



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Ipswich region

Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to remain a strong and growing industry in the Ipswich region. While Manufacturing is projected to contract slightly, it will employ almost 13% of the region by 2025-26. Above average employment growth is projected for a number of industries, such as Education and Training.



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

157,674 people employed in this region*

+8,838 additional workers since 2021-22

By 2025-26, Ipswich is projected to experience the 11th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 5.4% 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 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 Ipswich 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	26,019	16.5	↑16.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aged and Disabled Carers ○ Registered Nurses ○ Child Carers ○ Receptionists
 Manufacturing	20,386	12.9	↓0.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Structural Steel and Welding Trades ○ Workers - Packers ○ Meat, Poultry and Seafood Process Workers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Retail Trade	15,033	9.5	↑1.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Retail Managers ○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ○ Shelf Fillers
 Construction	14,319	9.1	↑5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electricians ○ Carpenters and Joiners ○ Construction Managers ○ Plumbers
 Education and Training	14,206	9.0	↑9.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary School Teachers ○ Secondary School Teachers ○ Education Aides ○ Child Carers
 Public Administration and Safety	13,760	8.7	↑8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Police ○ General Clerks ○ Security Officers and Guards ○ Defence Force Members - Other Ranks
 Accommodation and Food Services	9,208	5.8	↑7.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiters ○ Kitchenhands ○ Bar Attendants and Baristas ○ Sales Assistants (General)
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	8,615	5.5	↑3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Drivers ○ Automobile Drivers ○ Delivery Drivers ○ Bus and Coach Drivers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7,014	4.4	↑11.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accountants ○ Solicitors ○ Software and Applications Programmers ○ Civil Engineering Professionals
 Other Services	5,950	3.8	↑2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motor Mechanics ○ Hairdressers ○ Beauty Therapists ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Wholesale Trade	5,467	3.5	↔ 0.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storepersons ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers ○ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers
 Administrative and Support Services	4,362	2.8	↑3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial Cleaners ○ Domestic Cleaners ○ Gardeners ○ Human Resource Professionals
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,557	2.3	↓8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Farmers ○ Crop Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers ○ Crop Farm Workers
 Financial and Insurance Services	2,304	1.5	↑4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bank Workers ○ Financial Investment Advisers and Managers ○ Credit and Loans Officers ○ Financial Brokers
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2,122	1.3	↑5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Drivers ○ Other Stationary Plant Operators ○ Building and Plumbing Labourers ○ Electricians
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,007	1.3	↓1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Real Estate Sales Agents ○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ General Clerks ○ Office Managers
 Arts and Recreation Services	1,380	0.9	↑3.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials ○ Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers ○ Fitness Instructors ○ Sportspersons
 Mining	1,214	0.8	↑4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Other Building and Engineering Technicians ○ Truck Drivers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	751	0.5	↓6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors ○ Librarians ○ Telecommunications Trades Workers ○ Performing Arts Technicians