

Regional labour force – region summary, Mar 24

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 24 April 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Mar 24

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	137,100	4,100	3.1	3.4	1.3	69.0	1.5
Brisbane - North	126,000	-2,500	-1.9	4.1	1.6	67.5	-1.8
Brisbane - South	217,700	6,800	3.2	3.9	0.8	70.1	1.0
Brisbane - West	108,600	600	0.6	2.7	-0.9	70.1	-1.7
Brisbane Inner City	208,000	1,100	0.5	4.0	0.9	77.8	-1.9
Ipswich	198,100	12,900	6.9	4.7	-1.8	66.4	0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	199,200	15,300	8.3	4.6	-1.8	67.5	1.2
Moreton Bay - North	120,500	-600	-0.5	6.8	1.4	54.4	-1.5
Moreton Bay - South	127,400	1,200	1.0	4.0	1.2	72.2	-0.9
Cairns	141,200	0	-0.0	3.3	-1.1	66.7	-2.6
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,400	1,900	3.0	2.2	-1.9	63.1	-0.5
Central Queensland	123,800	-2,400	-1.9	4.6	1.0	68.1	-2.2
Gold Coast	366,200	4,200	1.2	3.7	1.3	66.7	-0.5
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	104,600	-1,600	-1.5	3.9	1.3	70.3	-2.0
Queensland - Outback	41,500	700	1.8	4.4	0.1	67.5	0.5
Sunshine Coast	224,100	20,400	10.0	3.6	0.8	65.3	4.5
Toowoomba	78,900	2,700	3.5	4.3	-0.6	59.3	-0.2
Townsville	131,100	500	0.4	3.7	1.5	69.6	-0.4
Wide Bay	139,600	10,300	8.0	4.8	-0.4	52.9	2.1
Queensland	2,860,000	75,600	2.7	4.0	0.3	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 direct survey estimates, 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 of direct survey estimates.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during March 2024 with a growth of 20,400 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2024 with an unemployment rate of 2.2 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 March 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.9 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2024 with 77.8% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.9%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Mar 24

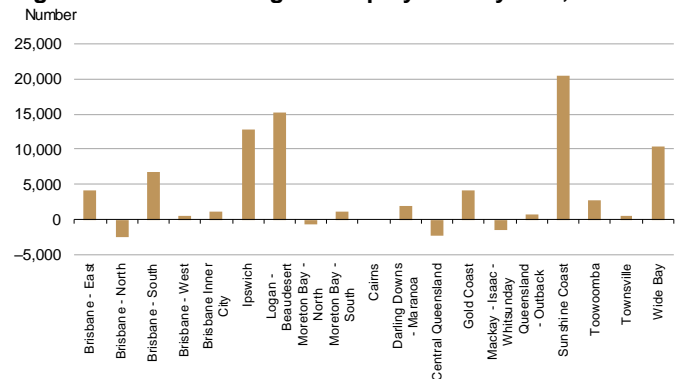
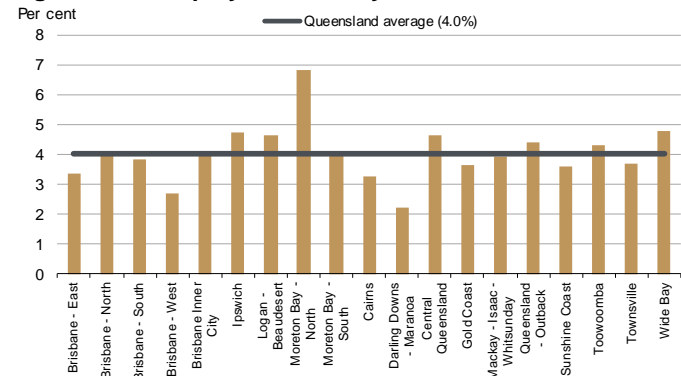


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Mar 24



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.