

# Labour Force – Region Summary, Feb 14

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 20 March 2014, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1: Labour force status by SA4, February 2014**

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate (a)	
	Level	Annual change	Annual change	Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	persons	persons		per cent		per cent	
Brisbane - East	116,500	1,400	1.2	5.6	0.2	68.2	-0.1
Brisbane - North	112,000	3,000	2.7	3.8	-1.4	69.1	-0.2
Brisbane - South	186,900	200	0.1	5.4	0.3	70.3	-0.9
Brisbane - West	95,700	-2,100	-2.2	5.0	-0.1	67.3	-2.5
Brisbane Inner City	147,100	2,300	1.6	5.0	-0.2	73.4	-0.3
Ipswich	143,600	5,500	4.0	8.5	2.2	65.9	2.2
Logan - Beaudesert	137,500	-7,500	-5.2	6.5	0.0	60.4	-4.7
Moreton Bay - North	97,300	2,600	2.7	8.2	1.1	57.3	1.0
Moreton Bay - South	99,400	4,000	4.2	3.1	-1.3	72.5	-0.2
Cairns	111,800	-3,700	-3.2	8.1	-0.6	64.3	-3.6
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,700	2,700	4.1	3.1	0.6	68.7	2.3
Fitzroy	116,000	4,300	3.9	6.4	0.9	68.7	1.3
Gold Coast	278,200	3,000	1.1	5.7	0.3	65.3	-0.4
Mackay	102,200	1,300	1.3	4.7	1.7	74.7	0.3
Queensland - Outback	46,900	4,000	9.4	4.4	-2.3	72.0	3.5
Sunshine Coast	160,000	11,300	7.6	6.1	-0.6	63.0	2.9
Toowoomba	70,200	-200	-0.3	5.2	-2.0	63.0	-2.7
Townsville	112,800	-1,500	-1.3	6.3	1.8	66.9	-1.2
Wide Bay	109,900	-8,800	-7.4	8.3	-0.0	51.3	-5.1
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,310,700</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

## Main findings

Note: All data in this report are based on a 12-month moving average.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during February 2014 with a growth of 11,300 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - South SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2014 with an unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent (Figure 2).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2014 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.3 percentage points (Table 1).
- Mackay SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2014 with 74.7% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.3%.

Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

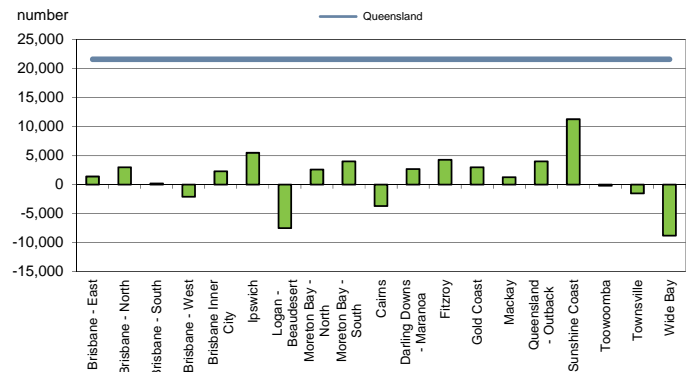
SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2011 edition)

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.

Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.

**Figure 1: Annual change in employment by SA4, February 2014**



**Figure 2: Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2014**

