Table 1  Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

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<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Apr 18</th>
<th>Mar 19</th>
<th>Apr 19</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<td>— persons —</td>
<td>111,300</td>
<td>112,400</td>
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<td>1,100 (1.0%)</td>
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<td>— persons —</td>
<td>11,700</td>
<td>9,300</td>
<td>9,100</td>
<td>–2,600 (–22.4%)</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>122,900</td>
<td>121,600</td>
<td>121,400</td>
<td>–1,500 (–1.2%)</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>119,300</td>
<td>124,700</td>
<td>124,900</td>
<td>5,400 (4.3%)</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>242,300</td>
<td>244,700</td>
<td>245,000</td>
<td>2,700 (1.1%)</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>50.8</td>
<td>49.7</td>
<td>49.6</td>
<td>–1.2 (a)</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>7.6</td>
<td>7.5</td>
<td>–2.0 (a)</td>
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Key data

- Employment (annual change) ..........↑ 1.0%
- Unemployment rate ....................7.5%
- Unemployment rate (annual change) ..........↓ 2.0 ppt

Main findings

- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in April 2019 was 112,400 persons, an increase of 1,100 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in April 2019 was 7.5 per cent, a decrease of 2.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in April 2019 was 49.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 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

- Wide Bay: 1.0%
- Queensland: 1.8%

Unemployment rate

- Wide Bay: 7.5%
- Queensland: 6.0%

Figure 1  Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

Figure 2  Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2019