

# Regional labour force – region summary, Jul 24

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 August 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jul 24**

SA4	Employment		Unemployment		Participation <sup>(a)</sup>		
	Level — persons —	Annual change %	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	
Brisbane - East	137,200	1,800	1.3	3.1	0.1	68.3	-0.5
Brisbane - North	128,500	1,000	0.8	4.3	1.5	68.5	-0.1
Brisbane - South	221,300	7,700	3.6	3.9	0.9	70.6	1.2
Brisbane - West	109,800	200	0.2	3.3	-0.4	70.8	-1.7
Brisbane Inner City	213,400	6,800	3.3	4.1	0.8	78.8	0.1
Ipswich	198,400	10,300	5.5	5.2	-0.4	65.9	0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	200,800	9,700	5.1	5.3	-0.2	67.5	0.3
Moreton Bay - North	125,800	6,500	5.5	6.6	1.6	56.0	1.8
Moreton Bay - South	130,300	3,100	2.5	4.5	1.3	73.3	0.2
Cairns	143,500	2,000	1.4	3.4	-0.0	67.2	-0.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,300	800	1.3	1.7	-1.4	61.3	-1.2
Central Queensland	127,300	600	0.5	4.3	-0.0	69.1	-1.4
Gold Coast	375,000	16,000	4.5	3.4	0.6	67.4	1.1
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	104,900	800	0.7	3.0	-0.2	69.2	-1.5
Queensland - Outback	41,300	700	1.8	5.0	0.7	67.3	0.8
Sunshine Coast	227,200	16,900	8.0	3.6	0.7	65.5	3.4
Toowoomba	84,000	6,600	8.5	3.9	-0.8	62.2	2.6
Townsville	126,600	-6,400	-4.8	4.1	1.6	66.9	-4.0
Wide Bay	140,000	6,600	5.0	4.6	-0.6	52.4	0.5
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,900,800</b>	<b>91,900</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>

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

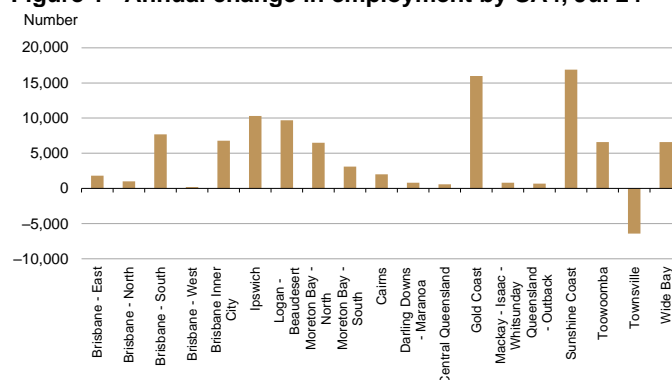
## Main findings

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.

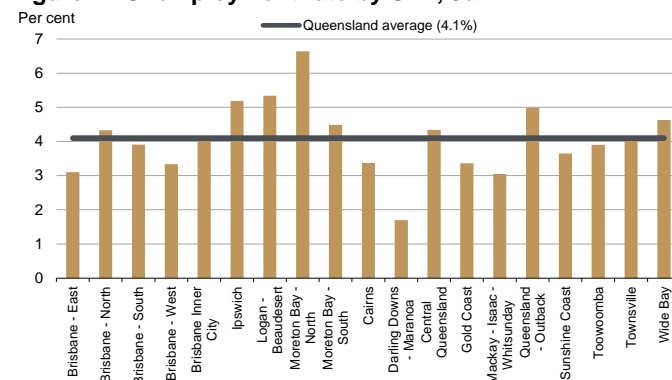
All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of direct survey estimates.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during July 2024 with a growth of 16,900 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during July 2024 with an unemployment rate of 1.7 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to July 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 July 2024 with 78.8 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.4 per cent.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jul 24**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Jul 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.