

Regional labour force – region summary, May 24

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

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, May 24

SA4	Employment		Unemployment		Participation ^(a)		
	Level — persons —	Annual change %	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	
Brisbane - East	137,100	2,900	2.1	3.3	0.8	68.7	0.6
Brisbane - North	127,700	0	0.0	4.1	1.4	68.1	-0.7
Brisbane - South	220,100	7,700	3.6	4.0	1.2	70.6	1.5
Brisbane - West	109,100	100	0.1	3.0	-0.8	70.4	-2.0
Brisbane Inner City	210,300	3,000	1.4	4.0	1.0	78.1	-1.2
Ipswich	198,400	12,600	6.8	5.1	-1.0	66.3	0.9
Logan - Beaudesert	200,000	12,600	6.7	4.9	-1.2	67.4	0.6
Moreton Bay - North	122,900	1,900	1.5	6.7	1.5	55.0	-0.4
Moreton Bay - South	128,800	1,800	1.4	4.0	1.0	72.6	-0.8
Cairns	142,900	1,400	1.0	3.4	-0.4	67.2	-1.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,700	800	1.3	2.1	-1.0	62.1	-1.0
Central Queensland	124,900	-2,400	-1.9	4.5	0.8	68.2	-2.5
Gold Coast	371,500	11,400	3.2	3.4	0.7	67.1	0.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	105,100	-200	-0.2	3.9	1.2	70.2	-1.2
Queensland - Outback	41,500	600	1.4	4.5	0.3	67.3	0.3
Sunshine Coast	226,100	19,300	9.4	3.7	0.9	65.6	4.3
Toowoomba	80,900	3,800	4.9	3.8	-1.4	60.1	0.1
Townsville	129,100	-2,400	-1.8	4.0	1.5	68.4	-2.0
Wide Bay	140,100	9,100	7.0	4.7	-0.3	52.8	1.7
Queensland	2,882,300	83,900	3.0	4.1	0.4	66.7	0.2

(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 May 2024 with a growth of 19,300 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2024 with an unemployment rate of 2.1 per cent (Figure 2).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.4 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2024 with 78.1 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.8 per cent.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, May 24

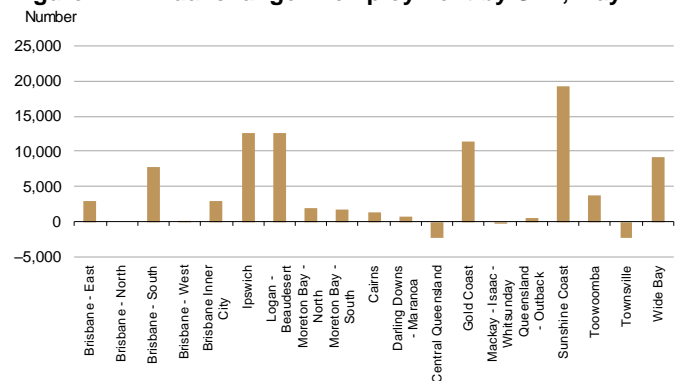
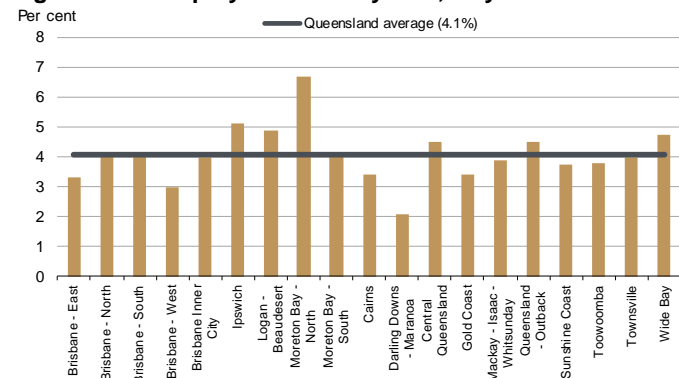


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 24



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.