

# Regional labour force – Central Queensland SA4, May 23

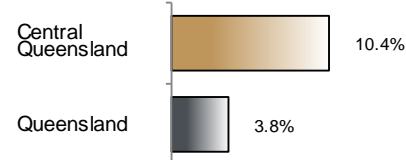
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Central Queensland SA4**

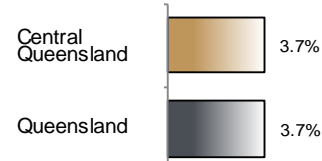
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 22	Apr 23	May 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	117,300	129,100	129,500	12,200	10.4
Total unemployed	6,500	4,800	5,000	-1,500	-23.3
Total labour force	123,800	133,900	134,500	10,700	8.7
Not in the labour force	60,300	54,300	54,200	-6,100	-10.2
Total persons 15+	184,100	188,200	188,600	4,600	2.5
Participation rate (%)	67.2	71.1	71.3	..	4.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	3.6	3.7	..	-1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.4%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.7%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.5 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 71.3%

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 Central Queensland SA4 in May 2023 was 129,500 persons, an increase of 12,200 employed persons, or 10.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Central Queensland SA4 in May 2023 was 3.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points 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 Central Queensland SA4 in May 2023 was 71.3 per cent, an increase of 4.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

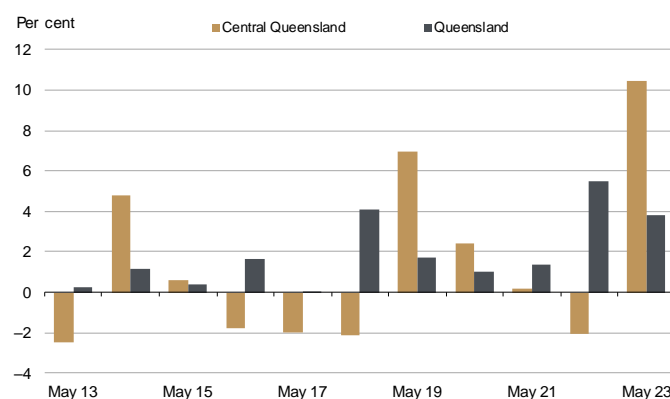
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Central Queensland SA4**



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

