

# Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Apr 23

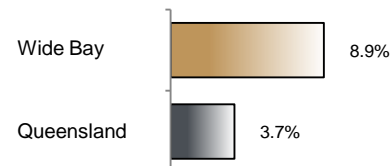
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4**

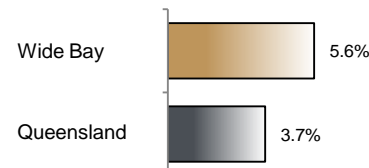
|                         | Year ending |         |         | Annual change |          |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
|                         | Apr 22      | Mar 23  | Apr 23  | persons       | %        |
|                         | — persons — |         |         | persons       | %        |
| Total employed          | 119,400     | 128,600 | 130,100 | 10,600        | 8.9      |
| Total unemployed        | 8,500       | 7,900   | 7,800   | –700          | –8.3     |
| Total labour force      | 127,900     | 136,500 | 137,800 | 9,900         | 7.8      |
| Not in the labour force | 134,800     | 133,800 | 133,100 | –1,700        | –1.3     |
| Total persons 15+       | 262,700     | 270,200 | 270,900 | 8,200         | 3.1      |
| Participation rate (%)  | 48.7        | 50.5    | 50.9    | ..            | 2.2 (a)  |
| Unemployment rate (%)   | 6.6         | 5.8     | 5.6     | ..            | –1.0 (a) |

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 8.9%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.6%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.0 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 50.9%

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 April 2023 was 130,100 persons, an increase of 10,600 employed persons, or 8.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in April 2023 was 5.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in April 2023 was 50.9 per cent, an increase of 2.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

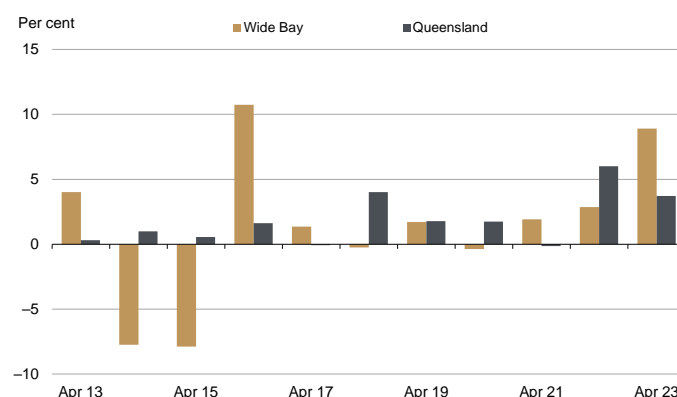
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, April 2023**

