

# Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Aug 23

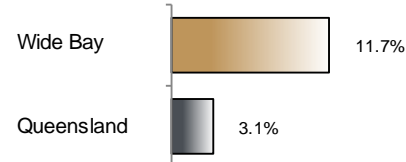
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 September 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

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

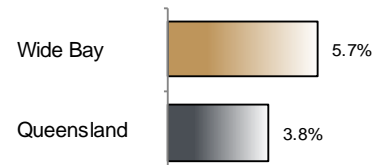
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	121,500	134,500	135,700	14,200	11.7
Total unemployed	8,400	8,200	8,300	-100	-1.1
Total labour force	129,900	142,700	144,000	14,100	10.9
Not in the labour force	135,600	131,300	131,000	-4,600	-3.4
Total persons 15+	265,400	274,100	275,000	9,500	3.6
Participation rate (%)	48.9	52.1	52.4	..	3.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	5.7	5.7	..	-0.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 11.7%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.7%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.7 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 52.4%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in August 2023 was 135,700 persons, an increase of 14,200 employed persons, or 11.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in August 2023 was 5.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.7 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 August 2023 was 52.4 per cent, an increase of 3.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

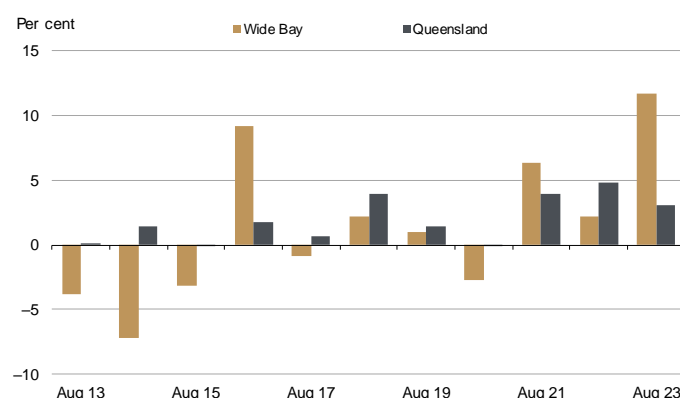
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, August 2023**

