FOOD AND AGRIBUSINESS

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SECTOR DEFINITION

The Sector that data has been compiled for in this report has been built from a combination of industries classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC). It incorporates the following industries:

- Agriculture
- Fishing
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services
- Food Product Manufacturing

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ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

$854M
Sales/Output
16.8% of total output

2,200
Local Jobs
10.0% of total jobs

$300M
Gross Value Added
13.4% of total GVA

2,189
Employed Residents
9.3% of total residents

$539M
Exports
38.2% of total GVA

1,233
Local Businesses
24.9% of total businesses

KEY LOCATION

Gympie - Surrounds
Statistical Area 2
60% of jobs in 2021

TOP INDUSTRIES

Agriculture
$202M Value Added
1,369 Local Workers

TOP OCCUPATION

Livestock Farmers
27% of all workers

Sources: NIEIR, 2024; ABS Census 2021; ABS Business Register, 2023.

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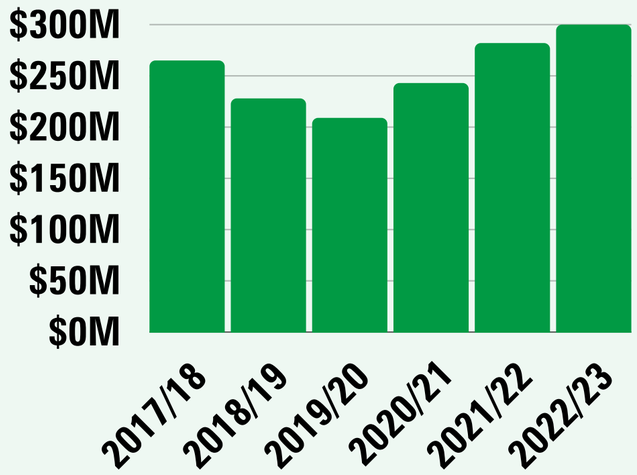
GROWTH TRENDS

Value Added ($M)



LAST YEAR

6.5%

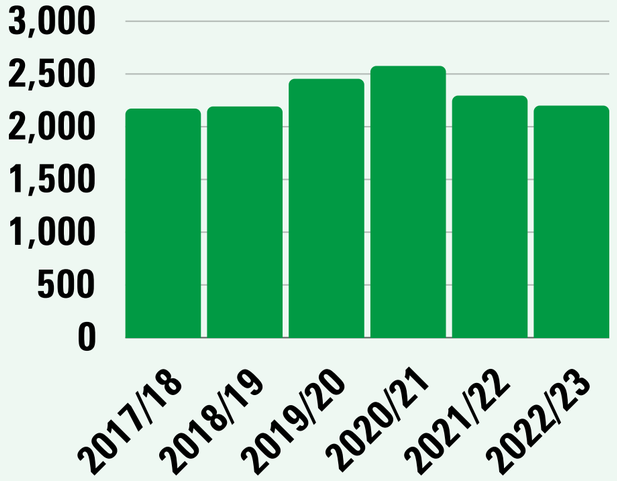
QLD: 5.6%

5 YEAR AVERAGE

2.5%

QLD: 2.8%

Local Jobs



LAST YEAR

-4.2%

QLD: -3.2%

5 YEAR AVERAGE

0.3%

QLD: 0.1%

Source: NIEIR, 2024

Over the five years to 2022/23, the Food and Agribusiness Sector in the Gympie Region is estimated to have averaged 0.3% p.a. growth in jobs and 2.5% p.a. change in value added suggesting higher productivity.

