

Labour force – region summary, September 2016

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 27 October 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Sep 16

| SA4 | Employment | | | Unemployment | | Participation rate ^(a) | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | Level | Annual change | | Rate | Annual change | Rate | Annual change |
| | — persons — | | % | % | percentage point | % | percentage point |
| Brisbane - East | 122,000 | -400 | -0.3 | 5.4 | 0.3 | 68.3 | -0.9 |
| Brisbane - North | 113,100 | -3,400 | -2.9 | 5.0 | -0.3 | 68.3 | -3.1 |
| Brisbane - South | 196,900 | 3,400 | 1.8 | 6.1 | 0.9 | 71.9 | 1.0 |
| Brisbane - West | 96,700 | 5,200 | 5.7 | 4.6 | -1.5 | 67.7 | 2.2 |
| Brisbane Inner City | 158,300 | 6,300 | 4.1 | 3.6 | -1.1 | 75.9 | 1.4 |
| Ipswich | 148,200 | 1,600 | 1.1 | 8.4 | 1.8 | 64.8 | 0.6 |
| Logan - Beaudesert | 133,700 | 11,600 | 9.5 | 6.0 | -2.8 | 56.8 | 2.6 |
| Moreton Bay - North | 112,000 | 800 | 0.7 | 6.8 | -0.6 | 61.1 | -1.2 |
| Moreton Bay - South | 102,900 | 3,600 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 71.7 | 1.0 |
| Cairns | 108,600 | 1,500 | 1.4 | 8.6 | 0.4 | 60.4 | 0.3 |
| Darling Downs - Maranoa | 65,600 | 3,300 | 5.3 | 3.1 | -0.9 | 66.4 | 2.3 |
| Fitzroy | 118,000 | 4,500 | 4.0 | 5.8 | -1.8 | 69.4 | 0.6 |
| Gold Coast | 308,000 | 8,500 | 2.8 | 5.5 | -0.1 | 68.8 | 0.7 |
| Mackay | 96,000 | 2,100 | 2.2 | 6.2 | -1.6 | 70.0 | -0.7 |
| Queensland - Outback | 37,000 | -12,100 | -24.6 | 13.3 | 8.0 | 61.7 | -13.9 |
| Sunshine Coast | 164,300 | -200 | -0.1 | 4.7 | -2.0 | 61.4 | -2.3 |
| Toowoomba | 68,800 | 1,100 | 1.6 | 4.5 | -0.6 | 60.8 | 0.1 |
| Townsville | 99,700 | -9,900 | -9.1 | 10.1 | 1.7 | 59.6 | -5.6 |
| Wide Bay | 113,500 | 8,500 | 8.1 | 9.0 | -2.2 | 51.8 | 2.1 |
| Queensland | 2,363,500 | 36,000 | 1.5 | 6.1 | -0.3 | 65.2 | -0.1 |

(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 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)).

In the September 2016 edition of the Labour Force Survey, the ABS noted the incoming rotation group of new survey participants for Queensland was 'noticeably different in its labour force characteristics' to the rest of the survey sample. To reduce the incoming group's unusual influence on the September 2016 estimates, the remaining 7/8 of the Queensland sample has temporarily been given a greater weighting.

- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with a growth of 11,600 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.8 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with 75.9% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.8%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Sep 16

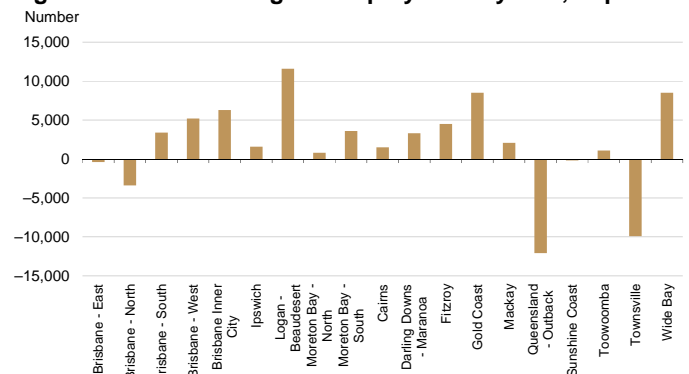
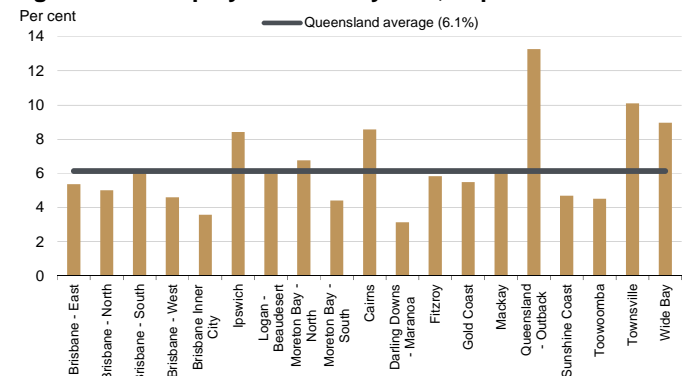


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Sep 16



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.