

# Regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Apr 24

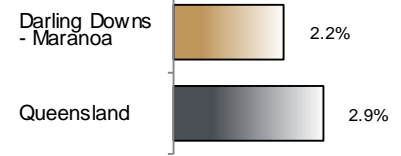
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 May 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**

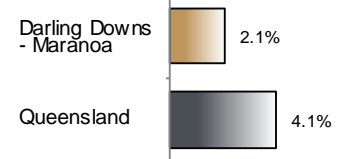
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 23	Mar 24	Apr 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	64,800	66,400	66,200	1,400	2.2
Total unemployed	2,300	1,500	1,500	-900	-37.5
Total labour force	67,100	67,900	67,600	500	0.8
Not in the labour force	38,800	39,700	40,200	1,400	3.6
Total persons 15+	105,900	107,600	107,800	1,900	1.8
Participation rate (%)	63.4	63.1	62.7	..	-0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	2.2	2.1	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.2%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 2.1%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.3 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 62.7%

ppt = percentage point

## Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force direct survey estimates, 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 of direct survey estimates.

- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in April 2024 was 66,200 persons, an increase of 1,400 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in April 2024 was 2.1 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in April 2024 was 62.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

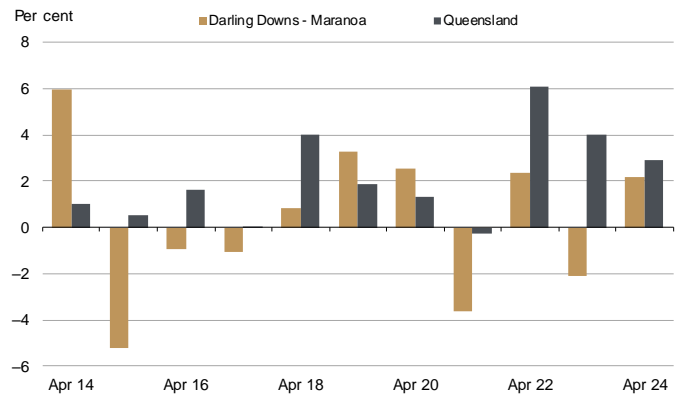
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2024**

