

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Aug 23

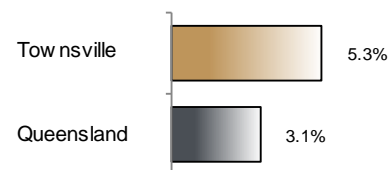
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 September 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4**

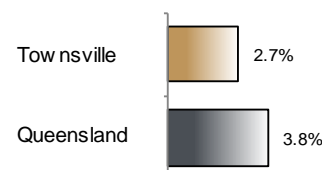
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	127,600	133,500	134,300	6,700	5.3
Total unemployed	3,500	3,300	3,800	200	6.6
Total labour force	131,100	136,700	138,000	6,900	5.3
Not in the labour force	57,900	56,700	55,900	-2,000	-3.4
Total persons 15+	188,900	193,400	193,900	5,000	2.6
Participation rate (%)	69.4	70.7	71.2	..	1.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.7	2.4	2.7	..	0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 5.3%  
 Unemployment rate .....2.7%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... 0.0 ppt  
 Participation rate.....71.2%

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 Townsville SA4 in August 2023 was 134,300 persons, an increase of 6,700 employed persons, or 5.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in August 2023 was 2.7 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in August 2023 was 71.2 per cent, an increase of 1.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

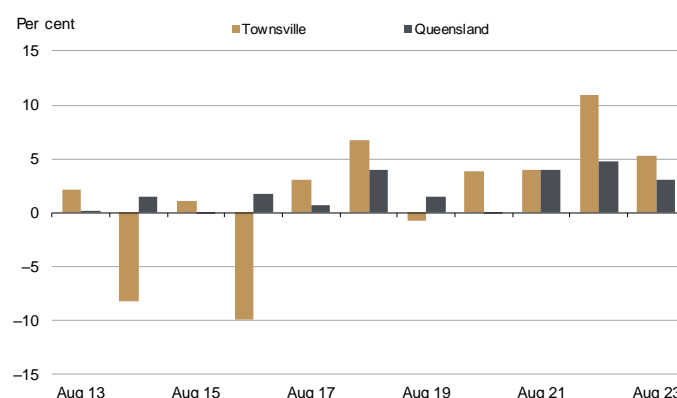
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Townsville SA4**



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

