

Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday region

Employment in the Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday region is projected to grow at just below the State average. While Mining 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:

109,032 people employed in the Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday region*

+10,277 additional workers since 2020-21

By 2024-25, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday is projected to experience the 13th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 3.8% 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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday workforce will be employed within:

| Industry | People employed | % of regional workforce | % change since 2020-21 | Largest occupational groupings |
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|  Mining | 21,045 | 19.3 | ↑13.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers Metal Fitters and Machinists Other Building and Engineering Technicians Electricians |
|  Health Care and Social Assistance | 11,084 | 10.2 | ↑15.8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurses Aged and Disabled Carers Child Carers Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers |
|  Retail Trade | 9,583 | 8.8 | ↑11.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Assistants (General) Retail Managers Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers Shelf Fillers |
|  Accommodation and Food Services | 8,670 | 8.0 | ↑16.8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiters Kitchenhands Bar Attendants and Baristas Sales Assistants (General) |
|  Construction | 7,287 | 6.7 | ↑4.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricians Carpenters and Joiners Construction Managers Plumbers |
|  Education and Training | 6,788 | 6.2 | ↑13.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary School Teachers Secondary School Teachers Education Aides Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers |
|  Transport, Postal and Warehousing | 6,521 | 6.0 | ↑6.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Storepersons Automobile Drivers Train and Tram Drivers |
|  Manufacturing | 6,153 | 5.6 | ↑0.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers Metal Fitters and Machinists Food and Drink Factory Workers Production Managers |
|  Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 5,961 | 5.5 | ↑10.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock Farmers Crop Farmers Crop Farm Workers Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers |
|  Other Services | 5,322 | 4.9 | ↑10.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor Mechanics Hairdressers Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics Metal Fitters and Machinists |
|  Public Administration and Safety | 4,504 | 4.1 | ↑5.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police General Clerks Security Officers and Guards Contract, Program and Project Administrators |
|  Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 4,228 | 3.9 | ↑9.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountants Solicitors Bookkeepers Civil Engineering Professionals |
|  Wholesale Trade | 3,604 | 3.3 | ↑10.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storepersons Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers Sales Assistants (General) Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers |
|  Administrative and Support Services | 3,231 | 3.0 | ↑3.6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Cleaners Domestic Cleaners Gardeners Human Resource Professionals |
|  Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services | 1,594 | 1.5 | ↑10.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Sales Agents Other Sales Assistants and Salespersons Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers General Clerks |
|  Financial and Insurance Services | 1,214 | 1.1 | ↑12.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Workers Financial Investment Advisers and Managers Financial Brokers Credit and Loans Officers |
|  Arts and Recreation Services | 894 | 0.8 | ↑5.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials Fitness Instructors Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers Sportspersons |
|  Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services | 880 | 0.8 | ↑6.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck Drivers Electrical Distribution Trades Workers Electricians Electrical Engineers |
|  Information Media and Telecommunications | 468 | 0.4 | ↑3.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecommunications Trades Workers Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors Journalists and Other Writers Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters |

