

Regional youth unemployment, December 2016

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Dec 15	Dec 16	Annual change
	— % —		
Brisbane - East	11.4	19.5	8.0
Brisbane - North	8.7	9.0	0.3
Brisbane - South	10.9	13.6	2.7
Brisbane - West	8.8	13.8	5.0
Brisbane Inner City	11.2	5.6	-5.6
Ipswich	13.8	13.8	0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	16.9	13.4	-3.5
Moreton Bay - North	14.1	15.3	1.2
Moreton Bay - South	11.8	9.8	-2.0
Cairns	20.3	26.3	6.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	7.8	9.3	1.5
Fitzroy	13.0	10.5	-2.5
Gold Coast	12.7	12.7	-0.1
Mackay	16.2	8.6	-7.6
Queensland - Outback	25.6	34.4	8.8
Sunshine Coast	9.6	10.7	1.1
Toowoomba	9.4	10.4	0.9
Townsville	18.4	19.5	1.0
Wide Bay	20.6	24.7	4.0
Queensland	13.2	13.6	0.4

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)).

- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2016 with an unemployment rate of 5.6 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2016 with an unemployment rate of 34.4 per cent (Figure 1).
- Mackay SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 7.6 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 December 2016 with an unemployment rate increase of 8.8 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016

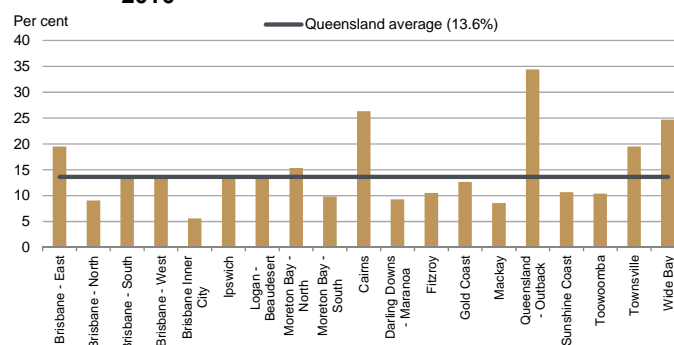
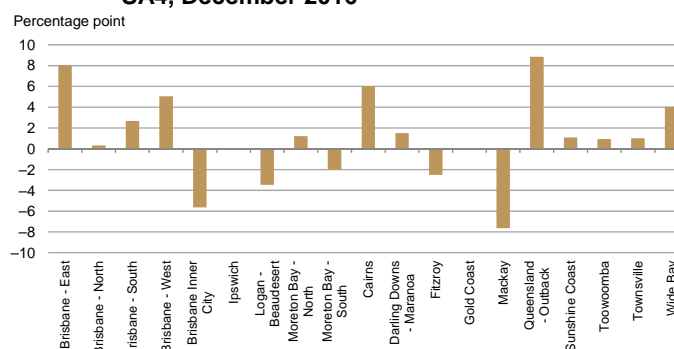


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



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.