Labour force – Townsville SA4, Nov 16
Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1   Labour force status, Townsville SA4

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<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<td>Nov 15</td>
<td>Oct 16</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>108,400</td>
<td>98,900</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>9,500</td>
<td>11,700</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>117,900</td>
<td>110,500</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>66,200</td>
<td>75,800</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>184,100</td>
<td>186,400</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>84.0</td>
<td>99.3</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>8.0</td>
<td>10.6</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data
Employment (annual change)....................↓ 9.7%
Unemployment rate ................................11.0%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ............↑ 2.9 ppt
Participation rate..................................59.0%

Employment growth, annual
Townsville -9.7%
Queensland 0.8%

Unemployment rate
Townsville 11.0%
Queensland 6.1%

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 Townsville SA4 in November 2016 was 97,900 persons, a decrease of 10,500 employed persons, or 9.7% over the year (Figure 1).

• The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2016 was 11.0 per cent, an increase of 2.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

• The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2016 was 59.0 per cent, a decrease of 5.1 percentage points 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.