

# Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Jun 23

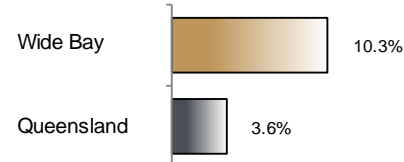
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 July 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4**

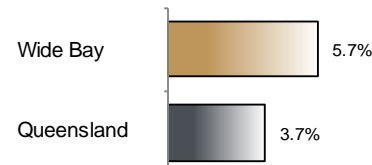
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jun 22	May 23	Jun 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	120,400	131,500	132,700	12,400	10.3
Total unemployed	8,500	7,800	8,000	-400	-5.2
Total labour force	128,800	139,300	140,800	11,900	9.3
Not in the labour force	135,200	133,100	132,500	-2,700	-2.0
Total persons 15+	264,100	272,400	273,300	9,200	3.5
Participation rate (%)	48.8	51.1	51.5	..	2.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	5.6	5.7	..	-0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.3%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.7%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.9 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 51.5%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in June 2023 was 132,700 persons, an increase of 12,400 employed persons, or 10.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in June 2023 was 5.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in June 2023 was 51.5 per cent, an increase of 2.7 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

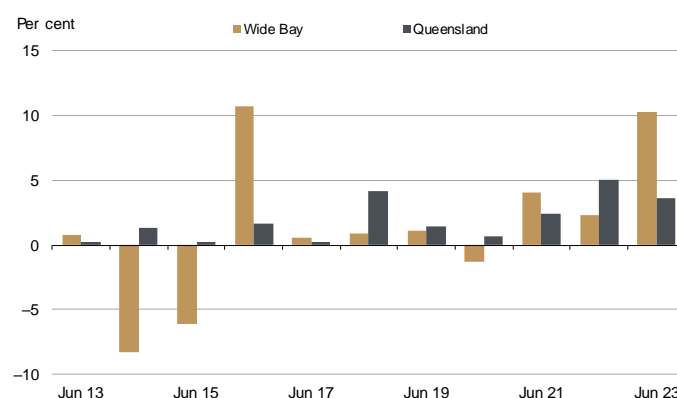
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Wide Bay SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, June 2023**

