

Regional youth unemployment, Jan 24

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Jan 23	Jan 24	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	7.0	9.9	2.9
Brisbane - North	6.9	8.7	1.9
Brisbane - South	4.8	7.2	2.4
Brisbane - West	9.7	6.7	-3.0
Brisbane Inner City	3.9	5.6	1.7
Ipswich	13.3	11.4	-1.9
Logan - Beaudesert	13.8	10.1	-3.7
Moreton Bay - North	9.5	15.4	5.9
Moreton Bay - South	6.2	13.0	6.8
Cairns	10.5	9.8	-0.7
Darling Downs - Maranoa	11.3	5.3	-6.0
Central Queensland	6.2	9.2	3.1
Gold Coast	5.2	8.7	3.5
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	4.9	6.7	1.8
Queensland - Outback	30.5	21.8	-8.6
Sunshine Coast	4.9	7.9	2.9
Toowoomba	7.3	13.1	5.8
Townsville	4.8	8.3	3.5
Wide Bay	14.6	10.3	-4.3
Queensland	8.2	9.3	1.1

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 January 2024 with an unemployment rate of 5.3 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2024 with an unemployment rate of 21.8 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 January 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 8.6 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 January 2024 with an unemployment rate increase of 6.8 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, January 2024

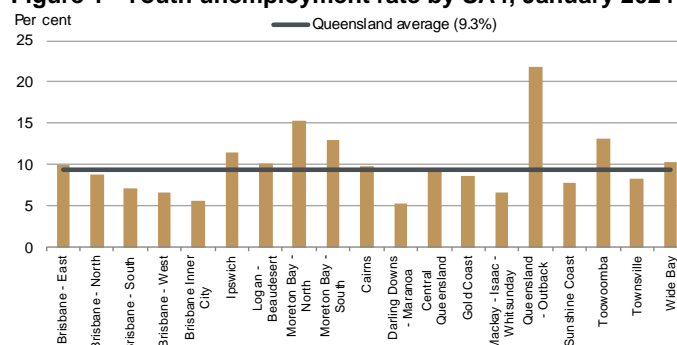
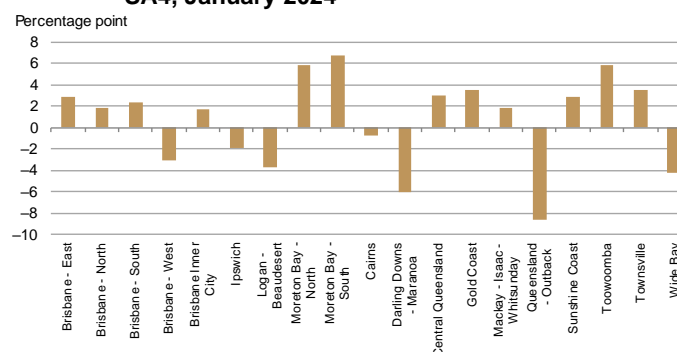


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, January 2024



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.