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Outback South Region

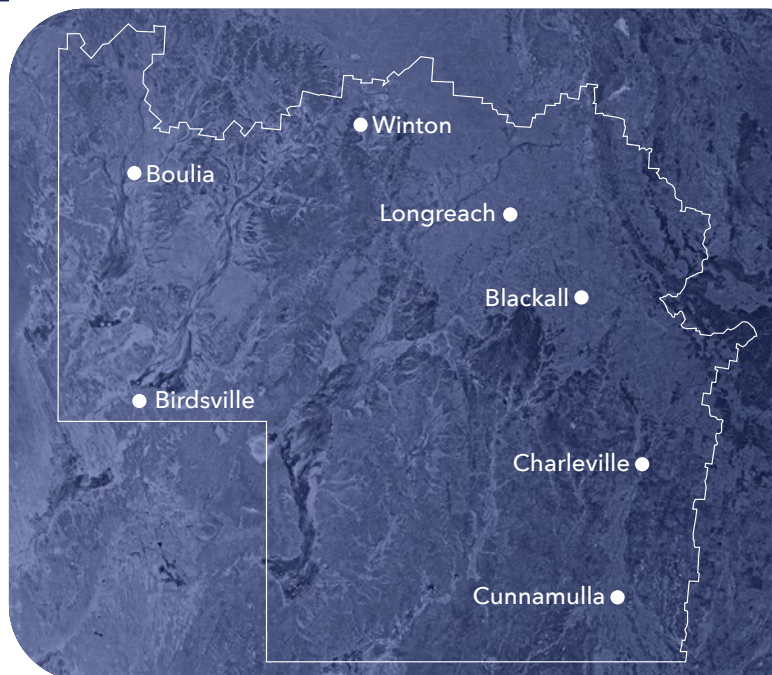


Almost half of all workers in Outback - South will be employed in three industries - agriculture, forestry and fishing, health care and social assistance, and public administration and safety. The fastest growth in the region will be in rental, hiring and real estate services, followed by electricity, gas, water and waste.

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

10,093 people employed in this region

-248 fewer workers since 2023-24



By 2027-28, Outback - South is projected to experience a decrease in employment in Queensland. It is projected to comprise 0.3% 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 Outback - South workforce will be employed within:

Industry	People employed	% of regional workforce	% change since 2023-24	Largest occupational groupings
 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,573	25.5	↓2.1	○ Livestock Farmers ○ Livestock Farm Workers ○ Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmers ○ Crop Farmers
 Health care and social assistance	1,293	12.8	↑1.0	○ Registered Nurses ○ Aged and Disabled Carers ○ Receptionists ○ General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers
 Public administration and safety	1,133	11.2	↑0.6	○ General Clerks ○ Contract, Program and Project Administrators ○ Inspectors and Regulatory Officers ○ Information Officers
 Retail trade	915	9.1	↓2.7	○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Retail Managers ○ Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers ○ Shelf Fillers
 Construction	910	9.0	↓10.1	○ Electricians ○ Carpenters and Joiners ○ Plumbers ○ Construction Managers
 Education and training	572	5.7	↓10.4	○ Secondary School Teachers ○ Primary School Teachers ○ Education Aides ○ Child Carers
 Accommodation and food services	568	5.6	↑0.6	○ Bar Attendants and Baristas ○ Waiters ○ Chefs ○ Housekeepers
 Transport, postal and warehousing	366	3.6	↑1.5	○ Truck Drivers ○ Delivery Drivers ○ Couriers and Postal Deliverers ○ Storepersons
 Other services	349	3.5	↓6.4	○ Motor Mechanics ○ Hairdressers ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Automotive Electricians
 Administrative and support services	268	2.7	↑1.5	○ Commercial Cleaners ○ Tourism and Travel Advisers ○ Domestic Cleaners ○ Human Resource Professionals
 Manufacturing	259	2.6	↓5.9	○ Packers ○ Meat, Poultry and Seafood Process Workers ○ Bakers and Pastrycooks ○ Sales Assistants (General)
 Wholesale trade	241	2.4	↑2.9	○ Storepersons ○ Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers ○ Sales Assistants (General) ○ Purchasing and Supply Logistics Clerks
 Professional, scientific and technical services	218	2.2	↑4.4	○ Solicitors ○ Accountants ○ Civil Engineering Professionals ○ Bookkeepers
 Electricity, gas, water and waste services	98	1.0	↑4.7	○ Electrical Distribution Trades Workers ○ Electricians ○ Truck Drivers ○ Electrical Engineers
 Arts and recreation services	94	0.9	↓1.6	○ Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals ○ Music Professionals ○ Gallery, Museum and Tour Guides ○ Other Specialist Managers
 Information media and telecommunications	73	0.7	↓10.5	○ Library Assistants ○ Librarians ○ Journalists and Other Writers ○ Film, Television, Radio and Stage Directors
 Mining	69	0.7	↓1.7	○ Drillers, Miners and Shot Firers ○ Geologists, Geophysicists and Hydrogeologists ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists ○ Mining Engineers
 Financial and insurance services	66	0.7	↓1.8	○ Bank Workers ○ Credit and Loans Officers ○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ Financial Brokers
 Rental, hiring and real estate services	29	0.3	↑7.3	○ Real Estate Sales Agents ○ Other Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers ○ General Clerks ○ Metal Fitters and Machinists

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