

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Sep 19

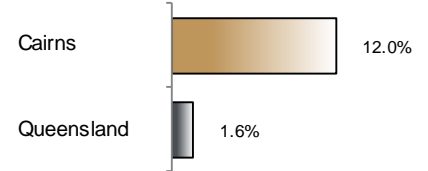
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4**

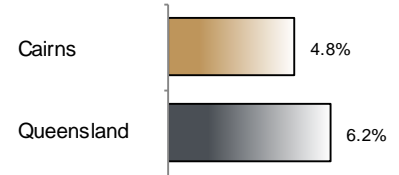
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 18	Aug 19	Sep 19	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	114,600	127,200	128,400	13,800	12.0
Total unemployed	8,000	6,100	6,500	-1,500	-18.8
Total labour force	122,600	133,200	134,900	12,300	10.0
Not in the labour force	78,400	70,600	69,100	-9,200	-11.8
Total persons 15+	200,900	203,800	204,000	3,100	1.5
Participation rate (%)	61.0	65.4	66.1	..	5.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.5	4.5	4.8	..	-1.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 12.0%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 4.8%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.7 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 66.1%

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 September 2019 was 128,400 persons, an increase of 13,800 employed persons, or 12.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2019 was 4.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2019 was 66.1 per cent, an increase of 5.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

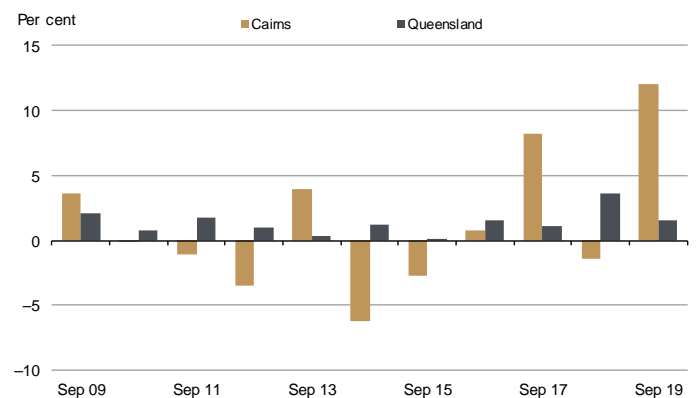
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2019**

