

# Gold Coast region

Employment in the Gold Coast region is strongly based in services such as health, retail and tourism. 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.<sup>#</sup>



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

**344,307** people employed in the Gold Coast region\*

**+35,240** additional workers since 2020-21

By 2024-25, Gold Coast is projected to experience the 5th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 12.0% 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
<b>Gold Coast</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>344,307</b>
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

<sup>#</sup> 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 Gold Coast workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2020-21	Largest occupational groupings
 <b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	<b>50,320</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>↑17.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Nurses</li> <li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>Child Carers</li> <li>Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>39,554</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>↑14.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Retail Managers</li> <li>Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers</li> <li>Shelf Fillers</li> </ul>
 <b>Construction</b>	<b>38,609</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>↑6.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Carpenters and Joiners</li> <li>Construction Managers</li> <li>Plumbers</li> </ul>
 <b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>36,047</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>↑18.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiters</li> <li>Kitchenhands</li> <li>Bar Attendants and Baristas</li> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> </ul>
 <b>Education and Training</b>	<b>29,651</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>↑15.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary School Teachers</li> <li>Secondary School Teachers</li> <li>Education Aides</li> <li>University Lecturers and Tutors</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b>	<b>24,393</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>↑10.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Software and Applications Programmers</li> <li>Bookkeepers</li> </ul>
 <b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>22,238</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>↓0.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers</li> <li>Production Managers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Cabinetmakers</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Services</b>	<b>14,647</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>↑12.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Motor Mechanics</li> <li>Beauty Therapists</li> <li>Fitness Instructors</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and Support Services</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>↑3.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>Human Resource Professionals</li> <li>Gardeners</li> </ul>
 <b>Public Administration and Safety</b>	<b>12,824</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>↑6.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Security Officers and Guards</li> <li>Contract, Program and Project Administrators</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, Postal and Warehousing</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>↑6.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Bus and Coach Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and Recreation Services</b>	<b>11,585</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>↑8.9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials</li> <li>Fitness Instructors</li> <li>Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers</li> <li>Sportspersons</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</b>	<b>10,437</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>↑13.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Estate Sales Agents</li> <li>General Clerks</li> <li>Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers</li> <li>Office Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>9,120</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>↑11.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers</li> <li>Sales Assistants (General)</li> <li>Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and Insurance Services</b>	<b>9,087</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>↑13.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Investment Advisers and Managers</li> <li>Financial Brokers</li> <li>Bank Workers</li> <li>Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks</li> </ul>
 <b>Information Media and Telecommunications</b>	<b>4,914</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>↑7.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors</li> <li>Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters</li> <li>Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Performing Arts Technicians</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>↑11.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farm Workers</li> <li>Livestock Farm Workers</li> </ul>
 <b>Mining</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>↑14.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Other Building and Engineering Technicians</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>↑8.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> <li>General Clerks</li> </ul>

