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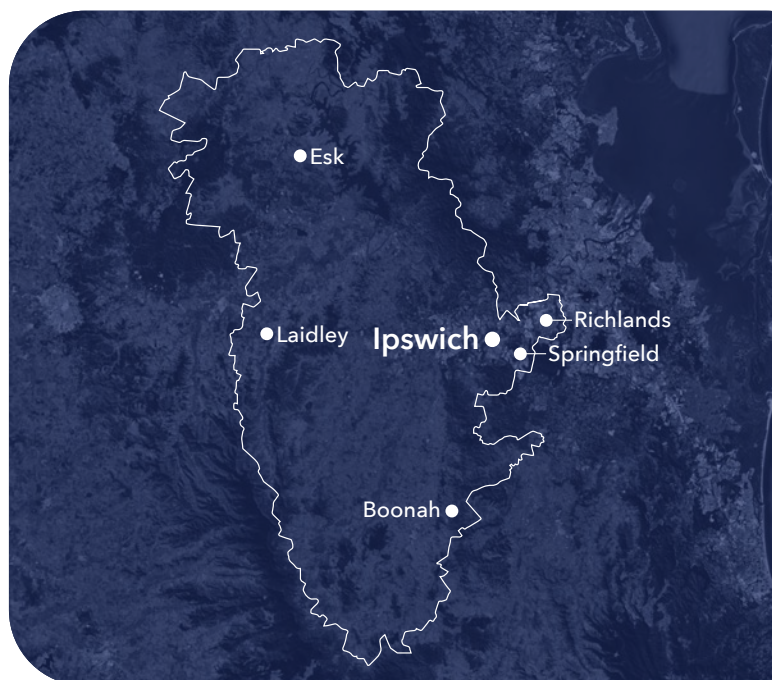
Ipswich Region

Health care and social assistance is projected to remain a strong and growing industry in the Ipswich region. While manufacturing is projected to grow only slightly, it will employ almost 13% of the region's workforce by 2027-28. Above-average employment growth is projected for a number of industries, such as education and training.

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

170,959 people employed in this region

+9,518 additional workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Ipswich is projected to experience the sixth-fastest increase in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 5.6% 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 Ipswich workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 Health care and social assistance	27,245	15.9	↑13.4	◦ Aged and Disabled Carers ◦ Registered Nurses ◦ Child Carers ◦ Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
 Manufacturing	21,559	12.6	↑1.5	◦ Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers ◦ Metal Fitters and Machinists ◦ Production Managers ◦ Packers
 Public administration and safety	16,934	9.9	↑8.6	◦ Defence Force Members - Other Ranks ◦ Police ◦ General Clerks ◦ Security Officers and Guards
 Education and training	16,709	9.8	↑10.4	◦ Secondary School Teachers ◦ Primary School Teachers ◦ Education Aides ◦ Child Carers
 Construction	15,894	9.3	↑3.6	◦ Electricians ◦ Carpenters and Joiners ◦ Construction Managers ◦ Plumbers
 Retail trade	14,733	8.6	↑3.3	◦ Sales Assistants (General) ◦ Retail Managers ◦ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ◦ Shelf Fillers
 Transport, postal and warehousing	10,443	6.1	↑3.0	◦ Truck Drivers ◦ Automobile Drivers ◦ Delivery Drivers ◦ Couriers and Postal Deliverers
 Accommodation and food services	10,166	5.9	↑3.8	◦ Bar Attendants and Baristas ◦ Kitchenhands ◦ Waiters ◦ Chefs
 Professional, scientific and technical services	6,752	3.9	↑8.5	◦ Software and Applications Programmers ◦ Solicitors ◦ Accountants ◦ Civil Engineering Professionals
 Other services	6,107	3.6	↑1.1	◦ Motor Mechanics ◦ Hairdressers ◦ Beauty Therapists ◦ Metal Fitters and Machinists
 Wholesale trade	5,766	3.4	↑3.8	◦ Storepersons ◦ Advertising, Public Relations and Sales Managers ◦ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers ◦ Sales Assistants (General)
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4,883	2.9	↑2.8	◦ Livestock Farmers ◦ Crop Farmers ◦ Livestock Farm Workers ◦ Crop Farm Workers
 Administrative and support services	4,719	2.8	↑2.8	◦ Commercial Cleaners ◦ Domestic Cleaners ◦ Human Resource Professionals ◦ Gardeners
 Electricity, gas, water and waste services	2,006	1.2	↑3.7	◦ Truck Drivers ◦ Other Stationary Plant Operators ◦ Civil Engineering Professionals ◦ Other Specialist Managers
 Rental, hiring and real estate services	1,831	1.1	↑4.1	◦ Real Estate Sales Agents ◦ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ◦ General Clerks ◦ Land Economists and Valuers
 Financial and insurance services	1,674	1.0	↑0.9	◦ Bank Workers ◦ Financial Brokers ◦ Credit and Loans Officers ◦ Financial Investment Advisers and Managers
 Arts and recreation services	1,336	0.8	↑2.5	◦ Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials ◦ Fitness Instructors ◦ Sportspersons ◦ Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers
 Mining	1,247	0.7	↑2.5	◦ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers ◦ Metal Fitters and Machinists ◦ Other Building and Engineering Technicians ◦ Truck Drivers
 Information media and telecommunications	953	0.6	↑8.3	◦ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors ◦ Telecommunications Trades Workers ◦ Journalists and Other Writers ◦ Performing Arts Technicians

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