

Regional labour force – region summary, Oct 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 November 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Oct 23

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	135,400	4,000	3.1	3.6	1.5	68.1	1.3
Brisbane - North	127,400	-6,800	-5.0	3.3	0.3	68.2	-5.1
Brisbane - South	213,600	4,700	2.3	3.5	-0.0	69.9	0.2
Brisbane - West	105,100	3,500	3.5	3.0	-0.9	69.7	1.0
Brisbane Inner City	196,900	-2,400	-1.2	3.5	1.0	76.9	-1.8
Ipswich	197,000	11,200	6.0	4.6	-1.8	67.1	-0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	195,100	14,300	7.9	4.7	-2.0	67.8	1.2
Moreton Bay - North	120,700	-900	-0.7	5.9	0.5	54.5	-2.3
Moreton Bay - South	127,800	6,400	5.3	3.8	0.7	73.2	1.8
Cairns	140,000	-2,100	-1.5	3.2	-1.1	66.6	-3.6
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,000	-400	-0.6	2.6	-2.6	62.5	-3.7
Central Queensland	128,300	7,000	5.8	4.8	0.8	70.5	2.6
Gold Coast	360,200	-8,800	-2.4	3.1	-0.1	66.0	-3.9
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	106,400	-2,300	-2.1	3.7	1.6	70.7	-2.9
Queensland - Outback	37,100	800	2.1	8.9	-2.2	62.3	-1.6
Sunshine Coast	221,400	21,800	10.9	3.1	0.4	63.8	4.2
Toowoomba	79,700	5,000	6.7	4.3	-0.8	60.4	1.5
Townsville	136,100	7,500	5.8	2.9	0.4	71.9	2.3
Wide Bay	137,000	13,000	10.5	6.0	-0.1	52.7	3.2
Queensland	2,831,200	75,600	2.7	3.9	-0.1	66.5	-0.3

(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 October 2023 with a growth of 21,800 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2023 with an unemployment rate of 2.6 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 October 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2023 with 76.9% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.7%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Oct 23

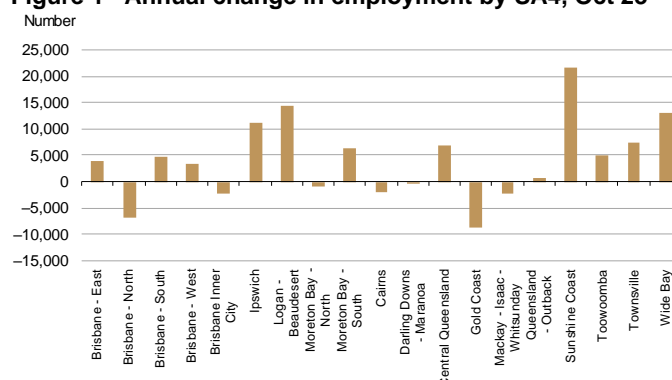
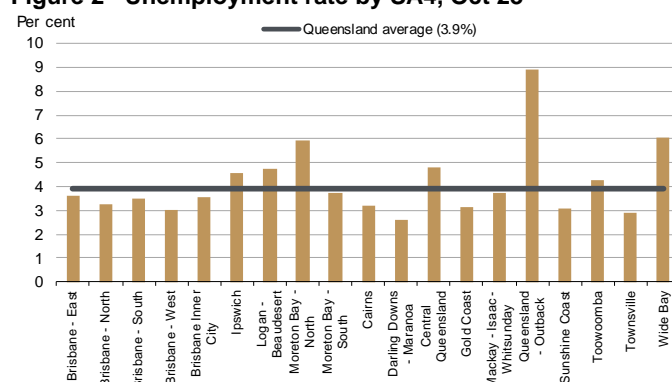


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Oct 23



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.