

Regional labour force – region summary, May 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 June 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, May 23

SA4	Employment		Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change	Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	132,600	2,600	2.4	-0.1	66.6	-0.3
Brisbane - North	129,100	-4,600	2.6	-1.2	69.4	-4.9
Brisbane - South	212,700	8,000	2.9	-2.0	69.8	0.1
Brisbane - West	107,000	8,100	3.6	-0.5	71.7	4.6
Brisbane Inner City	199,900	2,600	3.0	0.3	78.4	-0.1
Ipswich	190,000	6,100	6.0	-0.5	66.8	-0.6
Logan - Beaudesert	185,200	7,800	6.1	-1.3	66.4	-0.3
Moreton Bay - North	124,900	8,700	5.2	-0.5	56.9	1.7
Moreton Bay - South	127,800	11,100	3.0	-1.5	73.7	3.2
Cairns	140,900	3,800	3.6	-1.0	68.1	-0.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,500	400	3.0	-3.5	64.0	-3.4
Central Queensland	129,500	12,200	3.7	-1.5	71.3	4.0
Gold Coast	363,200	-5,700	2.7	-1.3	67.2	-4.1
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	107,200	3,100	2.6	0.1	71.6	-0.2
Queensland - Outback	36,200	-1,200	9.4	-1.6	61.6	-4.5
Sunshine Coast	208,600	14,300	2.7	-0.6	61.0	1.7
Toowoomba	79,100	6,100	5.0	-0.2	61.2	3.0
Townsville	132,200	8,000	2.4	-0.6	70.4	2.3
Wide Bay	131,500	11,500	5.6	-1.1	51.1	2.3
Queensland	2,803,900	103,000	3.7	-0.9	66.6	0.0

(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 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.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during May 2023 with a growth of 14,300 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane - East SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2023 with an unemployment rate of 2.4 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.5 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2023 with 78.4% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.1%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, May 23

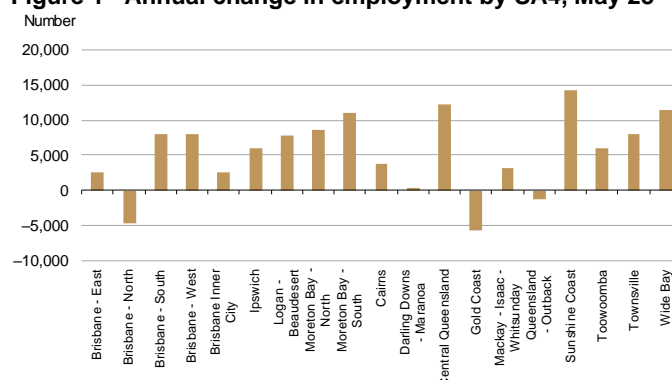
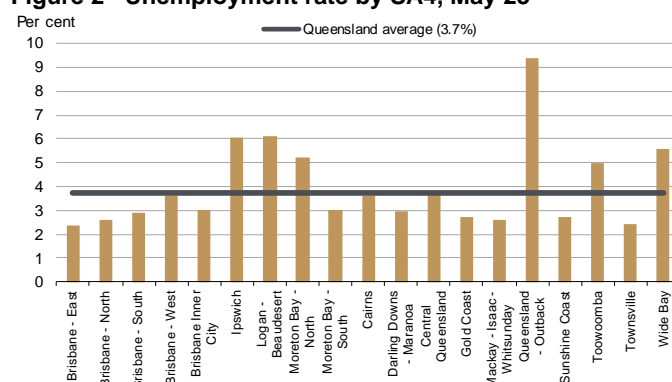


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 23



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.