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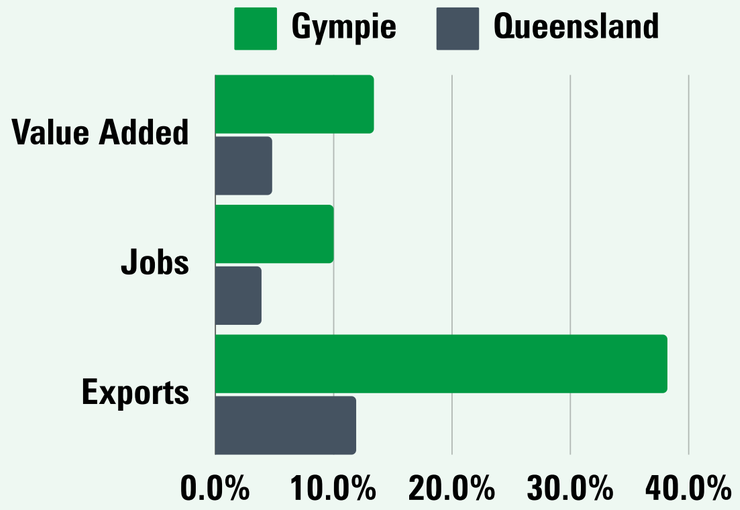
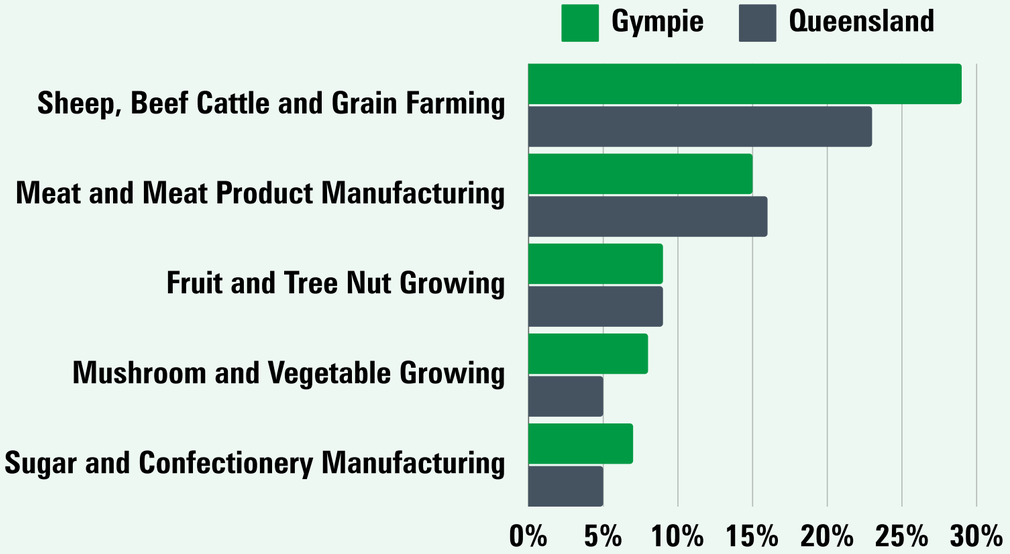
BENCHMARK ANALYSIS

Share of Total - 2022/23



Top Industries by Employment



Source: NIEIR, 2024; ABS Census 2021.

In 2022/23, the Food and Agribusiness Sector in the Gympie Region represented 10.0% of all jobs in the LGA and generated 13.4% of total Gross Value Added. The top employing sub-industry in 2021 was sheep, beef cattle and grain farming.

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WORKFORCE PROFILE

48 years
Median Age
(QLD - 44 years)

13%
Degree Educated
(QLD - 14%)

37% **Female** (QLD - 37%)
63% **Male** (QLD - 63%)

48%
Managers/Professionals
(QLD - 36%)

16%
Born Overseas
(QLD - 29%)

68%
Full Time
(QLD - 74%)

2.7%
Identified as ATSI
(QLD - 2.8%)

$43,208
Median Income
(QLD - $49,903)

