

# Regional labour force – region summary, Aug 24

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 26 September 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

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

| SA4                         | Employment       |               | Unemployment |                  | Participation <sup>(a)</sup> |                  |            |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
|                             | Level            | Annual change | Rate         | Annual change    | Rate                         | Annual change    |            |
|                             | — persons —      | %             | %            | percentage point | %                            | percentage point |            |
| Brisbane - East             | 137,300          | 1,400         | 1.0          | 2.9              | -0.3                         | 68.1             | -1.0       |
| Brisbane - North            | 129,600          | 2,600         | 2.0          | 4.3              | 1.3                          | 69.1             | 0.8        |
| Brisbane - South            | 226,900          | 11,300        | 5.2          | 3.8              | 0.5                          | 71.0             | 1.5        |
| Brisbane - West             | 112,500          | 1,600         | 1.5          | 3.6              | 0.0                          | 71.0             | -1.3       |
| Brisbane Inner City         | 218,800          | 10,300        | 4.9          | 4.0              | 0.8                          | 78.9             | 0.5        |
| Ipswich                     | 195,700          | 7,100         | 3.8          | 5.1              | -0.2                         | 65.4             | 0.0        |
| Logan - Beaudesert          | 201,300          | 8,300         | 4.3          | 5.6              | 0.5                          | 67.7             | 0.4        |
| Moreton Bay - North         | 126,300          | 8,900         | 7.5          | 6.4              | 1.1                          | 56.4             | 2.9        |
| Moreton Bay - South         | 130,400          | 3,600         | 2.8          | 4.5              | 1.2                          | 73.7             | 0.7        |
| Cairns                      | 142,800          | 2,400         | 1.7          | 3.4              | 0.1                          | 67.2             | -0.3       |
| Darling Downs - Maranoa     | 65,600           | 1,500         | 2.3          | 1.5              | -1.7                         | 61.7             | -0.6       |
| Central Queensland          | 127,400          | 1,200         | 0.9          | 4.3              | -0.3                         | 69.5             | -1.0       |
| Gold Coast                  | 376,300          | 17,400        | 4.9          | 3.4              | 0.5                          | 67.4             | 1.3        |
| Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday | 103,500          | -200          | -0.2         | 2.9              | -0.5                         | 68.7             | -2.0       |
| Queensland - Outback        | 40,500           | 100           | 0.3          | 5.3              | 1.1                          | 67.0             | 0.6        |
| Sunshine Coast              | 225,800          | 13,800        | 6.5          | 3.6              | 0.6                          | 65.2             | 2.5        |
| Toowoomba                   | 84,800           | 8,000         | 10.4         | 4.0              | -0.6                         | 63.3             | 4.1        |
| Townsville                  | 124,200          | -8,700        | -6.6         | 4.2              | 1.4                          | 66.1             | -5.0       |
| Wide Bay                    | 138,000          | 4,400         | 3.3          | 4.7              | -0.5                         | 52.2             | 0.2        |
| <b>Queensland</b>           | <b>2,907,800</b> | <b>94,800</b> | <b>3.4</b>   | <b>4.1</b>       | <b>0.3</b>                   | <b>66.9</b>      | <b>0.5</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.

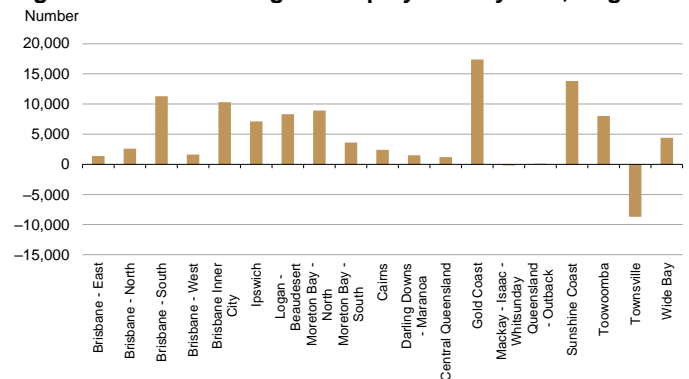
## Main findings

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.

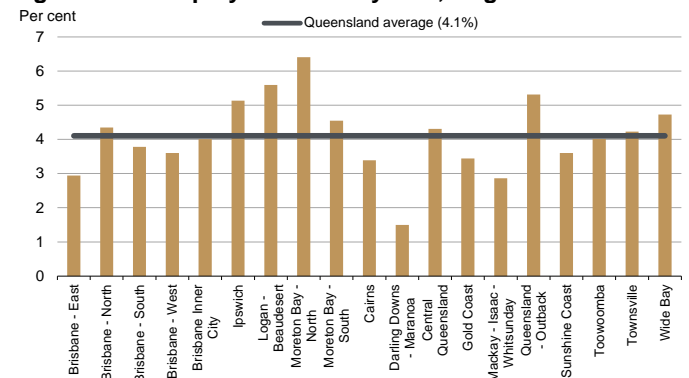
All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of direct survey estimates.

- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during August 2024 with a growth of 17,400 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2024 with an unemployment rate of 1.5 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 August 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.7 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2024 with 78.9 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.2 per cent.

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



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Aug 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.