

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Aug 23

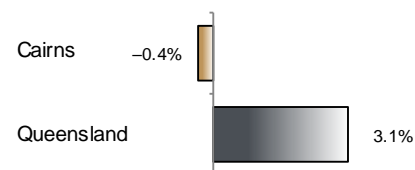
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

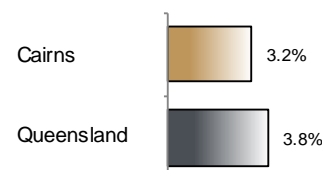
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	140,600	140,800	140,100	-500	-0.4
Total unemployed	6,400	4,700	4,600	-1,900	-29.3
Total labour force	147,100	145,500	144,700	-2,400	-1.6
Not in the labour force	63,700	70,100	71,500	7,700	12.2
Total persons 15+	210,800	215,600	216,100	5,300	2.5
Participation rate (%)	69.8	67.5	66.9	..	-2.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	3.2	3.2	..	-1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 0.4%
 Unemployment rate 3.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.9%

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 Cairns SA4 in August 2023 was 140,100 persons, a decrease of 500 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in August 2023 was 3.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in August 2023 was 66.9 per cent, a decrease of 2.8 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

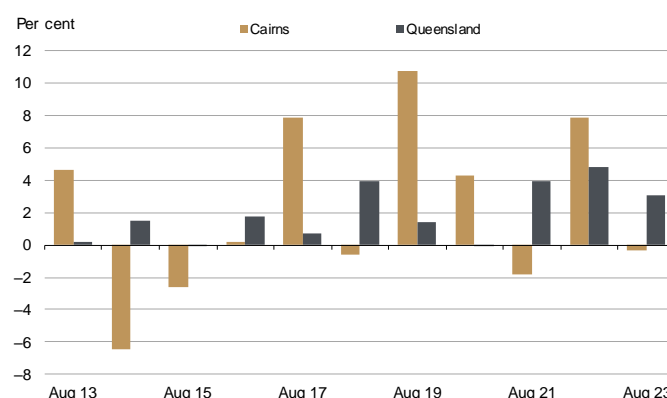


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2023

