

Regional labour force – region summary, Apr 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 25 May 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Apr 23

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	131,700	2,200	1.7	2.2	-0.4	66.3	-0.6
Brisbane - North	129,000	-4,400	-3.3	2.5	-1.4	69.5	-4.7
Brisbane - South	211,600	7,900	3.9	2.8	-2.3	69.8	0.1
Brisbane - West	106,700	7,800	7.9	3.7	-0.7	71.8	4.5
Brisbane Inner City	199,300	1,800	0.9	3.1	0.4	78.6	-0.1
Ipswich	188,900	6,300	3.5	6.4	-0.2	67.1	-0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	182,700	6,900	3.9	6.2	-1.5	66.0	-0.6
Moreton Bay - North	124,500	8,900	7.7	5.3	-0.1	57.1	2.1
Moreton Bay - South	127,000	11,000	9.5	2.9	-1.8	73.6	3.1
Cairns	140,800	4,300	3.2	3.8	-0.8	68.5	0.2
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,200	400	0.6	3.4	-3.3	64.2	-3.1
Central Queensland	128,700	12,200	10.4	3.6	-1.7	71.1	4.1
Gold Coast	363,200	-5,000	-1.3	2.6	-1.7	67.4	-4.0
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	107,300	3,600	3.4	2.4	-0.0	71.8	0.2
Queensland - Outback	35,600	-2,000	-5.4	9.8	-0.9	61.2	-5.2
Sunshine Coast	206,300	13,500	7.0	2.7	-0.9	60.6	1.4
Toowoomba	78,100	4,900	6.7	5.0	-0.1	60.7	2.3
Townsville	131,800	8,900	7.3	2.3	-0.9	70.5	2.8
Wide Bay	130,100	10,600	8.9	5.6	-1.0	50.9	2.2
Queensland	2,789,200	99,800	3.7	3.7	-1.0	66.6	0.1

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during April 2023 with a growth of 13,500 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane - East SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during April 2023 with an unemployment rate of 2.2 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to April 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.3 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during April 2023 with 78.6% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 50.9%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Apr 23

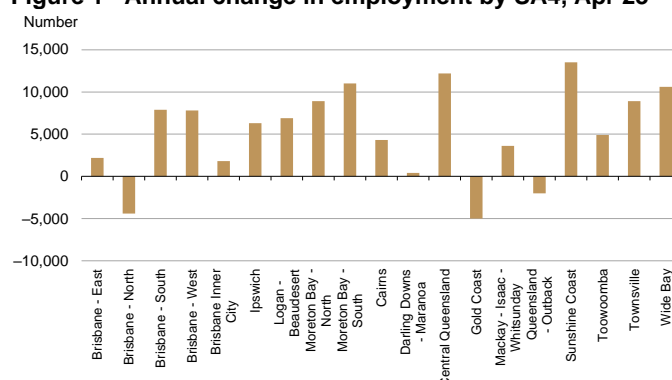
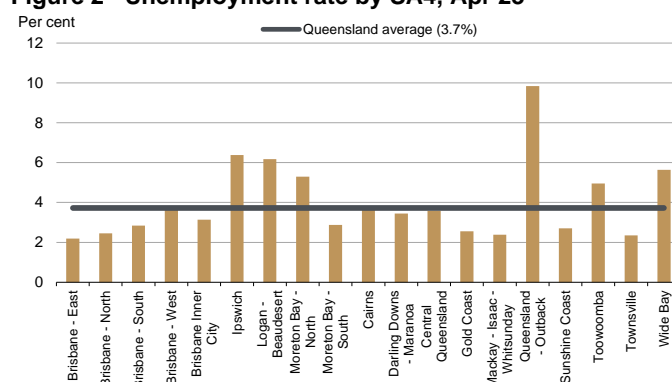


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Apr 23



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.