

Regional labour force – region summary, Apr 24

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

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Apr 24

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	137,000	3,400	2.5	3.4	1.1	68.8	1.0
Brisbane - North	126,600	-1,300	-1.0	4.1	1.7	67.8	-1.1
Brisbane - South	219,100	7,100	3.4	4.0	1.2	70.5	1.3
Brisbane - West	108,700	300	0.3	2.9	-0.9	70.2	-1.9
Brisbane Inner City	209,200	2,800	1.4	3.9	0.7	77.9	-1.4
Ipswich	198,400	13,100	7.1	4.8	-1.6	66.4	0.7
Logan - Beaudesert	200,000	14,700	7.9	4.7	-1.5	67.6	1.2
Moreton Bay - North	121,700	500	0.4	6.8	1.5	54.8	-1.0
Moreton Bay - South	127,900	1,400	1.1	4.1	1.2	72.4	-0.8
Cairns	142,100	700	0.5	3.4	-0.7	67.0	-1.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,200	1,400	2.2	2.1	-1.3	62.7	-0.6
Central Queensland	124,200	-2,900	-2.2	4.6	1.0	68.1	-2.5
Gold Coast	369,500	8,900	2.5	3.5	0.9	67.0	0.1
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	104,600	-1,300	-1.2	4.2	1.7	70.4	-1.5
Queensland - Outback	41,400	500	1.2	4.4	0.2	67.3	0.1
Sunshine Coast	225,100	19,500	9.5	3.7	0.9	65.5	4.4
Toowoomba	79,700	3,300	4.3	4.1	-1.1	59.6	0.0
Townsville	130,300	-900	-0.7	3.8	1.4	69.2	-1.2
Wide Bay	139,500	9,200	7.1	4.8	-0.3	52.7	1.7
Queensland	2,871,300	80,700	2.9	4.1	0.4	66.7	0.1

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during April 2024 with a growth of 19,500 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during April 2024 with an unemployment rate of 2.1 per cent (Figure 2).
- Ipswich SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to April 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during April 2024 with 77.9 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.7 per cent.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Apr 24

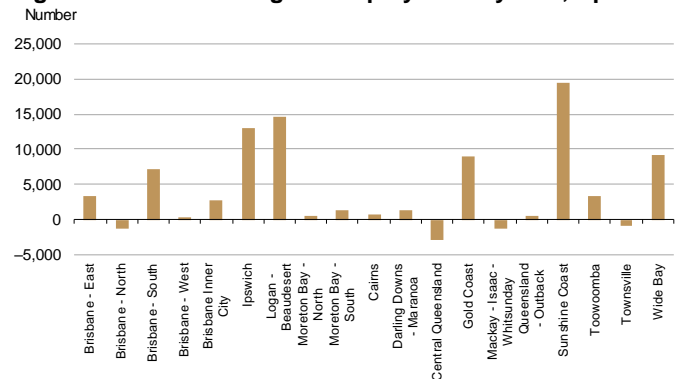
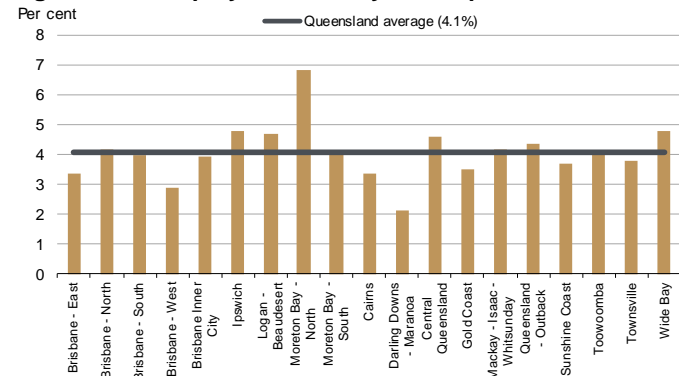


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Apr 24



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.