

Brisbane Region

Employment in the Brisbane region reflects its capital city status, with almost 50 per cent of the workforce projected to be employed in industries with high numbers of professionals. While Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to be the largest employing industry by June 2025, the Accommodation and Food Services industry is projected to experience the fastest growth.#

By 2024-25, it is projected that there will be:

1,001,615 people employed in the Brisbane region*

+94,868 additional workers from since 2020-21



By 2024-25, Brisbane is projected to experience the 12th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 35.0% of the State’s workforce.

Region	Growth (%) between 2020-21 and 2024-25	People employed in 2024-25
Outback - North	15.1	28,803
Sunshine Coast	13.7	198,273
Ipswich	12.4	154,123
Moreton Bay - North	11.6	95,099
Gold Coast	11.4	344,307
Logan - Beaudesert	11.3	138,679
Moreton Bay - South	10.9	73,470
Wide Bay	10.8	129,454
Central Queensland	10.6	134,829
Cairns	10.6	134,873
Townsville	10.5	129,261
Brisbane	10.5	1,001,615
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	10.4	109,032
Far North	9.3	14,721
Toowoomba	9.0	87,997
Outback - South	7.8	11,735
Darling Downs - Maranoa	6.7	76,257

The Anticipating Future Skills series provides employment projections for Queensland between 2020-21 and 2024-25, 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. Queensland - Outback SA4 has been disaggregated into its SA3 components. Data is based on Place of Work.

By 2024-25, it is projected that the Brisbane workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2020-21	Largest occupational groupings
 Health Care and Social Assistance	154,489	15.4	↑15.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses Aged and Disabled Carers Receptionists Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	116,897	11.7	↑10.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software and Applications Programmers Accountants Solicitors Bookkeepers
 Education and Training	87,034	8.7	↑13.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary School Teachers Secondary School Teachers University Lecturers and Tutors Education Aides
 Retail Trade	85,869	8.6	↑13.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Shelf Fillers
 Public Administration and Safety	75,793	7.6	↑5.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Clerks Police Contract, Program and Project Administrators Security Officers and Guards
 Accommodation and Food Services	70,150	7.0	↑19.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiters Kitchenhands Bar Attendants and Baristas Sales Assistants (General)
 Construction	68,840	6.9	↑5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpenters and Joiners Electricians Construction Managers Plumbers
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	62,175	6.2	↑6.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Storepersons Automobile Drivers Delivery Drivers
 Manufacturing	52,365	5.2	↓1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers Metal Fitters and Machinists Production Managers Packers
 Financial and Insurance Services	45,603	4.6	↑15.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks Financial Investment Advisers and Managers Financial Brokers Bank Workers
 Other Services	37,362	3.7	↑11.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairdressers Motor Mechanics Beauty Therapists Fitness Instructors
 Wholesale Trade	32,213	3.2	↑10.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storepersons Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers Sales Assistants (General) Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers
 Administrative and Support Services	29,294	2.9	↑3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Cleaners Domestic Cleaners Human Resource Professionals Tourism and Travel Advisers
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	21,441	2.1	↑12.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents General Clerks Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers Office Managers
 Arts and Recreation Services	16,911	1.7	↑2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials Fitness Instructors Gaming Workers Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers
 Mining	16,219	1.6	↑12.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians Mining Engineers
 Information Media and Telecommunications	14,976	1.5	↑4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecommunications Trades Workers Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors Telecommunications Engineering Professionals Journalists and Other Writers
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	11,146	1.1	↑8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricians Truck Drivers Electrical Distribution Trades Workers Electrical Engineers
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,839	0.3	↑11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Farmers Crop Farmers Crop Farm Workers Livestock Farm Workers

