Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Aug 17

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 21 September 2017, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1  Labour force status, Townsville SA4

| Year ending | Aug 16 | Jul 17 | Aug 17 | Annual change | %
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---|
| — persons — |        |        |        | — persons —   | %
| Total employed | 100,300 | 100,300 | 104,400 | 4,100 | 4.1
| Total unemployed | 11,200  | 10,600 | 10,200 | -1,000 | -8.8
| Total labour force | 111,500 | 110,900 | 114,600 | 3,100 | 2.8
| Not in the labour force | 74,400  | 74,800 | 74,000 | -400 | -0.5
| Total persons 15+ | 185,900 | 185,800 | 188,700 | 2,800 | 1.5
| Participation rate (%) | 60.0    | 60.3   | 60.8   | 0.8 (a) | 0.8
| Unemployment rate (%) | 10.0    | 9.3    | 8.9    | -1.1 (a) | -1.1

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) .................. ↑ 4.1%
Unemployment rate ........................... 8.9%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ........... ↓ 1.1 ppt
Participation rate .................. 60.8%
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 Townsville SA4 in August 2017 was 104,400 persons, an increase of 4,100 employed persons, or 4.1% over the year (Figure 1).

• The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in August 2017 was 8.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

• The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in August 2017 was 60.8 per cent, an increase of 0.8 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.