

Regional labour force – region summary, Aug 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 September 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Aug 23

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	134,300	3,300	2.5	3.2	0.9	67.5	0.6
Brisbane - North	128,500	-5,800	-4.3	3.0	-0.3	68.9	-5.0
Brisbane - South	213,300	5,700	2.8	3.3	-0.4	70.0	0.3
Brisbane - West	106,200	6,200	6.2	3.4	-0.2	70.8	3.4
Brisbane Inner City	198,100	0	-0.0	3.2	0.7	77.4	-0.9
Ipswich	193,800	9,300	5.0	5.2	-1.3	66.9	-0.3
Logan - Beaudesert	191,400	11,100	6.2	5.1	-2.0	67.3	0.1
Moreton Bay - North	122,000	2,800	2.3	5.3	-0.5	55.1	-1.2
Moreton Bay - South	127,600	8,100	6.7	3.3	-0.3	73.2	2.1
Cairns	140,100	-500	-0.4	3.2	-1.2	66.9	-2.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,100	-800	-1.2	3.1	-2.7	63.2	-4.1
Central Queensland	129,400	11,000	9.3	4.6	0.1	71.4	4.4
Gold Coast	360,500	-10,500	-2.8	3.0	-0.5	66.3	-4.5
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	106,500	-500	-0.4	3.4	0.9	71.0	-2.1
Queensland - Outback	36,800	100	0.3	8.9	-2.4	62.0	-2.8
Sunshine Coast	216,000	18,800	9.5	3.0	0.1	62.6	3.2
Toowoomba	79,500	5,500	7.5	4.4	-0.9	60.6	1.9
Townsville	134,300	6,700	5.3	2.7	0.0	71.2	1.8
Wide Bay	135,700	14,200	11.7	5.7	-0.7	52.4	3.4
Queensland	2,820,100	84,800	3.1	3.8	-0.5	66.5	-0.2

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during August 2023 with a growth of 18,800 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Townsville SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2023 with an unemployment rate of 2.7 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to August 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.7 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2023 with 77.4% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.4%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Aug 23

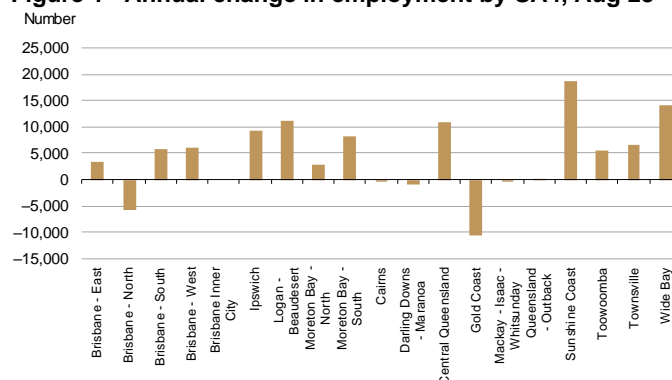
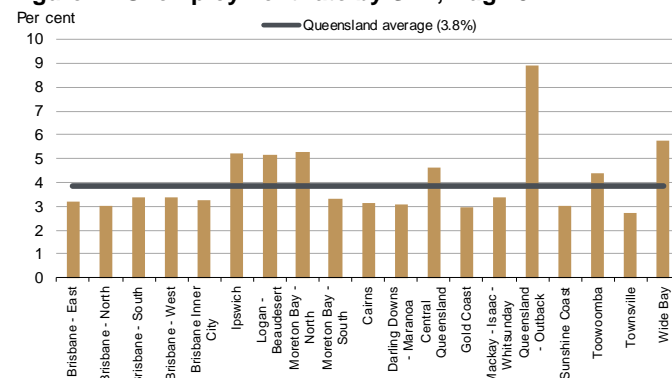


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Aug 23



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.