

Cairns region

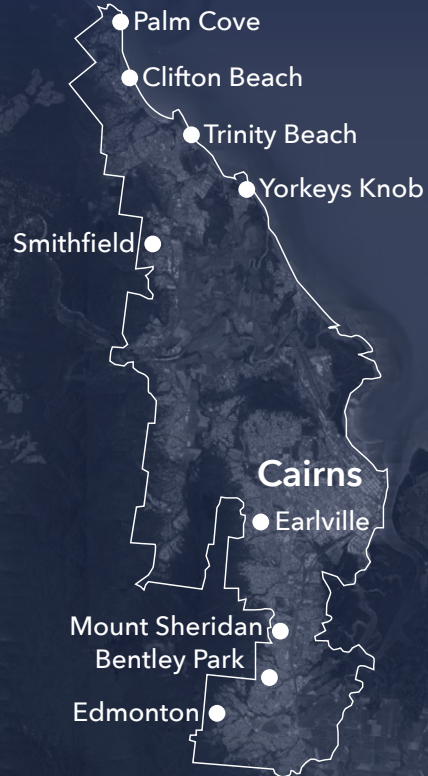
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Employment in the Cairns SA4 region reflects its importance as a regional service hub, with almost 1 in 5 workers employed in Health Care and Social Assistance and significant proportions of people employed in Retail Trade and Accommodation and Food Services.

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

127,746 people employed in the Cairns SA4 region*

+9,219 additional workers from 2019



By 2024, the Cairns SA4 region was projected to experience the ninth largest increase in employment in Queensland. It was projected to comprise 4.7% 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 Cairns workforce would be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change from 2019	Largest occupational groupings
 Health Care and Social Assistance	19,414	15.2	↑15.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwifery and Nursing Professionals Personal Carers and Assistants Medical Practitioners Health and Welfare Support Workers
 Retail Trade	15,408	12.1	↑2.1	<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	12,583	9.9	↑10.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Workers Food Preparation Assistants Food Trades Workers Accommodation and Hospitality Managers
 Construction	9,596	7.5	↑1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and Mining Labourers Bricklayers, and Carpenters and Joiners Electricians Glaziers, Plasterers and Tilers
 Education and Training	9,538	7.5	↑10.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Teachers Education Aides Tertiary Education Teachers Miscellaneous Education Professionals
 Public Administration and Safety	9,290	7.3	↑5.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence Force Members, Fire Fighters and Police General Clerks Prison and Security Officers Information and Organisation Professionals
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	7,976	6.2	↑10.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Automobile, Bus and Rail Drivers Storepersons Logistics Clerks
 Manufacturing	6,707	5.3	↑5.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Process Workers Fabrication Engineering Trades Workers Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Construction, Distribution and Production Managers
 Other Services	6,528	5.1	↑5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive Electricians and Mechanics Hairdressers Personal Service and Travel Workers Panelbeaters & Vehicle Body Builders, Trimmers & Painters
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6,074	4.8	↑15.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountants, Auditors and Company Secretaries Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors Legal Professionals Engineering Professionals
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5,422	4.2	↑2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers and Farm Managers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Mobile Plant Operators Packers and Product Assemblers
 Administrative and Support Services	4,622	3.6	↑5.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaners and Laundry Workers Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers Horticultural Trades Workers Personal Service and Travel Workers
 Wholesale Trade	2,920	2.3	↑7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants and Salespersons Storepersons Construction, Distribution and Production Managers Logistics Clerks
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,563	2.0	↑12.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers General Clerks Sales Assistants and Salespersons
 Arts and Recreation Services	2,560	2.0	↑8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports and Fitness Workers Arts Professionals Hospitality Workers Miscellaneous Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers
 Financial and Insurance Services	1,926	1.5	↑5.5	<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
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1,574	1.2	↑0.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers Engineering Professionals Electricians Truck Drivers
 Mining	1,573	1.2	↓0.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationary Plant Operators Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers Building and Engineering Technicians Truck Drivers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	1,432	1.1	↑9.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronics and Telecommunications Trades Workers Media Professionals ICT Network and Support Professionals Sales Assistants and Salespersons

