

# Townsville region

The Townsville region is a major regional centre providing health, education and public services to the north of the state. While Health Care and Social Assistance is projected to be the largest employing industry by June 2025, the Mining industry is projected to experience the fastest growth.#



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

**129,261** people employed in the Townsville region\*

**+12,308** additional workers since 2020-21

By 2024-25, Townsville is projected to experience the 11th fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 4.5% 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
<b>Townsville</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>129,261</b>
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 Townsville 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>22,923</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>↑15.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Nurses</li> <li>Aged and Disabled Carers</li> <li>Receptionists</li> <li>Child Carers</li> </ul>
 <b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>13,169</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>↑11.4</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>Education and Training</b>	<b>12,303</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>↑12.8</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>Public Administration and Safety</b>	<b>11,389</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>↑4.5</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>Construction</b>	<b>10,413</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>↑5.4</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>10,400</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>↑17.6</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>Manufacturing</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>↑6.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers</li> <li>Food and Drink Factory Workers</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> <li>Production Managers</li> </ul>
 <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>↑9.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountants</li> <li>Solicitors</li> <li>Bookkeepers</li> <li>Civil Engineering Professionals</li> </ul>
 <b>Transport, Postal and Warehousing</b>	<b>6,156</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>↑6.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Storepersons</li> <li>Automobile Drivers</li> <li>Bus and Coach Drivers</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Services</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>↑10.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor Mechanics</li> <li>Hairdressers</li> <li>Beauty Therapists</li> <li>Metal Fitters and Machinists</li> </ul>
 <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</b>	<b>4,438</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>↑10.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crop Farmers</li> <li>Livestock Farmers</li> <li>Crop Farm Workers</li> <li>Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers</li> </ul>
 <b>Administrative and Support Services</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>↑4.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Cleaners</li> <li>Domestic Cleaners</li> <li>Gardeners</li> <li>Garden and Nursery Labourers</li> </ul>
 <b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>↑10.8</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>Mining</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>↑19.4</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>Electricians</li> </ul>
 <b>Financial and Insurance Services</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>↑12.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Workers</li> <li>Financial Investment Advisers and Managers</li> <li>Financial Brokers</li> <li>Credit and Loans Officers</li> </ul>
 <b>Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>↑11.8</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>Other Sales Assistants and Salespersons</li> </ul>
 <b>Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>↑7.8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrical Distribution Trades Workers</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Truck Drivers</li> <li>Electrical Engineers</li> </ul>
 <b>Arts and Recreation Services</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>↑3.5</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>Sales Assistants (General)</li> </ul>
 <b>Information Media and Telecommunications</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>↑3.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telecommunications Trades Workers</li> <li>Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors</li> <li>Telecommunications Engineering Professionals</li> <li>ICT Managers</li> </ul>

