

Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Jul 23

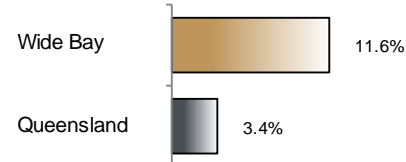
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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

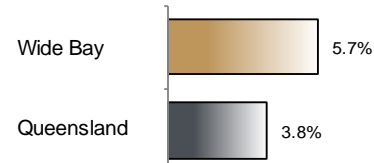
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jul 22	Jun 23	Jul 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	120,500	132,700	134,500	14,000	11.6
Total unemployed	8,800	8,000	8,200	-600	-6.9
Total labour force	129,300	140,800	142,700	13,400	10.3
Not in the labour force	135,400	132,500	131,500	-4,000	-2.9
Total persons 15+	264,700	273,300	274,100	9,400	3.6
Participation rate (%)	48.8	51.5	52.0	..	3.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	5.7	5.7	..	-1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 11.6%
 Unemployment rate 5.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 52.0%

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 July 2023 was 134,500 persons, an increase of 14,000 employed persons, or 11.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in July 2023 was 5.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in July 2023 was 52.0 per cent, an increase of 3.2 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

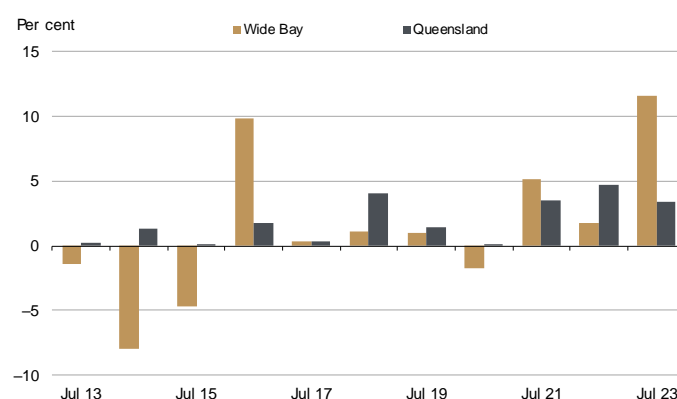


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, July 2023