Source: ABS Census, 2021

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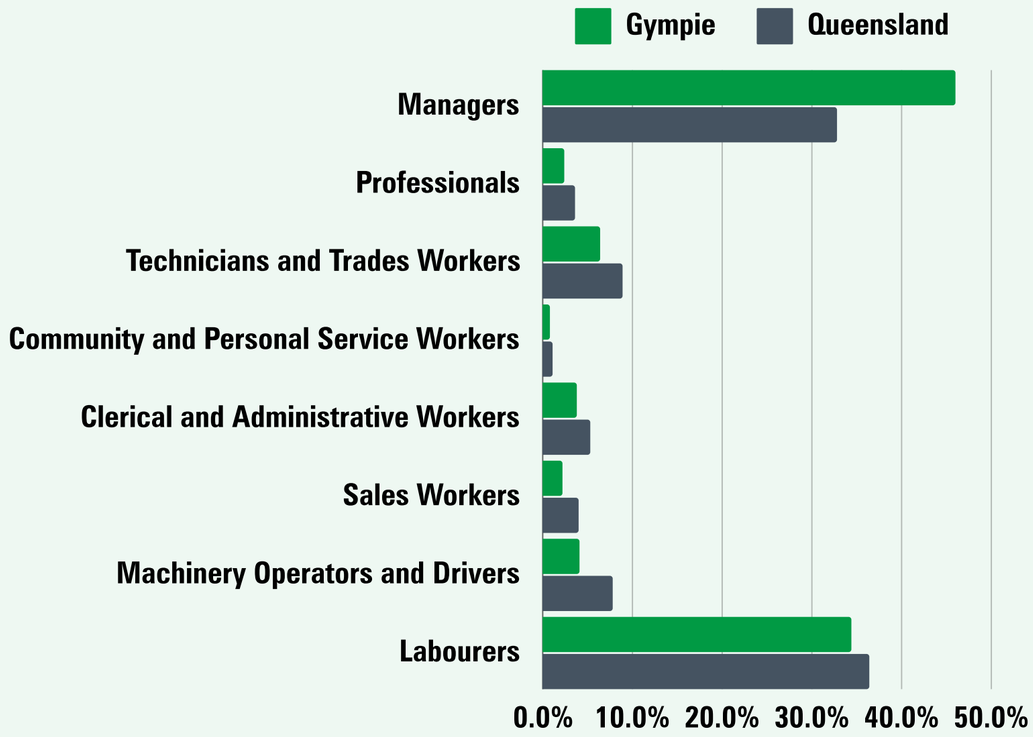
SKILL PROFILE

Occupations Breakdown



In 2021 in the Gympie Region, 46% of Food and Agribusiness workers were managers/farm owners, compared to 33% in Queensland.

The top employing occupation in the sector was livestock farmers.

Top Occupations

1. Livestock Farmers
2. Crop Farmers
3. Crop Farm Workers
4. Livestock Farm Workers
5. Meat, Poultry and Seafood Process Workers

Source: ABS Census, 2021

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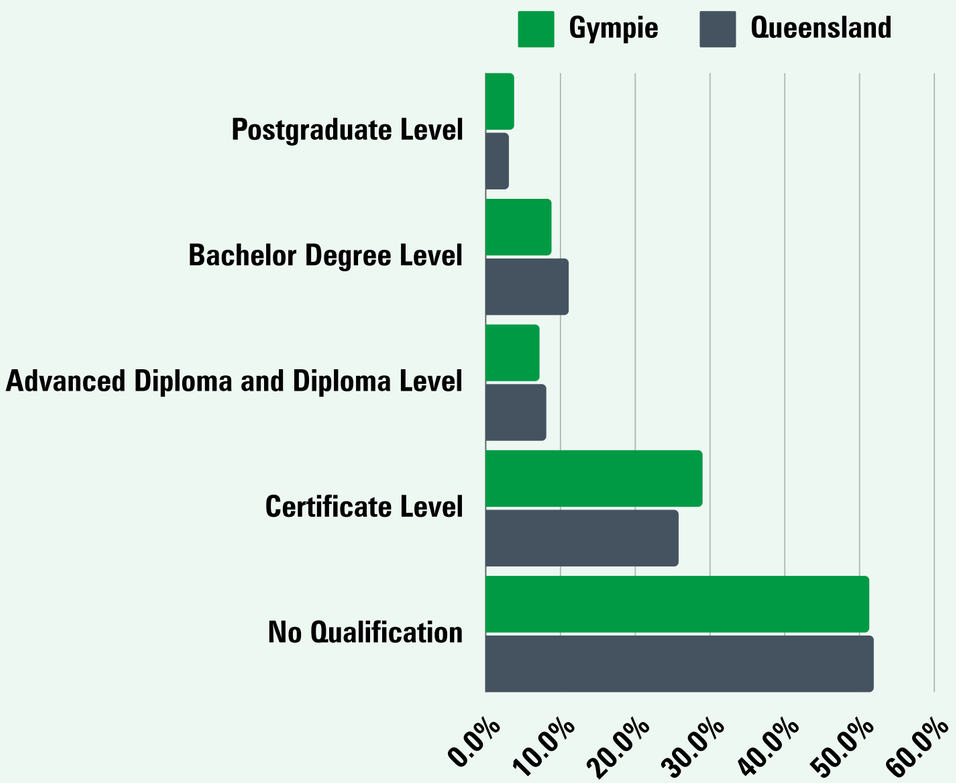
SKILL PROFILE

Qualifications Breakdown



Source: ABS Census, 2021

In 2021 in the Gympie Region, 29% of Food and Agribusiness workers had certificate level qualifications, compared to 26% in Queensland.

The top field of study in the sector was agricultural science.

