Regional labour force – Mackay SA4, Aug 18
Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 20 September 2018, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay SA4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Total employed — persons —</th>
<th>Total unemployed — persons —</th>
<th>Total labour force — persons —</th>
<th>Not in the labour force — persons —</th>
<th>Total persons 15+ — persons —</th>
<th>Participation rate (%)</th>
<th>Unemployment rate (%)</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<tr>
<td>Aug 17</td>
<td>94,500</td>
<td>5,100</td>
<td>99,600</td>
<td>37,100</td>
<td>136,700</td>
<td>72.9</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td>Jul 18</td>
<td>98,800</td>
<td>3,400</td>
<td>102,200</td>
<td>33,700</td>
<td>135,900</td>
<td>75.2</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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<td>Aug 18</td>
<td>98,400</td>
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<td>101,800</td>
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<td>74.9</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>–33.7%</td>
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<td>Annual change</td>
<td>4,300</td>
<td>–300</td>
<td>–1,800</td>
<td>–300</td>
<td>–300</td>
<td>2.0 (a)</td>
<td>–1.8 (a)</td>
<td>–30.0%</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ......................... ↑ 4.2%
Unemployment rate ......................................... 3.3%
Unemployment rate (annual change) .......... ↓ 1.8 ppt
Participation rate ......................................... 74.9%
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 Mackay SA4 in August 2018 was 98,400 persons, an increase of 3,900 employed persons, or 4.2% over the year (Figure 1).

- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in August 2018 was 3.3 per cent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in August 2018 was 74.9 per cent, an increase of 2.0 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.