technicians