



ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS SERIES

Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services

The Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services industry engages in the provision of electricity; gas through mains systems; water; drainage; and sewage services. It also includes the collection, treatment and disposal of waste materials; remediation of contaminated materials (including land); and materials-recovery activities.

By 2025-26, it is projected that there will be:

34,963 people employed in this industry in Queensland

+2,485 additional people employed since 2021-22



By 2025-26, the four largest Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services subdivisions will be:

Subdivision	People employed	% of industry workforce	% change from 2021-22	Largest occupational groupings
Electricity Distribution	8,999	25.7	↑14.6 (+1,144 people)	Electrical Distribution Trades WorkersElectriciansElectrical Engineers
Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Services	6,320	18.1	↑5.4 (+323 people)	Other Stationary Plant OperatorsBuilding and Plumbing LabourersCivil Engineering Professionals
Waste Collection Services	5,040	14.4	↑5.3 (+253 people)	Truck DriversRecycling and Rubbish CollectorsOther Specialist Managers
Electricity Generation	4,853	13.9	↓2.3 (-115 people)	 Electricians Chemical, Gas, Petroleum and Power Generation Plant Operators Metal Fitters and Machinists

By 2025-26, employment in Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services is projected to have the seventh fastest growth of all industries in Queensland.

Health Care and Social Assistance	16.4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	12.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	10.0%
Education and Training	9.9%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	8.4%
Public Administration and Safety	7.9%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	7.7%
All Industries	7.6%
Financial and Insurance Services	7.1%
Construction	7.0%
Mining	5.1%
Arts and Recreation Services	4.5%
Other Services	4.4%
Administration and Support Services	4.3%
Retail Trade	3.4%
Manufacturing	1.4%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	0.9%
Information, Media and Telecommunications	-6.1%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-9.6%

While this is a small industry, it is projected to experience above average growth in many regions.

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Brisbane	737	1.2
Cairns	121	1.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	57	2.9
Central Queensland	371	3.3
Gold Coast	61	0.6
Ipswich	104	1.3
Logan - Beaudesert	104	0.9
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	53	0.9
Moreton Bay - North	93	1.2

Region	New jobs in 2025-26	% of regional workforce
Moreton Bay - South	22	0.4
Far North	2	0.8
Outback - North	1	0.8
Outback - South	7	0.9
Sunshine Coast	165	0.8
Toowoomba	110	1.2
Townsville	270	1.5
Wide Bay	208	1.5

