

Regional youth unemployment, December 2018

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Dec 17	Dec 18	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	12.3	9.5	-2.8
Brisbane - North	11.3	11.8	0.5
Brisbane - South	12.7	13.1	0.4
Brisbane - West	14.0	11.3	-2.7
Brisbane Inner City	5.6	9.3	3.7
Ipswich	12.6	13.5	0.9
Logan - Beaudesert	16.0	16.0	-0.0
Moreton Bay - North	15.1	18.8	3.7
Moreton Bay - South	11.8	16.1	4.3
Cairns	13.7	13.4	-0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	9.3	12.7	3.4
Fitzroy	12.5	13.6	1.1
Gold Coast	9.8	7.7	-2.1
Mackay	9.9	7.0	-2.9
Queensland - Outback	62.1	25.7	-36.3
Sunshine Coast	11.6	14.7	3.1
Toowoomba	10.6	12.2	1.5
Townsville	19.5	17.3	-2.1
Wide Bay	27.1	19.8	-7.3
Queensland	13.1	12.8	-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 December 2018 with an unemployment rate of 7.0 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2018 with an unemployment rate of 25.7 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 December 2018 with an unemployment rate decrease of 36.3 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Moreton Bay - South SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2018 with an unemployment rate increase of 4.3 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2018

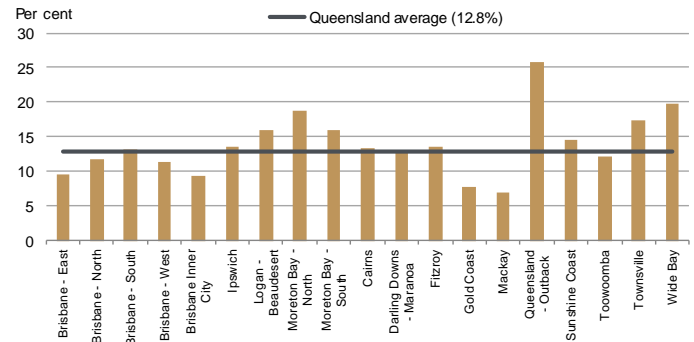
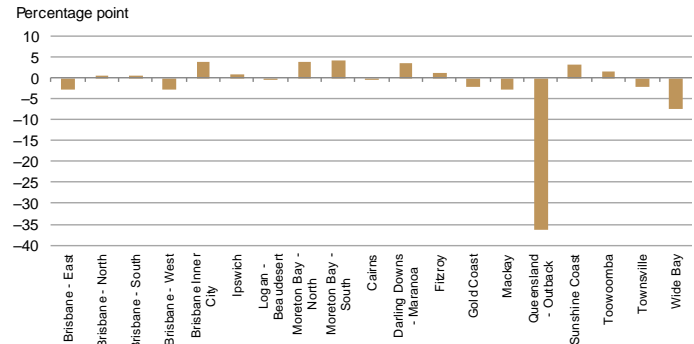


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2018



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.