

# Regional labour force – region summary, January 2020

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**Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jan 20**

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	130,300	1,500	1.2	4.1	-1.4	70.0	-1.3
Brisbane - North	123,200	-3,800	-3.0	5.1	-0.4	70.5	-3.8
Brisbane - South	203,200	9,200	4.7	6.3	0.4	70.4	2.3
Brisbane - West	93,600	4,900	5.6	6.0	0.6	63.9	2.9
Brisbane Inner City	182,500	11,500	6.7	3.9	-0.8	75.5	1.7
Ipswich	169,200	8,100	5.0	7.7	0.6	66.0	1.8
Logan - Beaudesert	158,700	1,000	0.6	8.1	1.0	64.2	-0.1
Moreton Bay - North	102,000	-8,200	-7.5	8.1	-1.3	53.5	-6.3
Moreton Bay - South	114,700	2,300	2.0	5.5	0.2	71.7	-0.7
Cairns	131,700	15,400	13.3	5.1	-0.6	68.2	6.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,300	2,100	3.3	3.2	-2.8	67.1	0.1
Central Queensland	116,700	3,500	3.1	6.6	-0.0	70.7	1.9
Gold Coast	339,100	600	0.2	5.7	1.3	68.7	-0.8
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	87,300	-6,900	-7.3	6.1	2.6	68.1	-3.5
Queensland - Outback	40,700	7,100	21.2	11.5	-2.2	73.6	11.3
Sunshine Coast	189,700	10,700	6.0	6.0	-0.4	63.6	1.6
Toowoomba	62,800	-13,400	-17.6	4.4	-1.6	51.9	-13.1
Townsville	109,500	2,300	2.2	7.9	-0.5	64.1	0.5
Wide Bay	112,300	0	-0.0	8.3	0.2	49.6	-0.5
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,533,500</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>

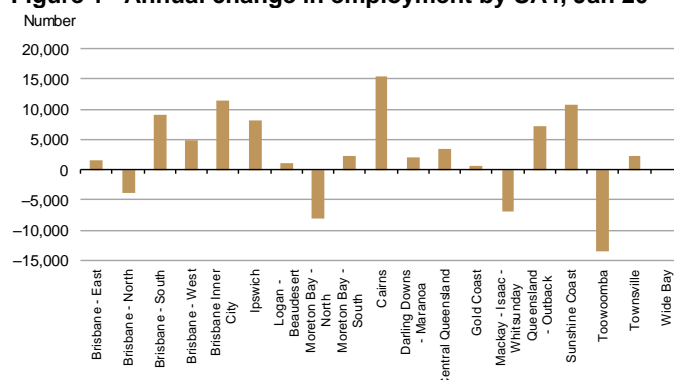
(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

## Main findings

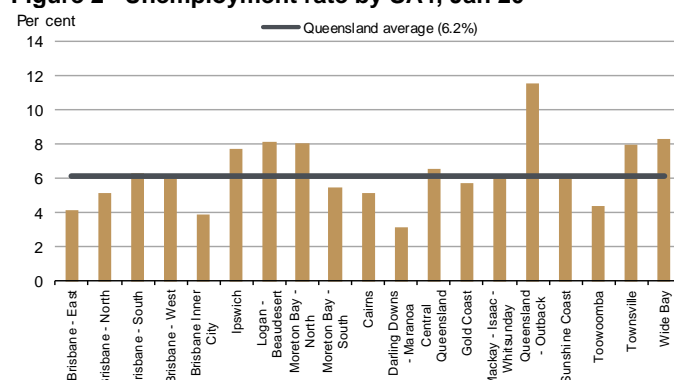
Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages. This approach is supported by ABS advice on analysis of regional labour force estimates (see Table 16(b) of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001)).

- Cairns SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during January 2020 with a growth of 15,400 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2020 with an unemployment rate of 3.2 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 January 2020 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.8 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2020 with 75.5% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 49.6%.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jan 20**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Jan 20**



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.