Top Study Fields

1. Agricultural Science
2. Food Processing Technology
3. Engineering and Related Technologies
4. Horticulture
5. Business and Management

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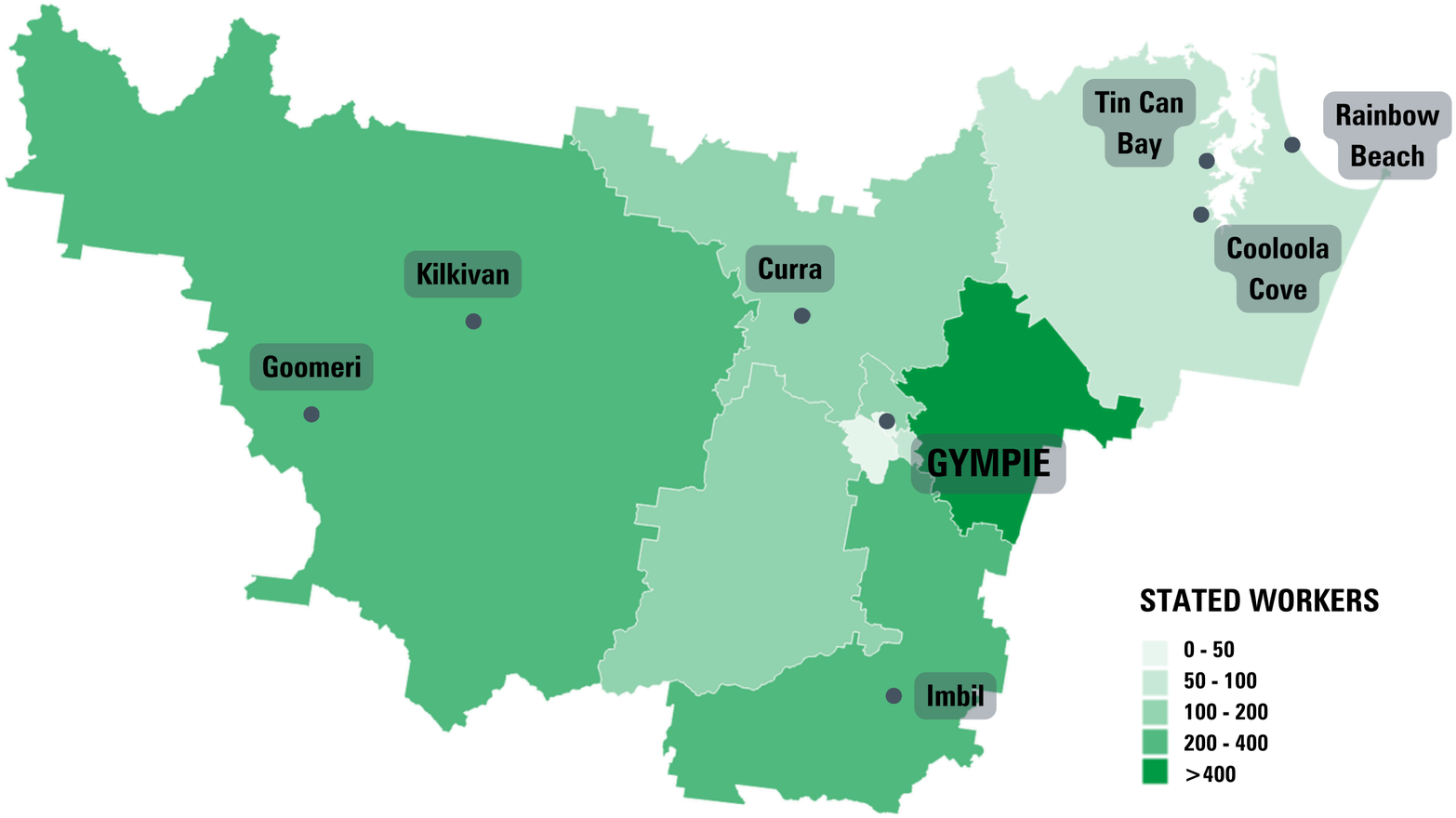
SPATIAL PROFILE



In the 2021 Census, the SA2 of Gympie - Surrounds had the largest number of Food and Agribusiness workers who stated their place of work as being in the Gympie Region (60%) with 550 stating they worked in the area just to the east of Gympie.

Source: ABS Census, 2021

For more economic data on the Gympie Region, visit economy.id

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