

Regional labour force – region summary, Oct 24

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

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Oct 24

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	138,400	2,100	1.5	3.0	-0.6	68.5	-0.8
Brisbane - North	131,700	5,600	4.4	4.5	1.3	70.1	2.4
Brisbane - South	229,000	12,100	5.6	3.6	0.2	71.1	1.5
Brisbane - West	112,800	2,100	1.9	3.5	0.3	70.8	-0.7
Brisbane Inner City	220,600	11,500	5.5	3.8	0.1	78.8	0.5
Ipswich	194,000	2,300	1.2	5.6	0.9	64.8	-0.8
Logan - Beaudesert	203,300	7,100	3.6	5.7	1.0	68.0	0.3
Moreton Bay - North	130,400	14,300	12.3	5.4	-0.6	57.4	4.4
Moreton Bay - South	133,000	5,600	4.4	4.4	0.6	74.7	1.4
Cairns	142,000	2,300	1.7	3.4	0.1	66.6	-0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,100	2,400	3.8	2.0	-0.8	62.5	1.0
Central Queensland	129,700	4,900	3.9	4.5	-0.3	70.6	1.1
Gold Coast	379,300	20,100	5.6	3.4	0.3	67.6	1.7
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	103,300	-100	-0.1	2.7	-1.1	68.2	-2.2
Queensland - Outback	40,500	-300	-0.8	5.8	1.8	67.3	0.5
Sunshine Coast	226,200	9,500	4.4	3.6	0.5	65.0	1.3
Toowoomba	88,500	11,300	14.6	3.8	-0.6	65.7	6.6
Townsville	122,000	-11,800	-8.8	4.2	1.2	64.7	-6.7
Wide Bay	138,500	4,200	3.1	5.0	-0.5	52.3	0.1
Queensland	2,929,300	105,200	3.7	4.1	0.3	67.1	0.7

(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 October 2024 with a growth of 20,100 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2024 with an unemployment rate of 2.0 per cent (Figure 2).
- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to October 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.1 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2024 with 78.8 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.3 per cent.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Oct 24

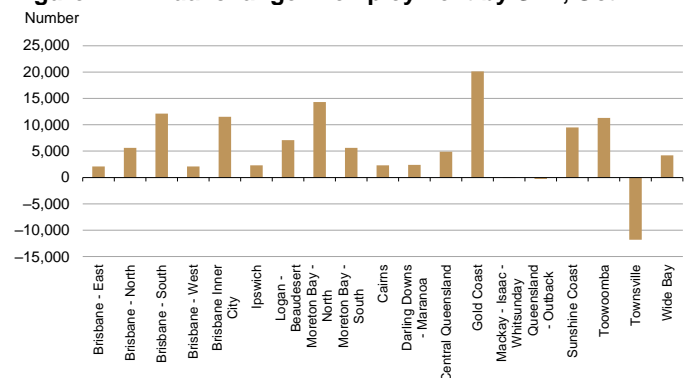
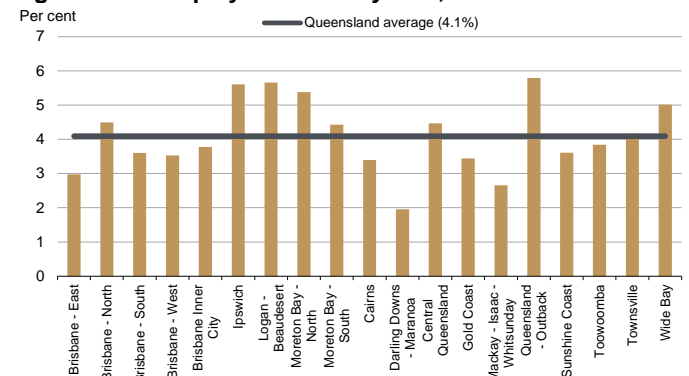


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Oct 24



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.