

Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday region

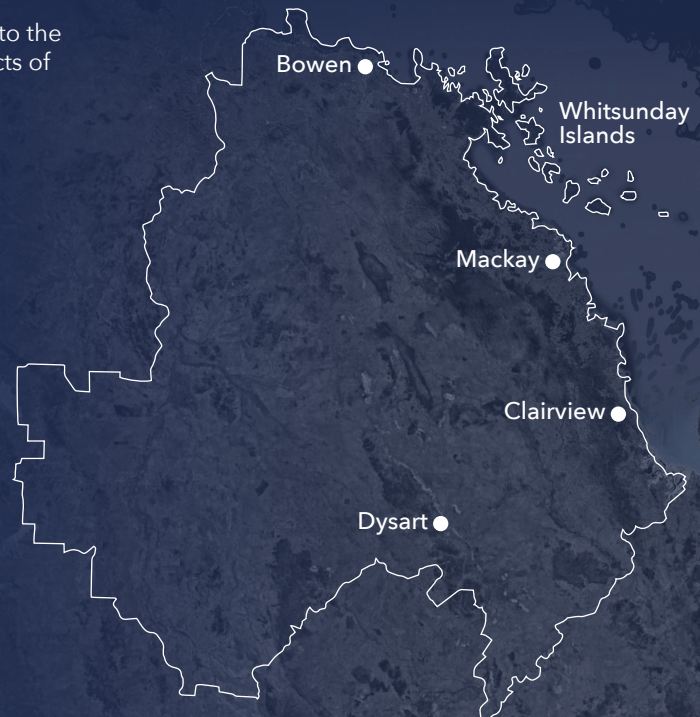
These AFS Series projections for 2019-2024 were finalised prior to the emergence of COVID-19 and do not take into account the impacts of the pandemic.[#]

As the largest employer in the Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday SA4 region, Mining was projected to support employment in related industries such as Other Services and Transport, Postal and Warehousing. Construction is also a major employer and was projected to have the highest growth of any industry by 2024.

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

101,320 people employed in the Mackay SA4 region*

+94,915 additional people from 2019



By 2024, the Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday SA4 region was projected to experience the eighth highest increase in employment in Queensland. It was projected to comprise 3.7% 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 Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday workforce would be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change from 2019	Largest occupational groupings
 Mining	16,497	16.3	0.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationary Plant Operators Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Truck Drivers Building and Engineering Technicians
 Health Care and Social Assistance	10,332	10.2	13.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwifery and Nursing Professionals Personal Carers and Assistants Child Carers Medical Practitioners
 Construction	9,099	9.0	18.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and Mining Labourers Electricians Bricklayers, and Carpenters and Joiners Glaziers, Plasterers and Tilers
 Retail Trade	8,652	8.5	2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants and Salespersons Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Freight Handlers and Shelf Fillers
 Accommodation and Food Services	8,176	8.1	10.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Workers Food Preparation Assistants Accommodation and Hospitality Managers Food Trades Workers
 Other Services	6,790	6.7	6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive Electricians and Mechanics Hairdressers Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	5,812	5.7	9.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automobile, Bus and Rail Drivers Truck Drivers Logistics Clerks Storepersons
 Manufacturing	5,685	5.6	7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Process Workers Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Fabrication Engineering Trades Workers Construction, Distribution and Production Managers
 Education and Training	5,654	5.6	9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Teachers Education Aides Miscellaneous Education Professionals Tertiary Education Teachers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5,341	5.3	15.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors Legal Professionals Engineering Professionals
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,730	4.7	9.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers and Farm Managers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Mobile Plant Operators Accounting Clerks and Bookkeepers
 Public Administration and Safety	4,483	4.4	4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence Force Members, Fire Fighters and Police General Clerks Prison and Security Officers Miscellaneous Clerical and Administrative Workers
 Wholesale Trade	3,447	3.4	13.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants and Salespersons Storepersons Construction, Distribution and Production Managers Logistics Clerks
 Administrative and Support Services	3,160	3.1	8.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaners and Laundry Workers Personal Service and Travel Workers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Human Resource and Training Professionals
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,167	1.2	17.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Sales Assistants and Salespersons General Clerks
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	881	0.9	5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Engineering Professionals Electricians Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers
 Financial and Insurance Services	879	0.9	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and Insurance Clerks Financial Brokers and Dealers, and Investment Advisers Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries
 Arts and Recreation Services	461	0.5	7.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports and Fitness Workers Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Arts Professionals Hospitality Workers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	74	0.1	9.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Professionals Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers Information and Organisation Professionals ICT Network and Support Professionals

