

Regional youth unemployment, Dec 23

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Dec 22	Dec 23	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	7.1	10.1	3.0
Brisbane - North	6.7	9.1	2.4
Brisbane - South	4.7	6.8	2.0
Brisbane - West	10.0	6.9	-3.1
Brisbane Inner City	4.1	5.3	1.2
Ipswich	13.2	11.9	-1.3
Logan - Beaudesert	14.1	9.7	-4.4
Moreton Bay - North	9.1	14.3	5.2
Moreton Bay - South	5.3	13.7	8.4
Cairns	10.6	9.2	-1.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	11.8	5.1	-6.7
Central Queensland	6.8	9.3	2.5
Gold Coast	5.6	8.0	2.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	4.3	7.3	3.0
Queensland - Outback	33.7	20.0	-13.7
Sunshine Coast	5.2	7.4	2.2
Toowoomba	7.8	11.3	3.5
Townsville	5.2	8.4	3.1
Wide Bay	15.2	10.3	-4.8
Queensland	8.4	9.1	0.7

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.

- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2023 with an unemployment rate of 5.1 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2023 with an unemployment rate of 20.0 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 December 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 13.7 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Moreton Bay - South SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2023 with an unemployment rate increase of 8.4 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2023

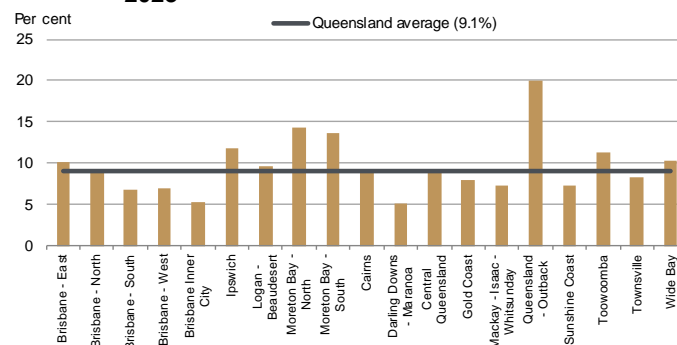
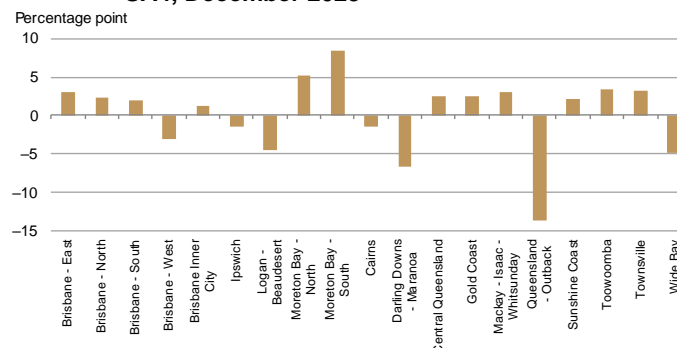


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2023



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.