



# Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

## **Darling Downs**

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This snapshot provides information about trends in employers' recruitment experiences and future staffing outlook. Information on this page is sourced from the online job advertisements measured by the Internet Vacancy Index (IVI).

### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Darling Downs ER, September 2024

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Sep-23** 

1,444

**↓** -4.3%

**↓** -9.2%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -65 job advertisements)

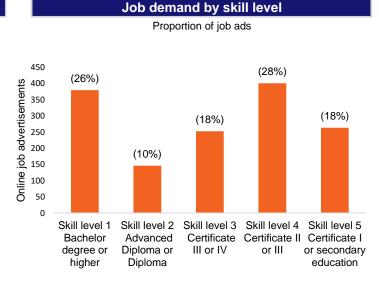
(or -147 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, September 2024







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## Insights from the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey

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Information on this page is based on the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey, which is an ongoing survey of employers across Australia run by JSA. The survey collects insights on a range of topics, including recruitment activity, recruitment difficulty and employers' future staffing expectations. Data are for the year to August 2024, unless otherwise indicated.

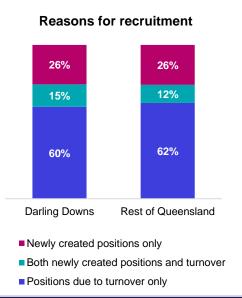
#### Recruitment activity and experiences

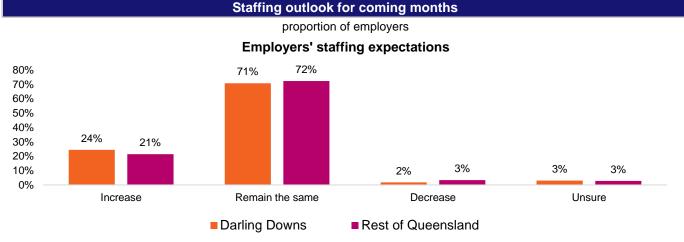
In Darling Downs, there were 168 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2024, of whom 49% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 62% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 54% of employers were recruiting in Rest of Queensland over the same period, of whom 55% had difficulty recruiting.

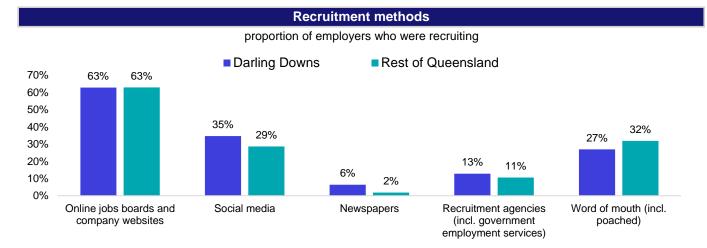
Employers in Darling Downs were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Location, eg remote or regional
- · Lack of applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Darling Downs and Rest of Queensland is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Darling Downs, while weighted data are used for Rest of Queensland. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.