

Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Oct 24

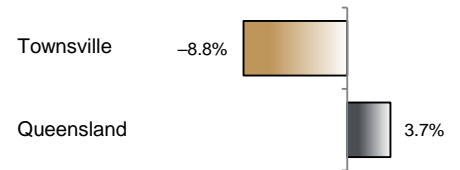
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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

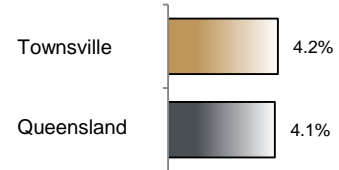
| | Year ending | | | Annual change | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
| | Oct 23 | Sep 24 | Oct 24 | persons | % |
| | — persons — | | | persons | % |
| Total employed | 133,800 | 122,900 | 122,000 | -11,800 | -8.8 |
| Total unemployed | 4,100 | 5,600 | 5,300 | 1,200 | 30.3 |
| Total labour force | 137,800 | 128,500 | 127,300 | -10,600 | -7.7 |
| Not in the labour force | 55,000 | 67,800 | 69,300 | 14,300 | 26.0 |
| Total persons 15+ | 192,900 | 196,300 | 196,600 | 3,700 | 1.9 |
| Participation rate (%) | 71.5 | 65.5 | 64.7 | .. | -6.7 (a) |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 2.9 | 4.4 | 4.2 | .. | 1.2 (a) |

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 8.8%
 Unemployment rate 4.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 64.7%

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 Townsville SA4 in October 2024 was 122,000 persons, a decrease of 11,800 employed persons, or 8.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2024 was 4.2 per cent, an increase of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2024 was 64.7 per cent, a decrease of 6.7 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, Townsville SA4

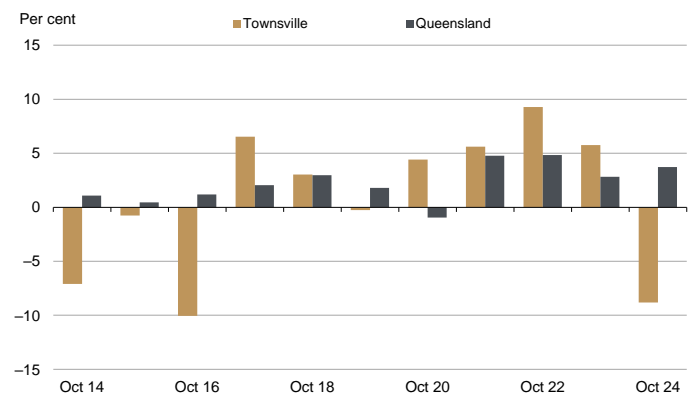


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2024

