

# Regional youth unemployment, May 23

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

**Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4**

| SA4                         | May 22      | May 23     | Annual change    |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
|                             | — % —       |            | percentage point |
| Brisbane - East             | 6.1         | 7.1        | 1.0              |
| Brisbane - North            | 11.6        | 6.1        | -5.5             |
| Brisbane - South            | 6.4         | 4.7        | -1.7             |
| Brisbane - West             | 11.7        | 9.9        | -1.8             |
| Brisbane Inner City         | 4.5         | 4.4        | -0.1             |
| Ipswich                     | 13.4        | 14.8       | 1.4              |
| Logan - Beaudesert          | 15.5        | 11.9       | -3.6             |
| Moreton Bay - North         | 11.1        | 9.9        | -1.2             |
| Moreton Bay - South         | 8.5         | 9.0        | 0.5              |
| Cairns                      | 12.4        | 8.4        | -4.0             |
| Darling Downs - Maranoa     | 11.9        | 6.0        | -5.9             |
| Central Queensland          | 7.5         | 9.1        | 1.7              |
| Gold Coast                  | 8.7         | 5.2        | -3.6             |
| Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday | 3.9         | 5.8        | 2.0              |
| Queensland - Outback        | 38.0        | 23.9       | -14.1            |
| Sunshine Coast              | 11.9        | 5.9        | -6.0             |
| Toowoomba                   | 10.5        | 8.0        | -2.5             |
| Townsville                  | 4.7         | 5.5        | 0.8              |
| Wide Bay                    | 17.0        | 12.0       | -5.0             |
| <b>Queensland</b>           | <b>10.0</b> | <b>8.3</b> | <b>-1.8</b>      |

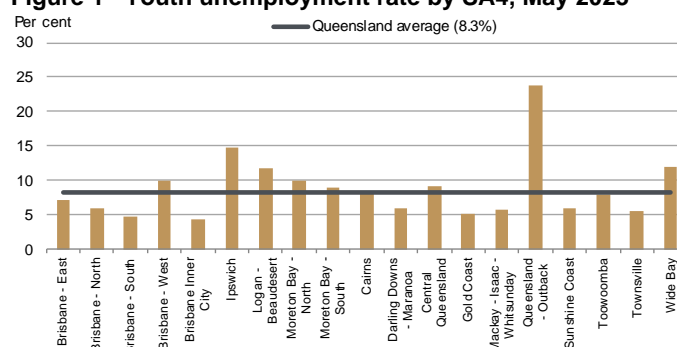
## Main findings

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.

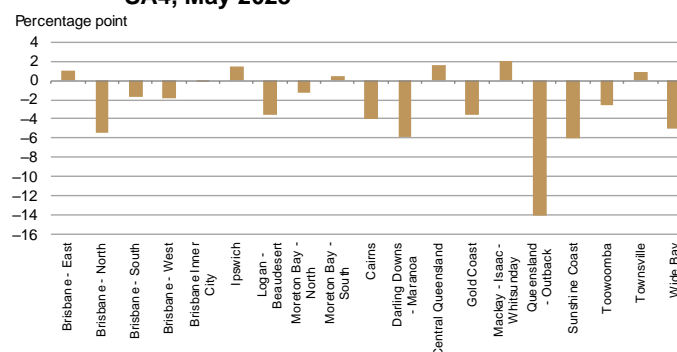
All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2023 with an unemployment rate of 4.4 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2023 with an unemployment rate of 23.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 14.1 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2023 with an unemployment rate increase of 2.0 percentage points (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, May 2023**



**Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, May 2023**



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

Youth refers to persons aged 15 to 24 years.

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.

Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.