

Regional labour force – region summary, August 2019

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Aug 19

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	131,100	4,900	3.9	4.9	-0.1	71.1	1.4
Brisbane - North	126,600	3,600	2.9	4.9	-0.7	73.1	0.4
Brisbane - South	199,300	-200	-0.1	6.6	1.4	69.5	-0.3
Brisbane - West	88,700	-3,000	-3.3	5.8	-0.1	60.9	-2.9
Brisbane Inner City	178,000	11,700	7.0	4.6	0.6	75.2	2.9
Ipswich	164,800	2,800	1.7	7.0	-1.1	64.7	-1.4
Logan - Beaudesert	155,100	-3,400	-2.2	8.0	1.3	63.2	-1.8
Moreton Bay - North	103,500	-9,800	-8.6	9.1	0.5	55.2	-6.1
Moreton Bay - South	115,800	7,000	6.5	4.8	-0.4	73.0	2.0
Cairns	127,200	12,500	10.9	4.5	-2.0	65.4	4.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	63,900	700	1.1	5.3	0.7	65.8	0.8
Central Queensland	114,400	4,100	3.7	6.2	-0.4	69.2	2.1
Gold Coast	342,200	11,200	3.4	5.6	1.2	70.0	1.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	85,100	-13,400	-13.6	5.7	2.4	66.5	-8.4
Queensland - Outback	37,500	4,700	14.3	13.7	2.1	70.2	10.5
Sunshine Coast	186,100	9,000	5.1	5.7	-0.5	63.1	1.2
Toowoomba	69,000	-6,700	-8.8	4.5	-0.8	57.4	-7.2
Townsville	107,500	-200	-0.2	7.1	-2.4	62.4	-2.5
Wide Bay	112,700	300	0.3	7.3	-1.9	49.5	-1.5
Queensland	2,508,600	35,800	1.4	6.1	0.0	65.7	-0.3

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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)).

- Cairns SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during August 2019 with a growth of 12,500 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2019 with an unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent (Figure 2).
- Townsville SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to August 2019 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.4 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2019 with 75.2% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 49.5%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Aug 19

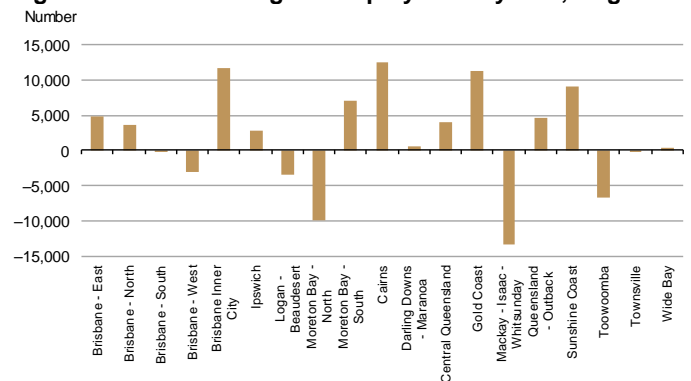
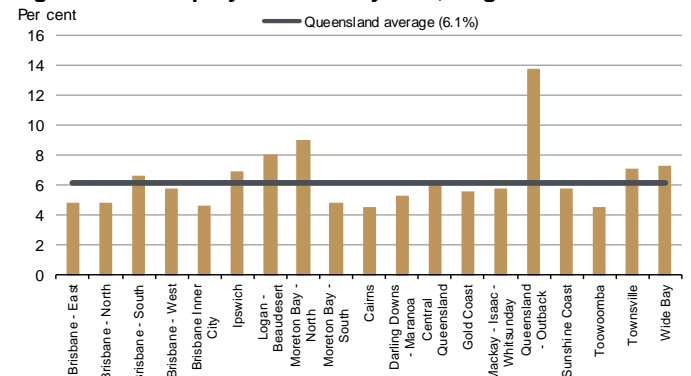


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Aug 19



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 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.

Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.