

Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Mar 23

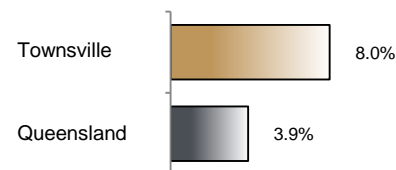
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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

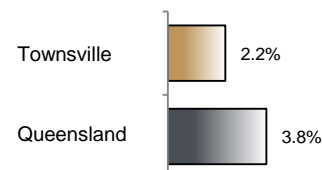
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 22	Feb 23	Mar 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	121,600	130,700	131,300	9,700	8.0
Total unemployed	4,400	2,900	2,900	-1,500	-33.3
Total labour force	125,900	133,700	134,200	8,300	6.6
Not in the labour force	61,400	57,100	56,900	-4,500	-7.3
Total persons 15+	187,300	190,800	191,100	3,800	2.0
Participation rate (%)	67.2	70.1	70.2	..	3.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	2.2	2.2	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 8.0%
 Unemployment rate 2.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.3 ppt
 Participation rate 70.2%

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 March 2023 was 131,300 persons, an increase of 9,700 employed persons, or 8.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in March 2023 was 2.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in March 2023 was 70.2 per cent, an increase of 3.0 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

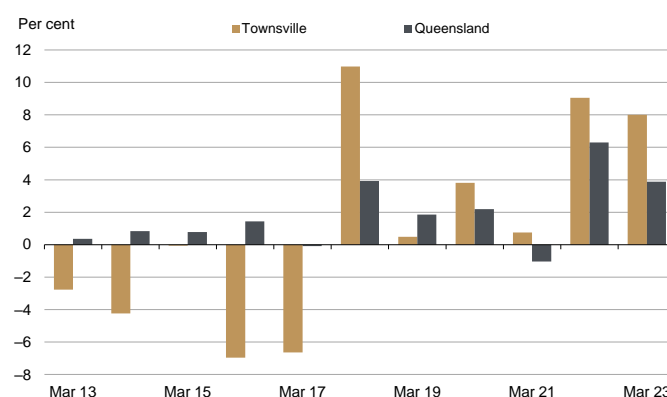


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2023

