

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, May 23

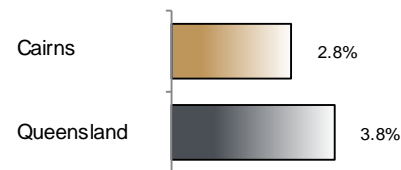
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

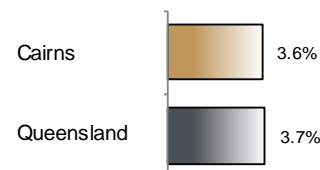
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 22	Apr 23	May 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	137,000	141,200	140,900	3,800	2.8
Total unemployed	6,600	5,600	5,300	-1,300	-19.6
Total labour force	143,600	146,800	146,100	2,600	1.8
Not in the labour force	66,100	67,300	68,500	2,400	3.6
Total persons 15+	209,700	214,100	214,600	4,900	2.3
Participation rate (%)	68.5	68.6	68.1	..	-0.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.6	3.8	3.6	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.8%
 Unemployment rate 3.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force survey data, 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.

- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in May 2023 was 140,900 persons, an increase of 3,800 employed persons, or 2.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in May 2023 was 3.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in May 2023 was 68.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 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

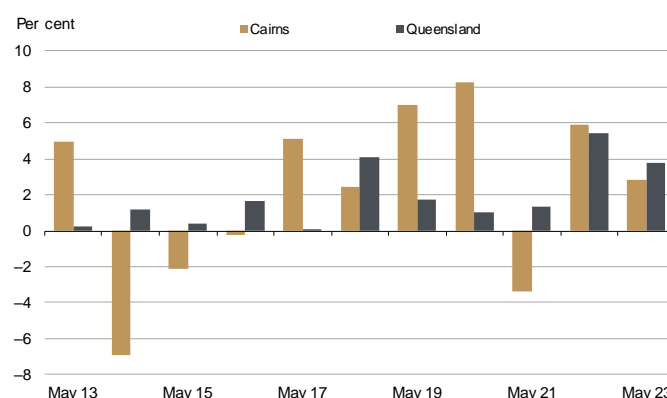


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2023

