Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Jan 19

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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

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<th>Year ending</th>
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<td>Jan 18</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>105,500</td>
<td>108,000</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>9,600</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>115,100</td>
<td>118,100</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>67,200</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>182,300</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>63.1</td>
<td>64.2</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>8.3</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..........................↑ 1.8%
Unemployment rate .............................................8.4%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ...........↑ 0.1 ppt
Participation rate ................................................63.7%
ppt = percentage point

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)).

- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in January 2019 was 107,400 persons, an increase of 1,900 employed persons, or 1.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in January 2019 was 8.4 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in January 2019 was 63.7 per cent, an increase of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2011 edition)
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):
- 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.
- Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.

Employment growth, annual

- Townsville 1.8%
- Queensland 2.4%

Unemployment rate

- Townsville 8.4%
- Queensland 6.2%

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2019