

# Regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Oct 24

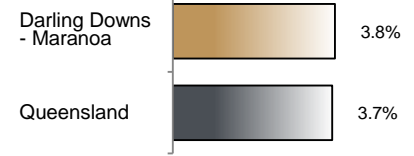
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 November 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**

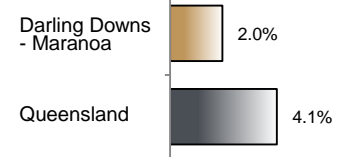
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 23	Sep 24	Oct 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	63,700	65,600	66,100	2,400	3.8
Total unemployed	1,800	1,100	1,300	-500	-25.7
Total labour force	65,500	66,700	67,500	1,900	3.0
Not in the labour force	41,000	41,200	40,500	-500	-1.2
Total persons 15+	106,600	107,900	108,000	1,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	61.5	61.8	62.5	..	1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.7	1.6	2.0	..	-0.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.8%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 2.0%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.8 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 62.5%

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 Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in October 2024 was 66,100 persons, an increase of 2,400 employed persons, or 3.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in October 2024 was 2.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.8 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in October 2024 was 62.5 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

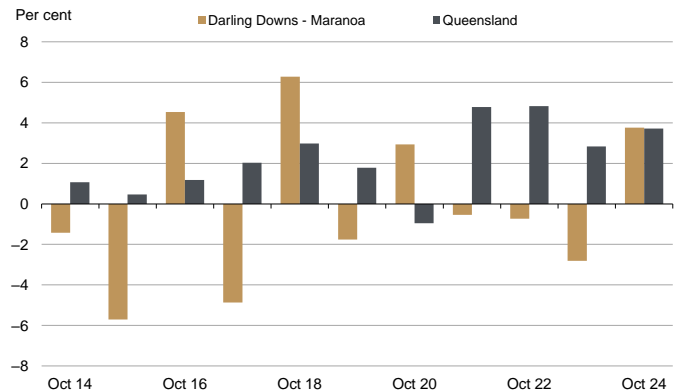
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**



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

