

# Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, May 23

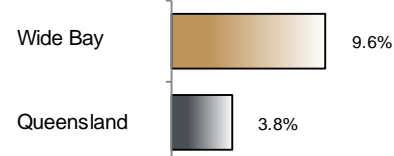
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 June 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4**

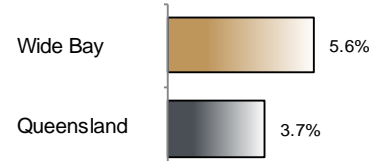
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 22	Apr 23	May 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	119,900	130,500	131,500	11,500	9.6
Total unemployed	8,600	7,800	7,800	-800	-9.5
Total labour force	128,500	138,300	139,300	10,700	8.3
Not in the labour force	134,800	133,300	133,100	-1,700	-1.3
Total persons 15+	263,400	271,500	272,400	9,000	3.4
Participation rate (%)	48.8	50.9	51.1	..	2.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	5.6	5.6	..	-1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 9.6%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.6%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) .....↓ 1.1 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 51.1%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in May 2023 was 131,500 persons, an increase of 11,500 employed persons, or 9.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in May 2023 was 5.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in May 2023 was 51.1 per cent, an increase of 2.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

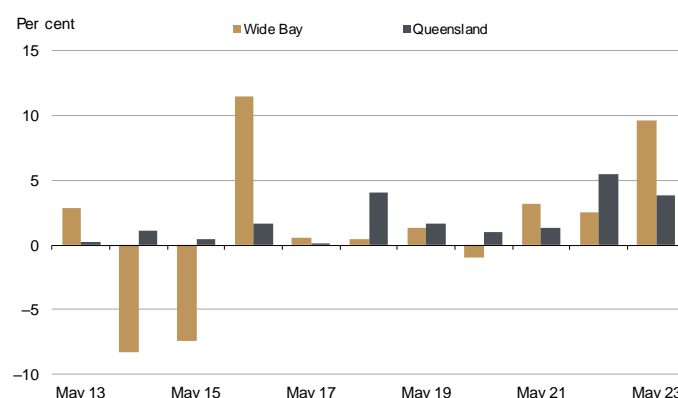
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Wide Bay SA4**



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

