

# Regional labour force – region summary, October 2019

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**Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Oct 19**

SA4	Employment		Unemployment		Participation rate <sup>(a)</sup>		
	Level — persons —	Annual change %	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	
Brisbane - East	131,000	3,300	2.6	4.7	-0.3	70.8	0.4
Brisbane - North	125,400	900	0.7	4.9	-0.6	72.2	-1.2
Brisbane - South	201,900	5,300	2.7	6.6	0.9	70.2	1.2
Brisbane - West	91,000	500	0.6	5.9	-0.0	62.4	-0.4
Brisbane Inner City	179,500	11,100	6.6	4.4	0.0	75.3	2.2
Ipswich	166,400	4,800	3.0	7.2	-0.7	65.2	-0.3
Logan - Beaudesert	156,600	-2,100	-1.3	8.2	1.6	63.7	-1.0
Moreton Bay - North	101,700	-10,800	-9.6	9.0	0.1	54.1	-6.9
Moreton Bay - South	115,600	6,300	5.7	5.1	-0.3	72.8	1.6
Cairns	129,500	14,300	12.5	4.8	-1.6	66.6	5.5
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,500	500	0.8	4.4	-0.7	65.8	-0.3
Central Queensland	115,400	3,900	3.5	6.8	-0.0	70.2	2.3
Gold Coast	342,900	10,700	3.2	5.8	1.5	70.0	1.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	85,300	-11,700	-12.0	5.6	2.1	66.5	-7.4
Queensland - Outback	39,100	6,700	20.6	12.2	-1.1	71.8	11.8
Sunshine Coast	187,400	9,700	5.4	5.9	-0.5	63.4	1.4
Toowoomba	65,700	-10,800	-14.2	4.7	-0.7	54.5	-10.5
Townsville	107,700	-500	-0.4	7.5	-1.4	62.7	-1.9
Wide Bay	113,300	1,200	1.0	7.4	-1.2	49.7	-0.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,520,000</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

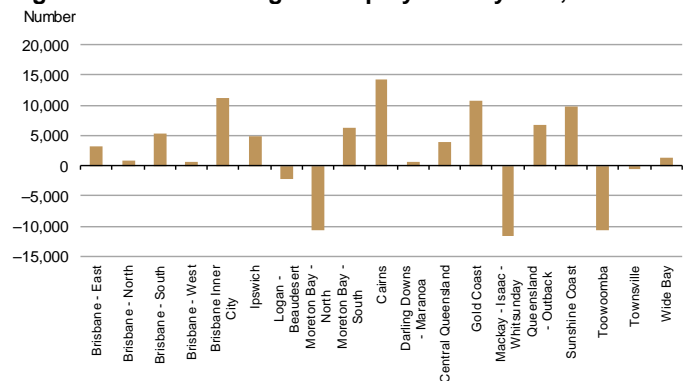
(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

## Main findings

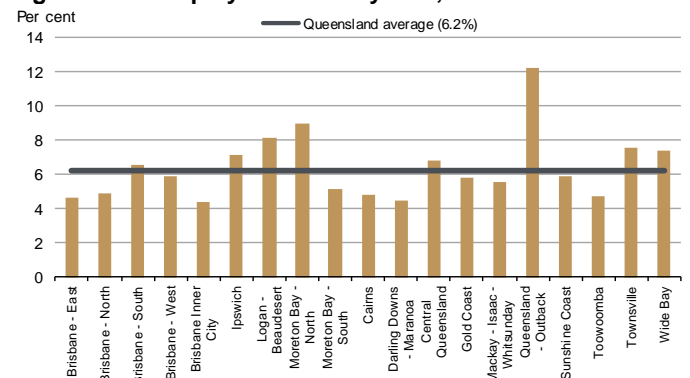
Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages. This approach is supported by ABS advice on analysis of regional labour force estimates (see Table 16(b) of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001)).

- Cairns SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during October 2019 with a growth of 14,300 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2019 with an unemployment rate of 4.4 per cent (Figure 2).
- Cairns SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to October 2019 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2019 with 75.3% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 49.7%.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Oct 19**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Oct 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.