Regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, May 18

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 21 June 2018, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1  Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>May 17 — persons</th>
<th>Apr 18 — persons</th>
<th>May 18 — persons</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total employed</td>
<td>74,400</td>
<td>75,000</td>
<td>75,100</td>
<td>700</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>4,400</td>
<td>4,300</td>
<td>4,200</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>78,800</td>
<td>79,300</td>
<td>79,400</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>43,000</td>
<td>44,100</td>
<td>44,200</td>
<td>1,200</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>121,800</td>
<td>123,400</td>
<td>123,600</td>
<td>1,200</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>64.7</td>
<td>64.3</td>
<td>64.2</td>
<td>-0.5 (a)</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>5.6</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>5.3</td>
<td>-0.3 (a)</td>
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</tbody>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ......................... ↑ 1.0%
Unemployment rate .................................... 5.3%
Unemployment rate (annual change) .......... ↓ 0.3 ppt
Participation rate ................................ 64.2%
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 Toowoomba SA4 in May 2018 was 75,100 persons, an increase of 700 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in May 2018 was 5.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in May 2018 was 64.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point 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.

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