

## Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Mar 23

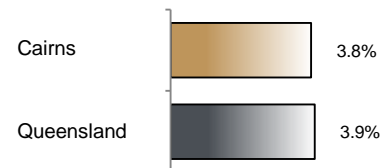
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 20 April 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4**

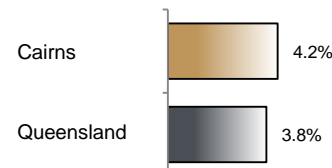
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 22	Feb 23	Mar 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	135,700	141,900	140,800	5,200	3.8
Total unemployed	6,200	6,100	6,200	0	-0.8
Total labour force	141,900	148,100	147,000	5,100	3.6
Not in the labour force	67,200	64,800	66,300	-900	-1.3
Total persons 15+	209,100	212,900	213,300	4,200	2.0
Participation rate (%)	67.9	69.5	68.9	..	1.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	4.1	4.2	..	-0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

### Employment growth, annual



### Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.8%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 4.2%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.2 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 68.9%

ppt = percentage point

## Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force survey data, the ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to reduce the volatility of the underlying original data.

All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in March 2023 was 140,800 persons, an increase of 5,200 employed persons, or 3.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in March 2023 was 4.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in March 2023 was 68.9 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

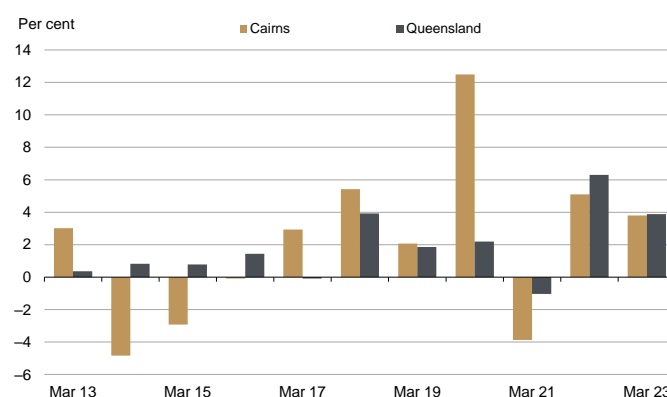
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

Data for Queensland as a whole are provided for reference purposes only.

The labour force statistics presented in this brief are on a sample basis and will include a sampling error.

Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2023**

