Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Dec 17

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Table 1  Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Dec 16</th>
<th>Nov 17</th>
<th>Dec 17</th>
<th>Annual change (persons)</th>
<th>%</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total employed</td>
<td>33,400</td>
<td>31,400</td>
<td>31,300</td>
<td>-2,100</td>
<td>-6.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>4,400</td>
<td>4,800</td>
<td>4,700</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>7.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>37,700</td>
<td>36,200</td>
<td>35,900</td>
<td>-1,800</td>
<td>-4.7</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>25,100</td>
<td>25,700</td>
<td>25,900</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>62,800</td>
<td>61,900</td>
<td>61,900</td>
<td>-800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>11.5</td>
<td>13.2</td>
<td>13.1</td>
<td>-1.9 (a)</td>
<td>1.5 (a)</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) .......... 6.3%
Unemployment rate .................... 13.1%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ... 1.5 ppt
Participation rate ...................... 58.2%
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 Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2017 was 31,300 persons, a decrease of 2,100 employed persons, or 6.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2017 was 13.1 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2017 was 58.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 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.