

# Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, Oct 23

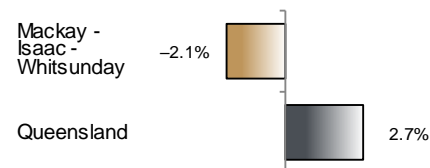
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 November 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**

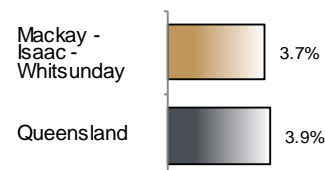
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 22	Sep 23	Oct 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	108,700	106,200	106,400	-2,300	-2.1
Total unemployed	2,400	3,800	4,100	1,700	72.2
Total labour force	111,000	110,000	110,500	-600	-0.5
Not in the labour force	39,700	45,700	45,700	6,000	15.3
Total persons 15+	150,700	155,700	156,200	5,500	3.6
Participation rate (%)	73.7	70.6	70.7	..	-2.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.1	3.5	3.7	..	1.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 2.1%  
Unemployment rate .....3.7%  
Unemployment rate (annual change) .....↑ 1.6 ppt  
Participation rate.....70.7%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in October 2023 was 106,400 persons, a decrease of 2,300 employed persons, or 2.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in October 2023 was 3.7 per cent, an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in October 2023 was 70.7 per cent, a decrease of 2.9 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

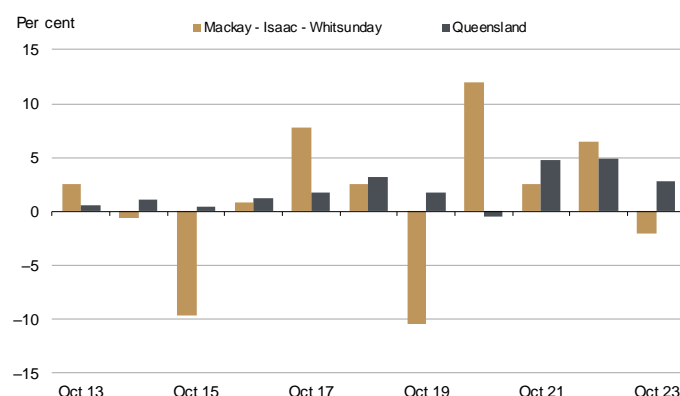
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**



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

