

# Wide Bay 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 Wide Bay SA4 region is concentrated in industries servicing the local economy, such as Health Care and Social Assistance, and Retail Trade. Health Care and Social Assistance was projected to be the largest employing industry by 2024, while the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry was projected to have the largest growth.**

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

**117,870** people employed in the Wide Bay SA4 region\*

**+6,632** additional people from 2019



**By 2024, the Wide Bay SA4 region was projected to comprise 4.3% of the state's workforce and have 6% employment growth.**

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
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>2,728,883</b>
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
<b>Wide Bay</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>117,870</b>
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 Wide Bay workforce would be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change from 2019	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	<b>20,842</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>↑13.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Carers and Assistants</li> <li>Midwifery and Nursing Professionals</li> <li>Health and Welfare Support Workers</li> <li>Social and Welfare Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>14,070</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>↑0.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> <li>Retail Managers</li> <li>Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>Freight Handlers and Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and Training</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>↑8.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Teachers</li> <li>Education Aides</li> <li>Miscellaneous Education Professionals</li> <li>Child Carers</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>9,087</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>↑4.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction and Mining Labourers</li> <li>Fabrication Engineering Trades Workers</li> <li>Business Administration Managers</li> <li>Automotive Electricians and Mechanics</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</b>	<b>8,746</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>↑2.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmers and Farm Managers</li> <li>Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers</li> <li>Mobile Plant Operators</li> <li>Accounting Clerks and Bookkeepers</li> </ul>
 <b>Public Administration and Safety</b>	<b>8,105</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>↑4.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defence Force Members, Fire Fighters and Police</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Prison and Security Officers</li> <li>Miscellaneous Clerical and Administrative Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>7,903</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>↑0.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction and Mining Labourers</li> <li>Bricklayers, and Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Glaziers, Plasterers and Tilers</li> </ul>
 <b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>7,318</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>↑6.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality Workers</li> <li>Food Preparation Assistants</li> <li>Accommodation and Hospitality Managers</li> <li>Food Trades Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, Postal and Warehousing</b>	<b>6,335</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>↑7.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Clerical and Office Support Workers</li> <li>Delivery Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b>	<b>5,692</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>↑16.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Software and Applications Programmers</li> <li>Civil Engineering Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Services</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>↑3.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automotive Electricians and Mechanics</li> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Personal Service and Travel Workers</li> <li>Panelbeaters, and Vehicle Body Builders, Trimmers and Painters</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and Support Services</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>↑2.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaners and Laundry Workers</li> <li>Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers</li> <li>Personal Service and Travel Workers</li> <li>Horticultural Trades Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>↑6.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Construction, Distribution and Production Managers</li> <li>Logistics Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Information Media and Telecommunications</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>↑9.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media Professionals</li> <li>Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Information and Organisation Professionals</li> <li>ICT Network and Support Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>↓4.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stationary Plant Operators</li> <li>Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Building and Engineering Technicians</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>↑9.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>↑4.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering Professionals</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and Insurance Services</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>↑5.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial and Insurance Clerks</li> <li>Financial Brokers and Dealers, and Investment Advisers</li> <li>Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and Recreation Services</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>↑6.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports and Fitness Workers</li> <li>Arts Professionals</li> <li>Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>Hospitality Workers</li> </ul>

