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# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Jul 24

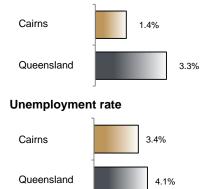
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#### Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

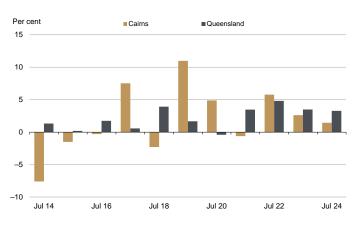
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jul 23	Jun 24	Jul 24		
	-	– persons —		persons	%
Total employed	141,400	143,800	143,500	2,000	1.4
Total unemployed	5,000	4,700	5,000	0	0.9
Total labour force	146,400	148,500	148,500	2,100	1.4
Not in the labour force	68,800	72,100	72,600	3,800	5.6
Total persons 15+	215,200	220,600	221,100	5,900	2.7
Participation rate (%)	68.0	67.3	67.2		–0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.4	3.2	3.4		–0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

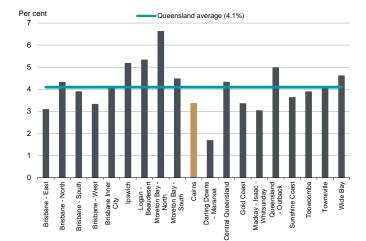
### Employment growth, annual



#### Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4



#### Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, July 2024



### Key data

Employment (annual change)	.个 1.4%
Unemployment rate	3.4%
Unemployment rate (annual change)	0.0 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 July 2024 was 143,500 persons, an increase of 2,000 employed persons, or 1.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in July 2024 was 3.4 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in July 2024 was 67.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 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.

