

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, May 24

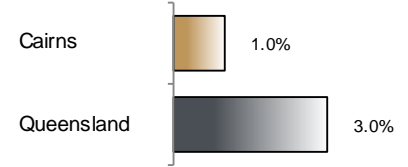
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 20 June 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4**

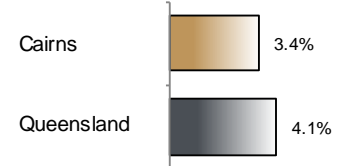
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 23	Apr 24	May 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	141,500	142,300	142,900	1,400	1.0
Total unemployed	5,600	5,000	5,000	-600	-10.1
Total labour force	147,100	147,200	148,000	900	0.6
Not in the labour force	67,100	72,400	72,100	5,000	7.5
Total persons 15+	214,200	219,600	220,100	5,900	2.7
Participation rate (%)	68.7	67.0	67.2	..	-1.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	3.4	3.4	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.0%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.4%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.4 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.2%

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 Cairns SA4 in May 2024 was 142,900 persons, an increase of 1,400 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in May 2024 was 3.4 per cent, a decrease 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 Cairns SA4 in May 2024 was 67.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

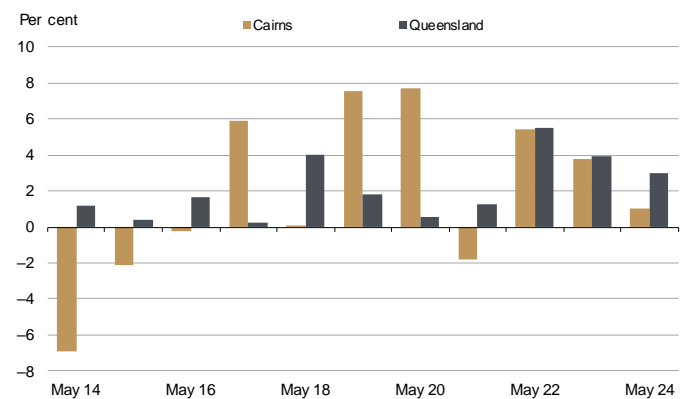
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, May 2024**

