Regional youth unemployment, September 2018

Table 1  Youth unemployment rate by SA4

| SA4                  | Sep 17 | Sep 18 | Annual change  
|---------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|
|                     | — %    | — %    | percentage point  
| Brisbane - East     | 17.0   | 9.4    | –    7.5  
| Brisbane - North    | 12.4   | 11.1   | –1.3  
| Brisbane - South    | 13.4   | 13.0   | –0.4  
| Brisbane - West     | 15.6   | 11.9   | –3.7  
| Brisbane Inner City | 5.8    | 7.3    | 1.5  
| Ipswich             | 12.4   | 14.2   | 1.8  
| Logan - Beaudesert  | 14.9   | 15.6   | 0.7  
| Moreton Bay - North | 13.7   | 19.1   | 5.3  
| Moreton Bay - South | 10.5   | 14.8   | 4.3  
| Cairns              | 13.9   | 14.1   | 0.3  
| Darling Downs - Maranoa | 7.9   | 13.7   | 5.8  
| Fitzroy             | 12.6   | 12.9   | 0.3  
| Gold Coast          | 9.7    | 7.7    | –2.0  
| Mackay              | 11.0   | 6.2    | –4.8  
| Queensland - Outback| 57.6   | 36.7   | –21.0  
| Sunshine Coast      | 11.7   | 15.1   | 3.5  
| Toowoomba           | 9.9    | 11.6   | 1.6  
| Townsville          | 22.3   | 16.7   | –5.6  
| Wide Bay            | 25.8   | 23.5   | –2.3  
| Queensland          | 13.2   | 13.0   | –0.2  

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)).

- Mackay SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2018 with an unemployment rate of 6.2 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2018 with an unemployment rate of 36.7 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2018 with an unemployment rate decrease of 21.0 percentage points (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2018 with an unemployment rate increase of 5.8 percentage points (Figure 2).

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