

Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Sep 23

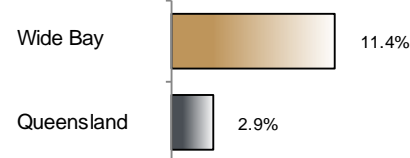
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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

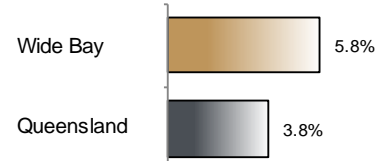
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 22	Aug 23	Sep 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	122,500	135,700	136,500	14,000	11.4
Total unemployed	8,400	8,300	8,400	0	0.3
Total labour force	131,000	144,000	144,900	14,000	10.7
Not in the labour force	135,200	131,000	130,900	-4,300	-3.2
Total persons 15+	266,200	275,000	275,800	9,700	3.6
Participation rate (%)	49.2	52.4	52.6	..	3.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	5.7	5.8	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 11.4%
 Unemployment rate 5.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 52.6%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in September 2023 was 136,500 persons, an increase of 14,000 employed persons, or 11.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in September 2023 was 5.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point 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 September 2023 was 52.6 per cent, an increase of 3.3 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

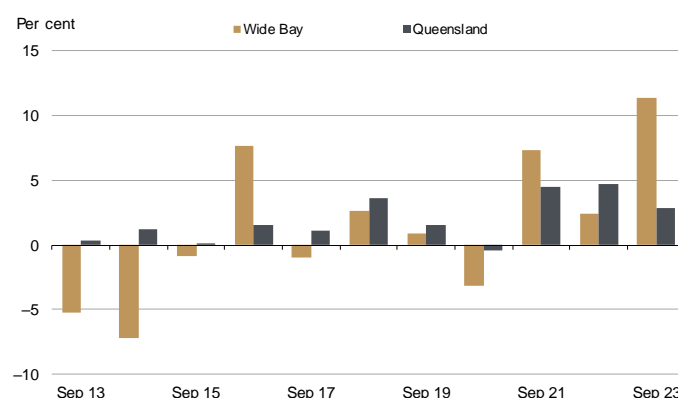


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2023

