

Regional youth unemployment, February 2019

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 28 March 2019, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Feb 18	Feb 19	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	10.3	9.0	-1.3
Brisbane - North	10.3	11.7	1.4
Brisbane - South	13.2	10.7	-2.6
Brisbane - West	14.5	11.5	-3.1
Brisbane Inner City	6.4	9.5	3.1
Ipswich	13.7	11.5	-2.2
Logan - Beaudesert	17.2	15.8	-1.3
Moreton Bay - North	16.9	17.8	0.9
Moreton Bay - South	12.3	16.2	3.9
Cairns	15.3	11.0	-4.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	8.9	13.2	4.3
Fitzroy	12.2	14.2	2.0
Gold Coast	9.5	8.1	-1.4
Mackay	9.1	7.3	-1.8
Queensland - Outback	61.1	23.4	-37.7
Sunshine Coast	11.6	15.1	3.5
Toowoomba	11.2	13.5	2.2
Townsville	18.0	17.4	-0.6
Wide Bay	28.4	18.7	-9.8
Queensland	13.4	12.5	-0.9

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)).

Note: Due to flooding in Townsville in February 2019, there was a very low responding sample for the Townsville SA4. As a result, the ABS have imputed sample for this region in February 2019. See Insights from the Original Data (<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@nsf/mf/6291.0.55.001>) on the ABS website for further detail. Whilst QGSO publish 12-month averages to remove volatility due to small sample sizes, users should exercise caution when looking at Townsville data between January and February 2019.

- Mackay SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2019 with an unemployment rate of 7.3 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2019 with an unemployment rate of 23.4 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 February 2019 with an unemployment rate decrease of 37.7 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2019 with an unemployment rate increase of 4.3 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2019

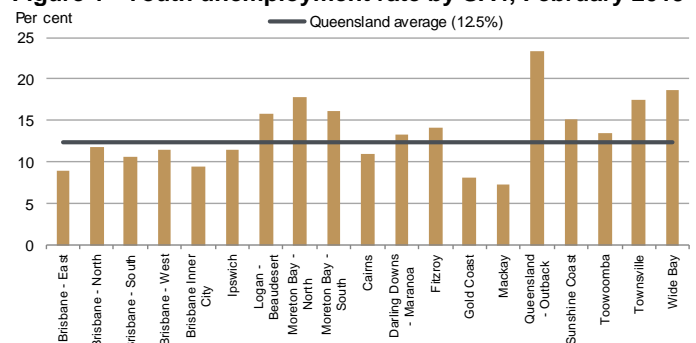
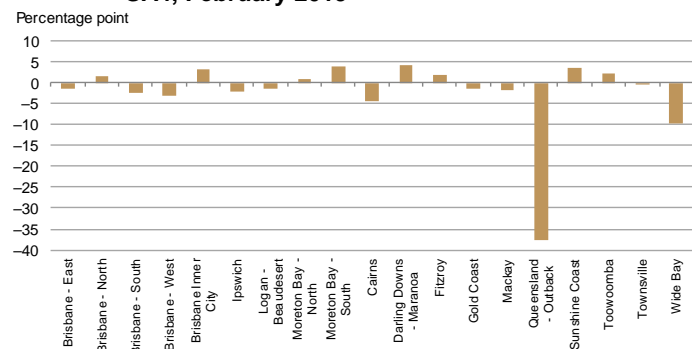


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2019



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.