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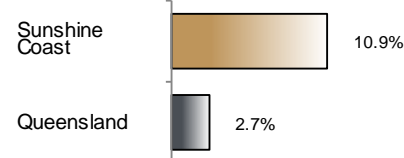# Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Oct 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 November 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

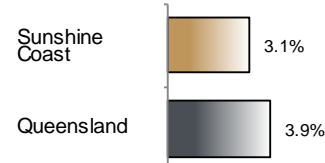**Table 1   Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 22	Sep 23	Oct 23		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	199,600	218,200	221,400	21,800	10.9
Total unemployed	5,400	6,700	7,000	1,600	29.2
Total labour force	205,000	224,900	228,400	23,400	11.4
Not in the labour force	138,900	131,800	129,500	−9,400	−6.8
Total persons 15+	343,900	356,700	357,900	14,000	4.1
Participation rate (%)	59.6	63.1	63.8	. .	4.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.6	3.0	3.1	. .	0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual

Unemployment rate

Key data

Employment (annual change).......................↑ 10.9%
Unemployment rate 3.1%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ....↑ 0.4 ppt
Participation rate.................................63.8%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2023 was 221,400 persons, an increase of 21,800 employed persons, or 10.9% over the year (Figure 1).

- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2023 was 3.1 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2023 was 63.8 per cent, an increase of 4.2 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.
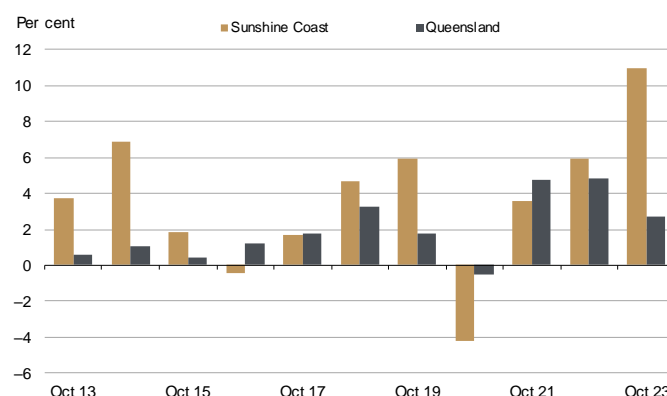
Figure 1   Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

Figure 2   Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2023