Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Dec 19

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Table 1  Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

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<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<td>Dec 18</td>
<td>Nov 19</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>336,900</td>
<td>341,500</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>15,300</td>
<td>20,900</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>352,200</td>
<td>362,400</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>156,000</td>
<td>158,400</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>508,200</td>
<td>520,800</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>69.3</td>
<td>69.6</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>4.3</td>
<td>5.8</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual
- Gold Coast: 0.9%
- Queensland: 1.8%

Unemployment rate
- Gold Coast: 5.7%
- Queensland: 6.1%

Key data
- Employment (annual change) .................. ↑ 0.9%
- Unemployment rate .................................. 5.7%
- Unemployment rate (annual change) ........... ↑ 1.4 ppt
- Participation rate .................................. 69.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings
- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2019 was 340,000 persons, an increase of 3,100 employed persons, or 0.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2019 was 5.7 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2019 was 69.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point 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.