

Labour force – region summary, May 2015

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Table 1: Labour force status by SA4, May 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	1,700	1.4	5.0	0.2	69.2	0.0
Brisbane - North	117,800	2,600	2.3	5.0	1.0	72.2	1.4
Brisbane - South	189,800	1,400	0.8	5.8	0.0	70.1	-0.5
Brisbane - West	90,300	-4,600	-4.9	6.1	0.6	64.5	-3.2
Brisbane Inner City	154,400	3,700	2.5	4.3	0.1	75.5	0.9
Ipswich	144,700	1,000	0.7	7.4	-1.6	64.2	-2.2
Logan - Beaudesert	124,000	-6,200	-4.8	9.2	2.6	55.4	-2.1
Moreton Bay - North	110,700	10,000	9.9	8.0	-1.3	62.7	3.5
Moreton Bay - South	100,200	1,600	1.7	4.4	0.5	71.8	-0.4
Cairns	108,300	-1,900	-1.7	7.9	-0.2	60.7	-2.2
Darling Downs - Maranoa	63,800	-3,800	-5.6	3.8	0.2	65.5	-4.4
Fitzroy	116,600	1,800	1.6	6.1	0.3	69.6	0.4
Gold Coast	295,300	14,700	5.2	5.8	0.1	67.5	2.2
Mackay	96,900	-4,800	-4.7	7.1	2.8	72.5	-2.5
Queensland - Outback	53,300	4,400	9.0	4.0	-0.5	81.0	5.5
Sunshine Coast	162,800	0	0.0	7.1	0.5	63.5	-0.7
Toowoomba	66,400	-3,100	-4.5	5.1	0.1	59.4	-3.4
Townsville	112,500	4,100	3.7	8.9	2.2	67.3	2.8
Wide Bay	101,100	-7,400	-6.8	11.4	2.8	48.0	-2.7
Queensland	2,331,000	15,400	0.7	6.5	0.5	65.6	-0.3

(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 May 2015 with a growth of 14,700 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2015 with an unemployment rate of 3.8 per cent (Figure 2).
- Ipswich SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2015 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2015 with 81.0% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 48.0%.

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, May 2015

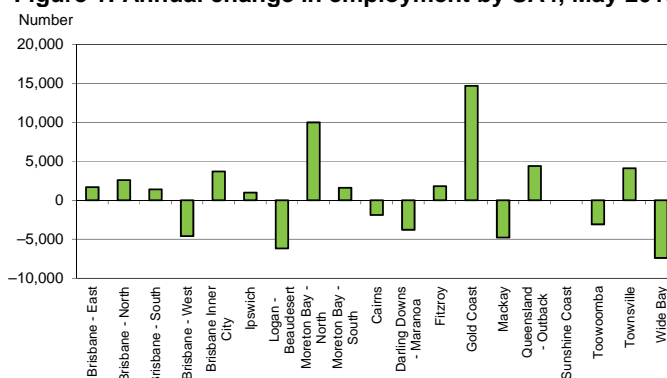


Figure 2: Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2015

