

ANTICIPATING FUTURE SKILLS

Gold Coast Region

Approximately 60% of the Gold Coast region's workforce is projected to sit within the five largest industries by 2027-28. Health care and social assistance is projected to be the fastest-growing industry and will employ more than 15% of workers in the region. Public administration and safety is projected to be the second-fastest-growing industry.

By 2027-28, it is projected* that there will be:

376,740 people employed in this region
+22,009 additional workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Gold Coast is projected to experience the fourth-fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 12.4% of the state's workforce.

Region	Growth (%) between 2023-24 and 2027-28	People employed in 2027-28
Sunshine Coast	7.3%	216,818
Logan - Beaudesert	6.6%	151,192
Moreton Bay - North	6.4%	95,923
Gold Coast	6.2%	376,740
Brisbane	6.1%	1,074,452
Ipswich	5.9%	170,959
Moreton Bay - South	5.5%	80,034
Toowoomba	4.7%	86,785
Townsville	4.6%	137,989
Cairns	4.5%	149,082
Central Queensland	3.8%	135,361
Wide Bay	3.5%	137,460
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	3.4%	119,334
Far North	1.1%	14,268
Outback - North	0.2%	24,998
Darling Downs - Maranoa	-0.7%	68,429
Outback - South	-2.4%	10,093

* Projections are based on the 2024-25 State Budget and are not directly comparable to subsequent Budget Update forecasts for aggregate employment growth.

As these projections are high level, indicative and subject to change, 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 (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 2027-28, it is projected that the Gold Coast workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 Health care and social assistance	62,021	16.5	↑13.5	- Registered Nurses - Aged and Disabled Carers - Child Carers - Receptionists
 Construction	44,464	11.8	↑6.6	- Carpenters and Joiners - Electricians - Construction Managers - Plumbers
 Retail trade	42,659	11.3	↑4.4	- Sales Assistants (General) - Retail Managers - Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers - Shelf Fillers
 Education and training	34,580	9.2	↑8.5	- Primary School Teachers - Secondary School Teachers - Education Aides - Private Tutors and Teachers
 Professional, scientific and technical services	32,755	8.7	↑8.0	- Accountants - Solicitors - Software and Applications Programmers - Civil Engineering Professionals
 Accommodation and food services	32,368	8.6	↑2.8	- Bar Attendants and Baristas - Waiters - Kitchenhands - Chefs
 Manufacturing	23,037	6.1	↓1.6	- Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers - Metal Fitters and Machinists - Production Managers - Cabinetmakers
 Public administration and safety	17,670	4.7	↑10.2	- General Clerks - Police - Security Officers and Guards - Contract, Program and Project Administrators
 Other services	14,340	3.8	↑2.0	- Hairdressers - Motor Mechanics - Beauty Therapists - Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Transport, postal and warehousing	12,969	3.4	↑2.6	- Truck Drivers - Automobile Drivers - Delivery Drivers - Storepersons
 Administrative and support services	12,169	3.2	↑2.8	- Commercial Cleaners - Domestic Cleaners - Human Resource Professionals - Gardeners
 Arts and recreation services	11,514	3.1	↑5.2	- Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials - Fitness Instructors - Gaming Workers - Sportspersons
 Rental, hiring and real estate services	10,408	2.8	↑6.8	- Real Estate Sales Agents - Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers - General Clerks - Land Economists and Valuers
 Wholesale trade	7,745	2.1	↑3.4	- Storepersons - Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers - Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers - Sales Assistants (General)
 Financial and insurance services	7,294	1.9	↑0.2	- Financial Brokers - Financial Investment Advisers and Managers - Bank Workers - Insurance, Money Market and Statistical Clerks
 Information media and telecommunications	4,434	1.2	↑1.7	- Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors - Performing Arts Technicians - Artistic Directors, and Media Producers and Presenters - Telecommunications Trades Workers
 Electricity, gas, water and waste services	2,785	0.7	↑7.9	- Truck Drivers - Electricians - Other Specialist Managers - Recycling and Rubbish Collectors
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,219	0.6	↑4.0	- Crop Farmers - Livestock Farmers - Crop Farm Workers - Livestock Farm Workers
 Mining	1,307	0.3	↑2.7	- Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers - Metal Fitters and Machinists - Truck Drivers - Other Building and Engineering Technicians

