

Ipswich region

Due to a strong increase in population, employment in the Ipswich region is projected to grow at an above-average rate, especially in the service industries. Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to be both the largest employing and fastest growing industry by June 2025.#



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

154,123 people employed in the Ipswich region*

+16,999 additional workers since 2020-21

By 2024-25, Ipswich is projected to experience the third fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 5.4% 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 Ipswich workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2020-21	Largest occupational groupings
 Health Care and Social Assistance	23,765	15.4	↑22.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aged and Disabled Carers ○ Registered Nurses ○ Child Carers ○ Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
 Manufacturing	20,968	13.6	↑4.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meat, Poultry and Seafood Process Workers ○ Packers ○ Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers ○ Production Managers
 Retail Trade	15,525	10.1	↑13.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Retail Managers ○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ○ Shelf Fillers
 Construction	13,721	8.9	↑7.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electricians ○ Carpenters and Joiners ○ Construction Managers ○ Plumbers
 Education and Training	13,720	8.9	↑18.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary School Teachers ○ Secondary School Teachers ○ Education Aides ○ Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers
 Public Administration and Safety	10,416	6.8	↑6.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Police ○ Security Officers and Guards ○ General Clerks ○ Prison Officers
 Accommodation and Food Services	9,188	6.0	↑19.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiters ○ Kitchenhands ○ Bar Attendants and Baristas ○ Sales Assistants (General)
 Transport, Postal and Warehousing	8,677	5.6	↑7.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Drivers ○ Automobile Drivers ○ Bus and Coach Drivers ○ Delivery Drivers
 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6,553	4.3	↑12.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accountants ○ Solicitors ○ Software and Applications Programmers ○ Bookkeepers
 Wholesale Trade	6,494	4.2	↑13.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storepersons ○ Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers
 Other Services	5,990	3.9	↑11.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hairdressers ○ Motor Mechanics ○ Beauty Therapists ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,725	3.1	↑15.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers ○ Crop Farmers ○ Crop Farm Workers
 Administrative and Support Services	4,072	2.6	↑5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commercial Cleaners ○ Domestic Cleaners ○ Gardeners ○ Garden and Nursery Labourers
 Financial and Insurance Services	2,456	1.6	↑15.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bank Workers ○ Financial Investment Advisers and Managers ○ Financial Brokers ○ Credit and Loans Officers
 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,249	1.5	↑12.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Real Estate Sales Agents ○ General Clerks ○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ Other Sales Assistants and Salespersons
 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1,974	1.3	↑7.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Truck Drivers ○ Electricians ○ Building and Plumbing Labourers ○ Other Stationary Plant Operators
 Mining	1,369	0.9	↑16.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Other Building and Engineering Technicians ○ Truck Drivers
 Arts and Recreation Services	1,365	0.9	↑6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials ○ Fitness Instructors ○ Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers ○ Sportspersons
 Information Media and Telecommunications	895	0.6	↑9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors ○ Telecommunications Trades Workers ○ Librarians ○ Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters

