Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Oct 19

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Table 1  Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

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<th>Year ending Oct 18</th>
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<th>Annual change</th>
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<td>— persons</td>
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<td>persons %</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>177,800</td>
<td>186,600</td>
<td>187,400</td>
<td>9,700</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>12,200</td>
<td>11,500</td>
<td>11,800</td>
<td>—400</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>189,900</td>
<td>198,100</td>
<td>199,200</td>
<td>9,300</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>116,100</td>
<td>115,300</td>
<td>114,900</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>306,100</td>
<td>313,400</td>
<td>314,100</td>
<td>8,000</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>62.1</td>
<td>63.2</td>
<td>63.4</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>6.4</td>
<td>5.8</td>
<td>5.9</td>
<td>—0.5 (a)</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..................↑ 5.4%
Unemployment rate ......................... 5.9%
Unemployment rate (annual change) .......↓ 0.5 ppt
Participation rate............................ 63.4%
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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2019 was 187,400 persons, an increase of 9,700 employed persons, or 5.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2019 was 5.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2019 was 63.4 per cent, an increase of 1.4 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.