

# Regional labour force – region summary, December 2019

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**Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Dec 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	2,500	1.9	4.2	-1.2	70.5	-0.5
Brisbane - North	124,000	-2,500	-2.0	5.1	-0.4	71.0	-3.1
Brisbane - South	202,800	8,500	4.4	6.4	0.4	70.4	2.1
Brisbane - West	93,000	3,600	4.0	6.1	0.6	63.7	2.0
Brisbane Inner City	181,100	10,800	6.3	4.0	-0.7	75.2	1.5
Ipswich	168,600	7,400	4.6	7.4	-0.3	65.7	0.9
Logan - Beaudesert	157,800	-200	-0.1	8.0	0.9	63.8	-0.7
Moreton Bay - North	101,600	-9,500	-8.5	8.1	-1.3	53.4	-7.0
Moreton Bay - South	115,000	3,400	3.1	5.3	0.2	72.0	0.1
Cairns	130,700	15,300	13.2	4.8	-1.4	67.5	6.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,700	1,500	2.3	3.4	-2.1	66.8	-0.1
Central Queensland	115,900	3,100	2.8	6.9	0.4	70.5	1.9
Gold Coast	340,000	3,100	0.9	5.7	1.4	69.1	-0.2
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	86,500	-9,100	-9.5	5.9	2.4	67.3	-5.4
Queensland - Outback	40,400	7,500	22.9	11.8	-1.8	73.3	12.3
Sunshine Coast	189,500	10,500	5.8	6.1	-0.1	63.8	1.7
Toowoomba	63,600	-12,600	-16.6	4.4	-1.5	52.7	-12.4
Townsville	108,500	600	0.6	8.0	-0.5	63.6	-0.6
Wide Bay	112,500	0	0.0	7.9	-0.3	49.5	-0.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,528,100</b>	<b>43,600</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

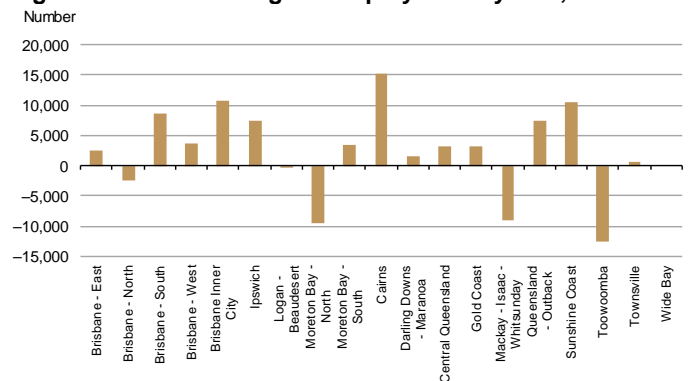
(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

## Main findings

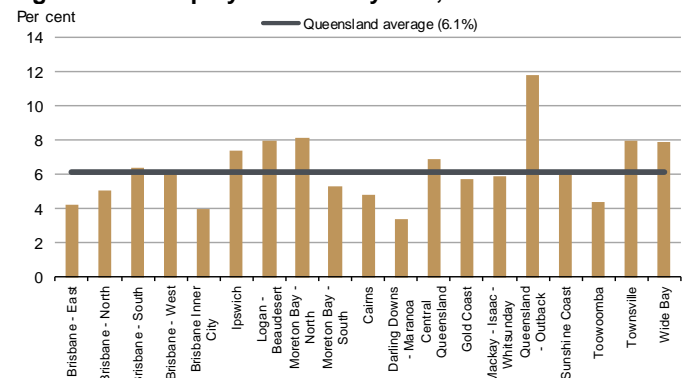
Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages. This approach is supported by ABS advice on analysis of regional labour force estimates (see Table 16(b) of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001)).

- Cairns SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during December 2019 with a growth of 15,300 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2019 with an unemployment rate of 3.4 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2019 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.1 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2019 with 75.2% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 49.5%.

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



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Dec 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.