

# Regional youth unemployment, September 2016

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**Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4**

SA4	Sep 15	Sep 16	Annual change percentage point
	— % —		
Brisbane - East	10.6	16.9	6.3
Brisbane - North	9.9	8.9	-1.0
Brisbane - South	11.9	12.9	1.0
Brisbane - West	9.8	11.6	1.8
Brisbane Inner City	12.3	5.8	-6.5
Ipswich	14.8	13.6	-1.3
Logan - Beaudesert	17.7	13.9	-3.8
Moreton Bay - North	13.3	16.6	3.3
Moreton Bay - South	9.9	11.5	1.5
Cairns	21.8	27.1	5.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	8.7	7.1	-1.6
Fitzroy	14.4	8.7	-5.7
Gold Coast	14.1	12.6	-1.4
Mackay	15.1	9.2	-5.9
Queensland - Outback	20.9	34.9	14.1
Sunshine Coast	11.4	9.8	-1.7
Toowoomba	9.9	10.8	0.9
Townsville	19.9	16.1	-3.8
Wide Bay	21.8	22.4	0.6
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>

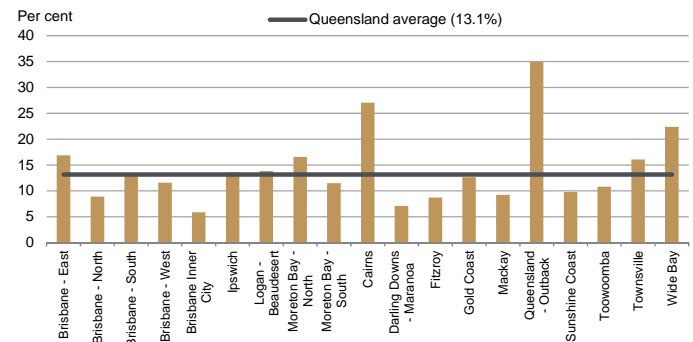
## Main findings

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)).

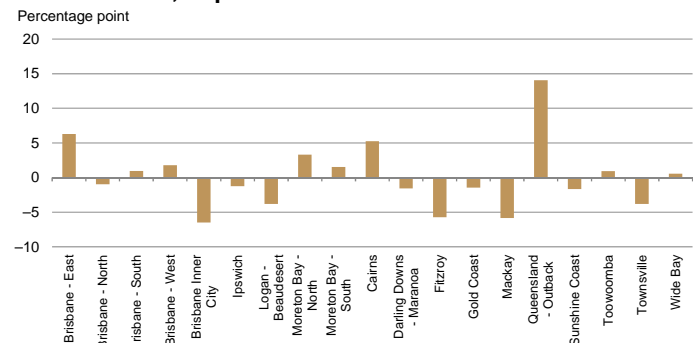
In the September 2016 edition of the Labour Force Survey, the ABS noted the incoming rotation group of new survey participants for Queensland was 'noticeably different in its labour force characteristics' to the rest of the survey sample. To reduce the incoming group's unusual influence on the September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

- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with an unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with an unemployment rate of 34.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2016 with a youth unemployment rate decrease of 6.5 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2016 with a youth unemployment rate increase of 14.1 percentage points (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016**



**Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016**



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

Youth refers to persons aged 15 to 24 years.

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.

Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.