

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Oct 24

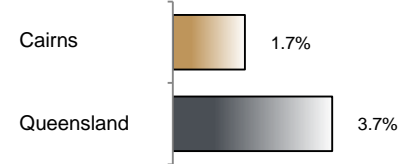
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

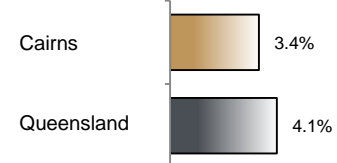
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 23	Sep 24	Oct 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	139,700	142,600	142,000	2,300	1.7
Total unemployed	4,800	5,100	5,000	200	4.1
Total labour force	144,500	147,700	147,000	2,500	1.8
Not in the labour force	71,500	72,600	73,600	2,100	3.0
Total persons 15+	216,000	220,200	220,600	4,700	2.2
Participation rate (%)	66.9	67.1	66.6	..	-0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.3	3.4	3.4	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.7%
 Unemployment rate 3.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.6%

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 October 2024 was 142,000 persons, an increase of 2,300 employed persons, or 1.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2024 was 3.4 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2024 was 66.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 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.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4

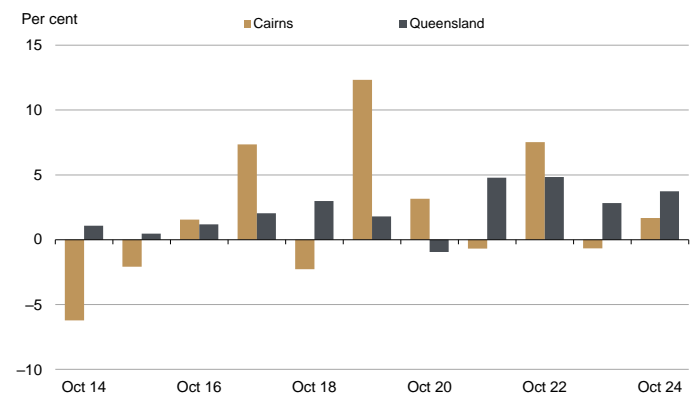


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2024

