Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Feb 18

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Table 1  Labour force status, Cairns SA4

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<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<td>Feb 17</td>
<td>Jan 18</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>111,100</td>
<td>117,600</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>9,300</td>
<td>7,400</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>120,300</td>
<td>125,100</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>77,300</td>
<td>75,400</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>197,600</td>
<td>200,500</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>60.9</td>
<td>62.4</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>7.7</td>
<td>5.9</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data
Employment (annual change) ....................... ↑ 6.1%
Unemployment rate ........................................ 5.8%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ............ ↓ 1.9 ppt
Participation rate ........................................... 62.3%
ppt = percentage point

Main findings
Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages. This approach is supported by ABS advice on analysis of regional labour force estimates (see Table 16(b) of Labour Force, Australia, Detailed (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001)).

- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in February 2018 was 117,800 persons, an increase of 6,800 employed persons, or 6.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2018 was 5.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2018 was 62.3 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2011 edition)
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):
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.