

Ipswich region

These AFS Series projections for 2019-2024 were finalised prior to the emergence of COVID-19 and do not take into account the impacts of the pandemic.*

Employment in the Ipswich SA4 region was projected to experience the fastest growth in the state due to strong population growth. This population growth was projected to drive strong employment growth in Health Care and Social Assistance and Education and Training.

By 2024, it was projected that there would have been:

178,197 people employed in the Ipswich SA4 region*

+22,957 additional people from 2019



By 2024, the Ipswich SA4 region was projected to experience the fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It was projected to comprise 6.5% of the state's workforce.

Region (SA4)	Growth (%) between 2019 and 2024	People employed in 2024
Ipswich	14.8	178,197
Gold Coast	11.7	370,297
Sunshine Coast	11.2	197,218
Moreton Bay - South	10.7	104,340
Logan - Beaudesert	9.8	160,362
Queensland	9.4	2,728,883
Moreton Bay - North	9.4	109,625
Brisbane	9.3	836,920
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsundays	8.3	101,320
Cairns	7.8	127,746
Toowoomba	7.4	82,786
Townsville	7.2	114,170
Queensland - Outback	6.9	40,071
Wide Bay	6.0	117,870
Central Queensland	4.8	120,564
Darling Downs - Maranoa	3.8	67,396

* The Anticipating Future Skills project provides employment projections for Queensland between 2019 and 2024, enabling Queenslanders to identify job opportunities across industries, occupations and regions. As these projections are high level and indicative, 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.

By 2024, it was projected that the Ipswich workforce would be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change from 2019	Largest occupational groupings
 Health Care and Social Assistance	26,998	15.2	↑29.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Professionals Carers and Aides Health and Welfare Support Workers Inquiry Clerks and Receptionists
 Manufacturing	18,801	10.6	↑3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers Factory Process Workers Specialist Managers Machine and Stationary Plant Operators
 Retail Trade	18,068	10.1	↑13.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants and Salespersons Sales Support Workers Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Other Labourers
 Construction	17,735	10.0	↑9.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Trades Workers Construction and Mining Labourers Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers Specialist Managers
 Education and Training	14,536	8.2	↑22.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Professionals Carers and Aides Specialist Managers Sports and Personal Service Workers
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	13,162	7.4	↑13.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road and Rail Drivers Other Clerical and Administrative Workers Storepersons Specialist Managers
 Public Administration and Safety	12,398	7.0	↑18.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protective Service Workers Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals General Clerical Workers Specialist Managers
 Accommodation and Food Services	12,012	6.7	↑15.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Workers Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Food Preparation Assistants Food Trades Workers
 Other Services	9,239	5.2	↑13.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers Other Technicians and Trades Workers Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers Sports and Personal Service Workers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8,302	4.7	↑16.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design, Engineering, Science and Transport Professionals Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals Legal, Social and Welfare Professionals Specialist Managers
 Administrative and Support Services	5,360	3.0	↑10.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaners and Laundry Workers Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals Sports and Personal Service Workers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers
 Wholesale Trade	5,346	3.0	↑14.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Managers Sales Assistants and Salespersons Storepersons Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,831	1.6	↑2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers and Farm Managers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Mobile Plant Operators Factory Process Workers
 Arts and Recreation Services	2,693	1.5	↑17.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports and Personal Service Workers Arts and Media Professionals Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Skilled Animal and Horticultural Workers
 Financial and Insurance Services	2,610	1.5	↑5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals Numerical Clerks Specialist Managers General Clerical Workers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	2,236	1.3	↑13.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts and Media Professionals Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers ICT Professionals
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2,093	1.2	↑9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road and Rail Drivers Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers Specialist Managers Design, Engineering, Science and Transport Professionals
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,019	1.1	↑17.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Representatives and Agents Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Business, Human Resource and Marketing Professionals Sales Assistants and Salespersons
 Mining	1,758	1.0	↓0.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machine and Stationary Plant Operators Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers Road and Rail Drivers Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians

