

Regional labour force – region summary, Jun 24

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 25 July 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jun 24

SA4	Employment		Unemployment		Participation ^(a)		
	Level — persons —	Annual change %	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	
Brisbane - East	137,000	2,200	1.6	3.2	0.6	68.4	0.0
Brisbane - North	128,000	300	0.2	4.2	1.6	68.2	-0.4
Brisbane - South	220,500	7,500	3.5	3.9	1.0	70.5	1.3
Brisbane - West	109,600	100	0.1	3.1	-0.5	70.6	-1.8
Brisbane Inner City	211,600	4,400	2.1	4.2	1.2	78.5	-0.5
Ipswich	198,600	11,900	6.4	5.1	-0.9	66.1	0.7
Logan - Beaudesert	200,400	11,300	6.0	5.2	-0.6	67.6	0.6
Moreton Bay - North	124,400	4,000	3.3	6.5	1.5	55.4	0.5
Moreton Bay - South	129,400	2,100	1.6	4.2	1.1	72.8	-0.6
Cairns	143,800	2,400	1.7	3.2	-0.4	67.3	-1.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	100	0.2	2.1	-0.9	61.5	-1.6
Central Queensland	126,300	-600	-0.5	4.4	0.5	68.8	-1.7
Gold Coast	373,800	14,000	3.9	3.4	0.6	67.3	0.8
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	105,200	500	0.5	3.5	0.6	69.9	-1.2
Queensland - Outback	41,500	700	1.7	4.6	0.4	67.3	0.5
Sunshine Coast	227,300	19,200	9.2	3.7	0.9	65.8	4.2
Toowoomba	82,300	4,900	6.3	3.9	-0.9	61.1	1.2
Townsville	127,600	-5,100	-3.8	4.0	1.7	67.5	-3.3
Wide Bay	140,100	8,200	6.2	4.7	-0.6	52.6	1.1
Queensland	2,892,400	87,900	3.1	4.1	0.4	66.8	0.3

(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 June 2024 with a growth of 19,200 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during June 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 June 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 0.9 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2024 with 78.5 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.6 per cent.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jun 24

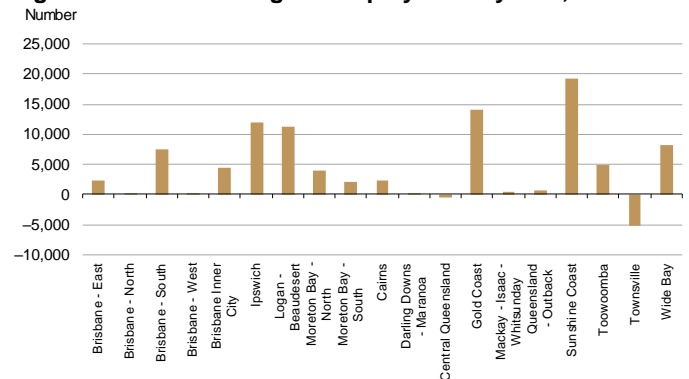
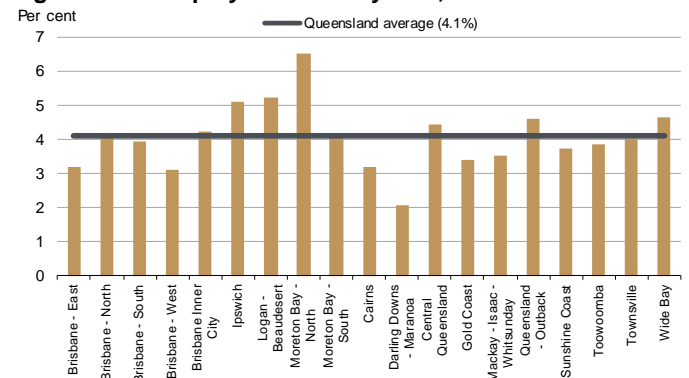


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Jun 24



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.