

Regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Aug 23

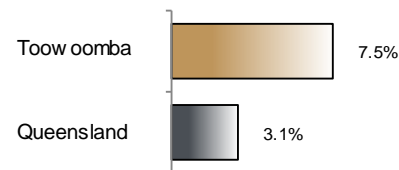
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Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

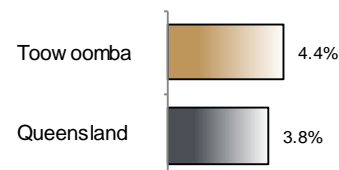
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	73,900	79,400	79,500	5,500	7.5
Total unemployed	4,100	3,700	3,600	-500	-11.8
Total labour force	78,100	83,100	83,100	5,100	6.5
Not in the labour force	55,000	53,700	54,100	-900	-1.7
Total persons 15+	133,000	136,800	137,200	4,100	3.1
Participation rate (%)	58.7	60.7	60.6	..	1.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	4.4	4.4	..	-0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 7.5%
 Unemployment rate 4.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change)↓ 0.9 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.6%

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 Toowoomba SA4 in August 2023 was 79,500 persons, an increase of 5,500 employed persons, or 7.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in August 2023 was 4.4 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point 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 Toowoomba SA4 in August 2023 was 60.6 per cent, an increase of 1.9 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, Toowoomba SA4

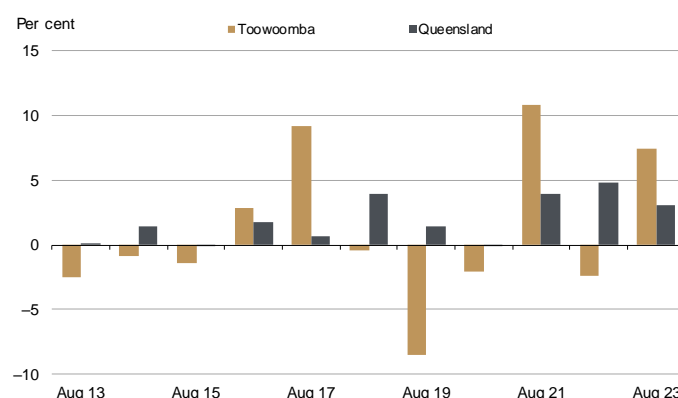


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2023

