



# Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Dec 23

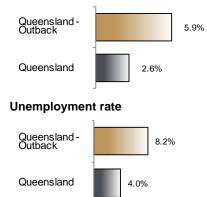
Source: ABS, Labour force, Australia, detailed, released 25 January 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

#### Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

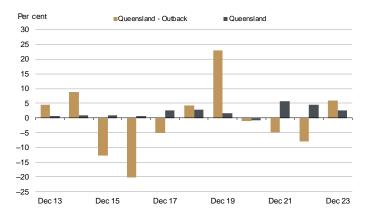
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 22	Nov 23	Dec 23		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	35,200	36,800	37,300	2,100	5.9
Total unemployed	4,500	3,500	3,300	-1,200	-26.1
Total labour force	39,700	40,300	40,600	900	2.3
Not in the labour force	23,700	23,800	23,600	-200	-0.7
Total persons 15+	63,400	64,100	64,200	700	1.1
Participation rate (%)	62.6	62.9	63.3		0.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	11.3	8.7	8.2		-3.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

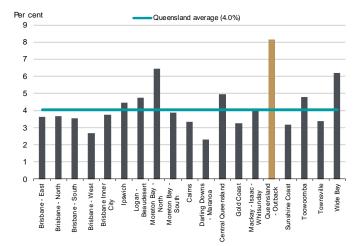
#### Employment growth, annual



#### Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland -Outback SA4



### Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2023



## Key data

Employment (annual change)	…个 5.9%
Unemployment rate	8.2%
Unemployment rate (annual change)	↓ 3.1 ppt
Participation rate	63.3%

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 Queensland Outback SA4 in December 2023 was 37,300 persons, an increase of 2,100 employed persons, or 5.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland Outback SA4 in December 2023 was 8.2 per cent, a decrease of 3.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland Outback SA4 in December 2023 was 63.3 per cent, an increase of 0.7 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.

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