Queensland Government Statistician’s Office

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Sep 18
Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 25 October 2018, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1  Labour force status, Cairns SA4

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| Total employed | 117,100 | 115,800 | 115,800 | –1,200 | –1.0%
| Total unemployed | 7,000 | 8,100 | 8,000 | 1,000 | 14.5%
| Total labour force | 124,100 | 123,900 | 123,900 | –200 | –0.2%
| Not in the labour force | 75,500 | 78,700 | 79,000 | 3,500 | 4.6%
| Total persons 15+ | 198,600 | 202,600 | 202,900 | 3,300 | 1.7%
| Participation rate (%) | 62.2 | 61.1 | 61.1 | . . | –1.1 (a)
| Unemployment rate (%) | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.5 | . . | 0.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ..................... 1.0%
Unemployment rate .................................. 6.5%
Unemployment rate (annual change) .......... 0.8 ppt
Participation rate ..................................... 61.1%

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 September 2018 was 115,800 persons, a decrease of 1,200 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2018 was 6.5 per cent, an increase of 0.8 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2018 was 61.1 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 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.