



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

# Outback - North region

Employment in Outback - North is dominated by the Mining industry, which is projected to employ almost 4 in 10 people. Accommodation and Food Services is projected to be the fastest growing industry by 2025-26, reflecting increased regional tourism.



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

**22,310** people employed in this region\*

**+581** additional workers since 2021-22

By 2025-26, Outback - North region is projected to experience the 13th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 1.2% 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
<b>Outback - North</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>22,310</b>
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 Outback - North workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce 2025-2026	% change since 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>8,809</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>↑7.8</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>2,007</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>↑6.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Nurses</li> <li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>Receptionists</li> <li>Child Carers</li> </ul>
 <b>Public Administration and Safety</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>↑4.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Police</li> <li>Contract, Program and Project Administrators</li> <li>Inspectors and Regulatory Officers</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>↑0.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Retail Managers</li> <li>Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>↓24.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Livestock Farm Workers</li> <li>Crop Farmers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>↑4.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>Plumbers</li> <li>Construction Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and Training</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>↓0.3</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>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>↑8.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiters</li> <li>Kitchenhands</li> <li>Bar Attendants and Baristas</li> <li>Chefs</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, Postal and Warehousing</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>↑3.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Delivery Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Services</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>↑1.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor Mechanics</li> <li>Ministers of Religion</li> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>↓5.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Production Managers</li> <li>Engineering Production Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and Support Services</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>↑1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>Human Resource Professionals</li> <li>Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>Gardeners</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>↑6.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Civil Engineering Professionals</li> <li>Architects and Landscape Architects</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>↓3.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers</li> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Purchasing and Supply Logistics Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>↓10.0</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>General Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>↑0.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> <li>Electrical Engineers</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and Insurance Services</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>↑4.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Workers</li> <li>Credit and Loans Officers (Aus) \ Finance Clerks (NZ)</li> <li>Financial Investment Advisers and Managers</li> <li>Financial Brokers</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and Recreation Services</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>↑2.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials</li> <li>Environmental Scientists</li> <li>Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals</li> <li>Music Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Information Media and Telecommunications</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>↓7.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors</li> <li>Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Journalists and Other Writers</li> <li>Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters</li> </ul>