

Regional labour force – region summary, September 2019

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Sep 19

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	131,200	4,400	3.4	4.7	-0.3	71.0	1.0
Brisbane - North	126,000	1,900	1.5	4.9	-0.5	72.7	-0.5
Brisbane - South	200,400	2,200	1.1	6.7	1.2	69.8	0.3
Brisbane - West	89,900	-1,500	-1.6	5.8	0.0	61.7	-1.8
Brisbane Inner City	178,500	11,100	6.6	4.5	0.3	75.2	2.5
Ipswich	165,900	4,100	2.5	7.1	-1.0	65.0	-0.8
Logan - Beaudesert	156,100	-2,800	-1.8	8.0	1.3	63.5	-1.5
Moreton Bay - North	102,300	-10,600	-9.4	8.9	0.1	54.5	-6.8
Moreton Bay - South	116,000	7,100	6.5	5.1	-0.1	73.2	2.3
Cairns	128,400	13,800	12.0	4.8	-1.7	66.1	5.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,200	600	0.9	4.9	-0.1	65.8	0.2
Central Queensland	115,300	4,400	4.0	6.5	-0.2	69.9	2.4
Gold Coast	342,800	11,400	3.4	5.8	1.5	70.1	1.5
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	85,200	-12,600	-12.9	5.8	2.4	66.6	-7.8
Queensland - Outback	38,300	5,600	16.9	13.1	0.6	71.2	11.0
Sunshine Coast	186,600	8,800	5.0	5.8	-0.6	63.2	1.0
Toowoomba	67,400	-8,300	-11.0	4.4	-1.2	55.8	-8.8
Townsville	107,600	-400	-0.4	7.3	-1.9	62.5	-2.2
Wide Bay	112,900	200	0.2	7.3	-1.5	49.5	-1.3
Queensland	2,514,900	39,300	1.6	6.2	0.1	65.8	-0.2

(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 September 2019 with a growth of 13,800 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2019 with an unemployment rate of 4.4 per cent (Figure 2).
- Townsville SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2019 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.9 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2019 with 75.2% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 49.5%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Sep 19

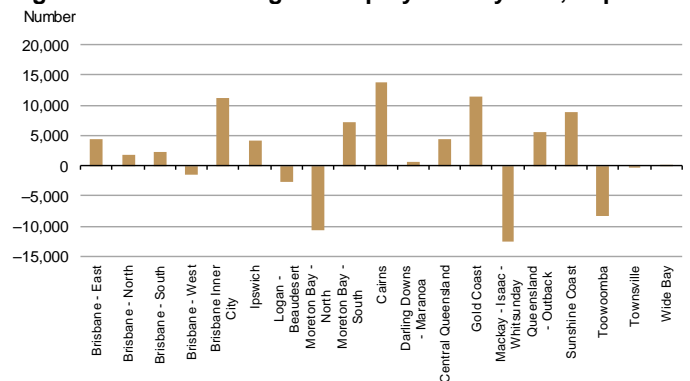
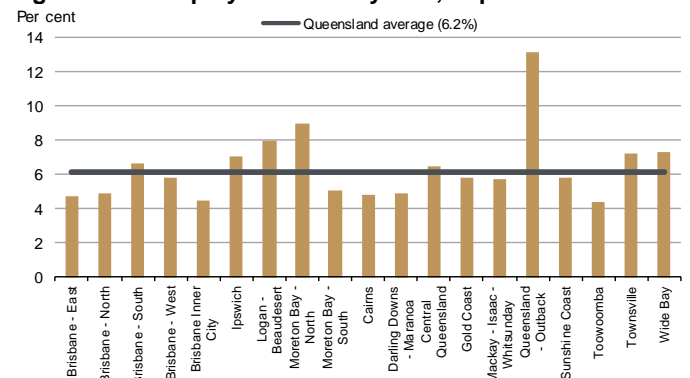


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Sep 19



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.