

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Jul 23

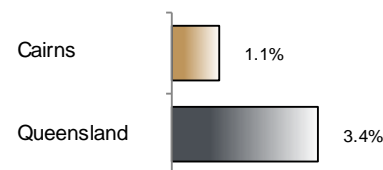
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 24 August 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

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

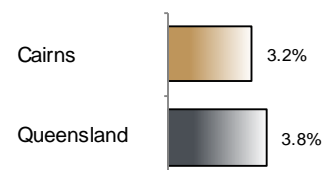
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jul 22	Jun 23	Jul 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	139,200	140,600	140,700	1,500	1.1
Total unemployed	6,600	4,900	4,700	-1,900	-29.0
Total labour force	145,800	145,600	145,400	-400	-0.3
Not in the labour force	64,600	69,600	70,200	5,600	8.7
Total persons 15+	210,400	215,100	215,600	5,200	2.5
Participation rate (%)	69.3	67.7	67.4	..	-1.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	3.4	3.2	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.1%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.2%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.3 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.4%

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 Cairns SA4 in July 2023 was 140,700 persons, an increase of 1,500 employed persons, or 1.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in July 2023 was 3.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in July 2023 was 67.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

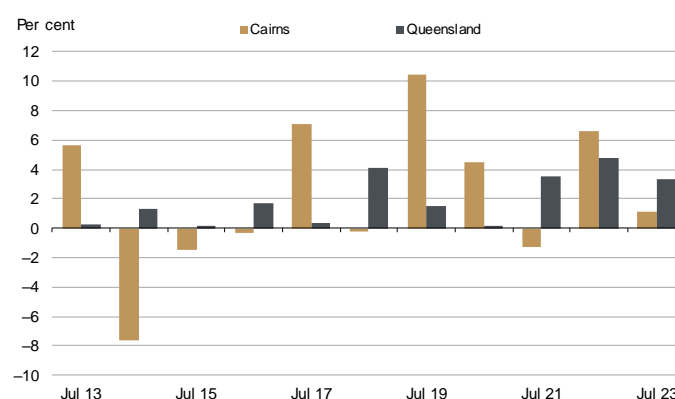
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Cairns SA4**



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

