Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Feb 19

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Table 1  Labour force status, Cairns SA4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Total employed</th>
<th>Total unemployed</th>
<th>Total labour force</th>
<th>Not in the labour force</th>
<th>Participation rate (%)</th>
<th>Unemployment rate (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Feb 18</td>
<td>117,000</td>
<td>7,200</td>
<td>124,100</td>
<td>75,200</td>
<td>62.3</td>
<td>5.8</td>
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<td>Jan 19</td>
<td>116,500</td>
<td>7,100</td>
<td>123,700</td>
<td>78,300</td>
<td>61.2</td>
<td>5.8</td>
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<td>Feb 19</td>
<td>118,000</td>
<td>6,900</td>
<td>124,900</td>
<td>74,200</td>
<td>61.7</td>
<td>5.5</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change).......................... ↑ 0.9%
Unemployment rate .................................... 5.5%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ............... ↓ 0.3 ppt
Participation rate ..................................... 61.7%
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 Cairns SA4 in February 2019 was 118,000 persons, an increase of 1,000 employed persons, or 0.9% over the year (Figure 1).

- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2019 was 5.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2019 was 61.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 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.