

Regional youth unemployment, February 2017

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Feb 16	Feb 17	Annual change percentage point
	— % —		
Brisbane - East	13.5	20.1	6.6
Brisbane - North	9.5	9.1	-0.4
Brisbane - South	11.2	14.4	3.2
Brisbane - West	7.6	15.0	7.4
Brisbane Inner City	10.8	4.8	-6.0
Ipswich	13.2	13.8	0.6
Logan - Beaudesert	15.3	12.8	-2.5
Moreton Bay - North	14.5	14.4	-0.1
Moreton Bay - South	13.3	9.7	-3.6
Cairns	21.7	22.8	1.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	8.0	9.0	1.0
Fitzroy	11.9	12.0	0.1
Gold Coast	12.9	11.9	-1.0
Mackay	15.3	8.9	-6.4
Queensland - Outback	29.1	38.2	9.1
Sunshine Coast	8.4	11.3	2.9
Toowoomba	7.8	9.9	2.1
Townsville	17.1	21.8	4.7
Wide Bay	20.1	24.6	4.5
Queensland	13.0	13.6	0.6

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 February 2017 with an unemployment rate of 4.8 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2017 with an unemployment rate of 38.2 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 February 2017 with an unemployment rate decrease of 6.4 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 February 2017 with an unemployment rate increase of 9.1 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2017

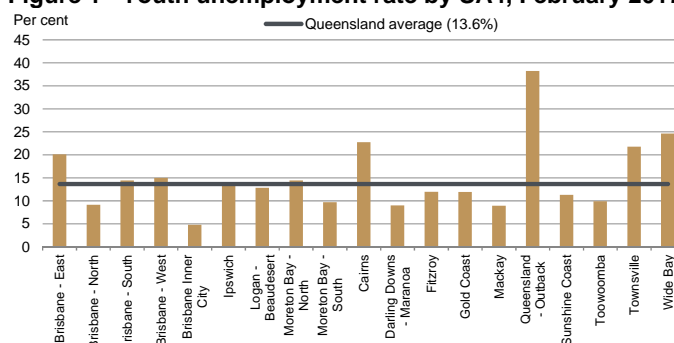
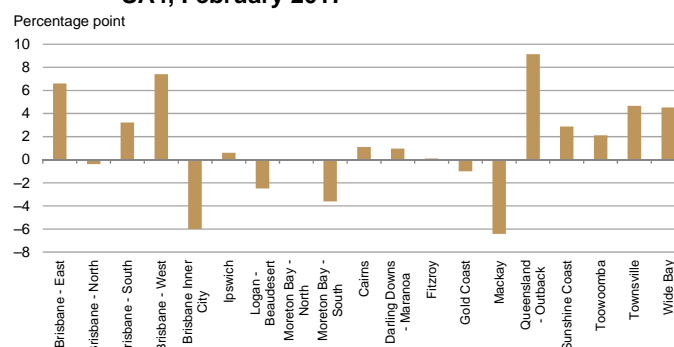


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2017



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.