

## Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, May 23

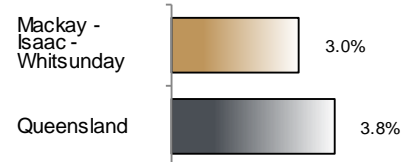
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 June 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**

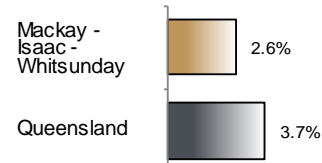
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 22	Apr 23	May 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	104,100	107,500	107,200	3,100	3.0
Total unemployed	2,600	2,600	2,800	200	7.4
Total labour force	106,700	110,200	110,000	3,300	3.1
Not in the labour force	42,100	43,100	43,700	1,700	3.9
Total persons 15+	148,800	153,300	153,700	5,000	3.3
Participation rate (%)	71.7	71.9	71.6	..	-0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.5	2.4	2.6	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



### Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.0%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 2.6%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 0.1 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 71.6%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in May 2023 was 107,200 persons, an increase of 3,100 employed persons, or 3.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in May 2023 was 2.6 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in May 2023 was 71.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

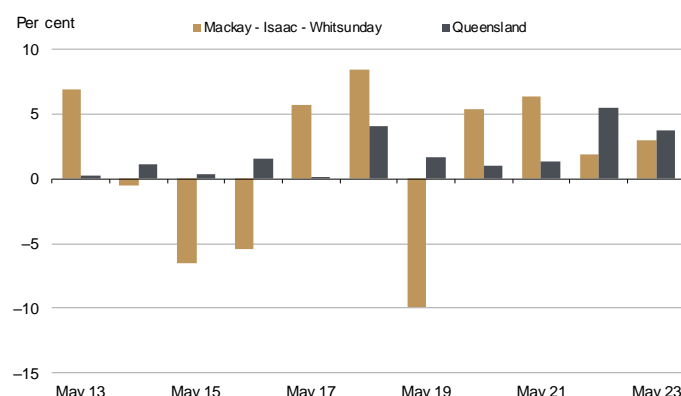
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**



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

