

# Regional youth unemployment, Mar 24

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

**Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4**

SA4	Mar 23	Mar 24	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	7.0	9.7	2.7
Brisbane - North	5.9	10.7	4.8
Brisbane - South	4.4	7.6	3.2
Brisbane - West	10.3	7.7	-2.6
Brisbane Inner City	4.8	5.8	0.9
Ipswich	14.0	13.3	-0.7
Logan - Beaudesert	13.3	10.2	-3.1
Moreton Bay - North	9.7	15.8	6.1
Moreton Bay - South	8.1	12.4	4.3
Cairns	10.9	8.4	-2.5
Darling Downs - Maranoa	8.8	5.0	-3.8
Central Queensland	7.8	8.8	1.0
Gold Coast	4.2	9.5	5.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	5.8	6.3	0.6
Queensland - Outback	7.5	9.3	1.9
Sunshine Coast	5.9	7.5	1.5
Toowoomba	7.9	11.8	3.9
Townsville	3.8	8.8	5.0
Wide Bay	12.7	8.5	-4.2
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>

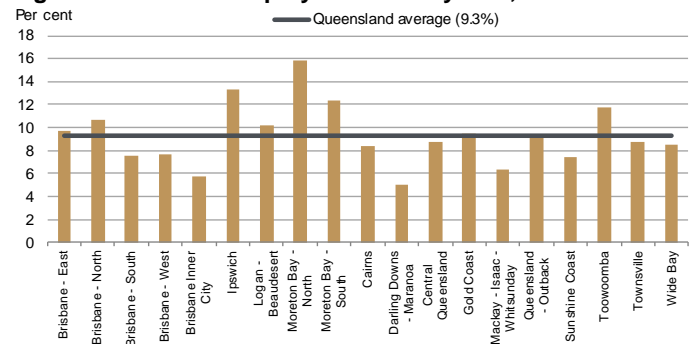
## Main findings

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.

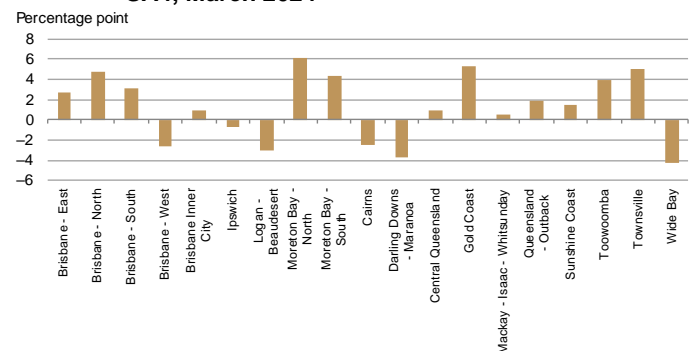
All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of direct survey estimates.

- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2024 with an unemployment rate of 5.0 per cent (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2024 with an unemployment rate of 15.8 per cent (Figure 1).
- Wide Bay SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to March 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 4.2 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to March 2024 with an unemployment rate increase of 6.1 percentage points (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, March 2024**



**Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, March 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.