

Labour force – region summary, Mar 2015

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Table 1: Labour force status by SA4, March 2015

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	persons	persons	per cent	per cent	percentage point	per cent	percentage point
Brisbane - East	122,100	3,700	3.1	4.8	-0.7	69.2	0.6
Brisbane - North	119,200	6,200	5.5	4.7	0.8	72.9	3.5
Brisbane - South	188,400	900	0.5	6.0	0.3	69.9	-0.5
Brisbane - West	90,400	-4,500	-4.8	6.3	1.3	64.9	-2.6
Brisbane Inner City	154,900	6,900	4.6	4.1	-0.6	75.7	1.9
Ipswich	144,000	1,200	0.9	7.9	-0.7	64.5	-1.5
Logan - Beaudesert	124,300	-9,900	-7.4	8.8	2.2	55.4	-3.9
Moreton Bay - North	109,300	10,800	11.0	8.6	0.0	62.5	5.0
Moreton Bay - South	100,700	1,600	1.7	4.7	1.4	72.7	0.2
Cairns	108,500	-2,800	-2.5	7.5	-0.6	60.7	-2.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,100	-2,900	-4.3	3.7	0.4	65.9	-3.3
Fitzroy	117,500	4,000	3.5	5.6	-0.6	69.9	1.0
Gold Coast	292,800	13,500	4.9	5.8	0.1	67.1	2.0
Mackay	99,400	-1,500	-1.5	6.5	2.1	74.1	-0.6
Queensland - Outback	52,300	4,600	9.6	4.9	0.9	80.4	6.9
Sunshine Coast	161,900	700	0.4	7.3	1.2	63.4	0.0
Toowoomba	66,500	-2,900	-4.2	4.8	-0.3	59.5	-3.5
Townsville	112,000	1,100	1.0	8.7	2.2	67.0	0.9
Wide Bay	101,900	-7,600	-6.9	11.0	2.7	48.3	-2.8
Queensland	2,330,300	23,100	1.0	6.5	0.5	65.7	-0.0

(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.

- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during March 2015 with a growth of 13,500 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2015 with an unemployment rate of 3.7 per cent (Figure 2).
- Ipswich SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to March 2015 with an unemployment rate decrease of 0.7 percentage points (Table 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2015 with 80.4% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 48.3%.

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, March 2015

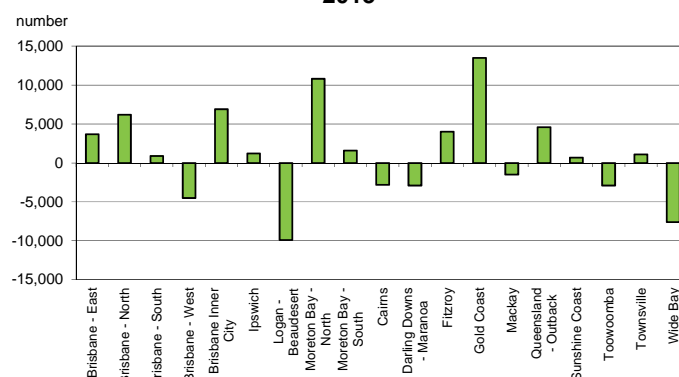
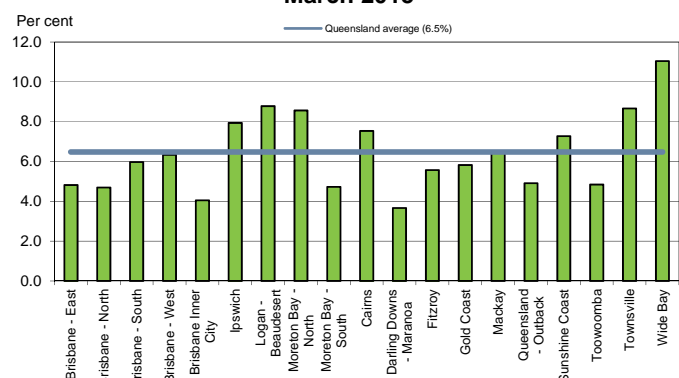


Figure 2: Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2015



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