

# Regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Sep 24

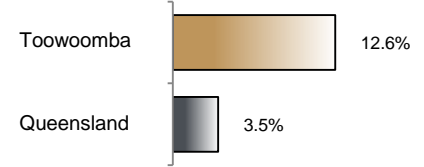
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4**

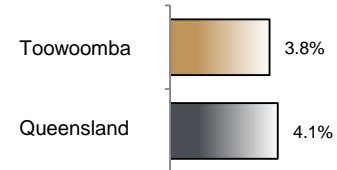
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 23	Aug 24	Sep 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	77,100	84,800	86,800	9,700	12.6
Total unemployed	3,600	3,500	3,500	-200	-5.0
Total labour force	80,700	88,400	90,200	9,500	11.8
Not in the labour force	55,800	51,200	49,600	-6,100	-11.0
Total persons 15+	136,500	139,600	139,900	3,400	2.5
Participation rate (%)	59.1	63.3	64.5	..	5.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	4.0	3.8	..	-0.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 12.6%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.8%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.7 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 64.5%

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 Toowoomba SA4 in September 2024 was 86,800 persons, an increase of 9,700 employed persons, or 12.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in September 2024 was 3.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in September 2024 was 64.5 per cent, an increase of 5.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

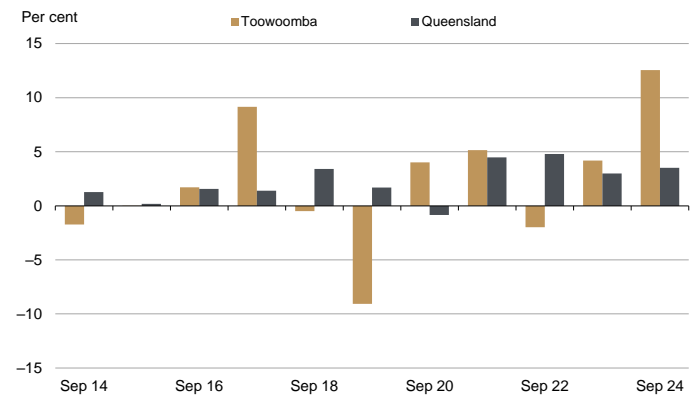
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Toowoomba SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2024**

