

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Jan 20

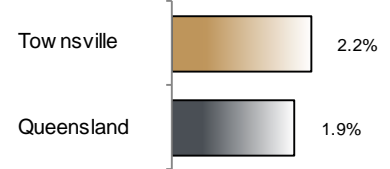
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4**

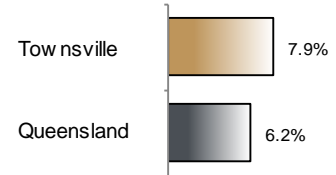
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,200	108,500	109,500	2,300	2.2
Total unemployed	9,900	9,400	9,400	-400	-4.4
Total labour force	117,100	117,900	118,900	1,900	1.6
Not in the labour force	66,800	67,400	66,500	-300	-0.4
Total persons 15+	183,800	185,300	185,500	1,600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	63.7	63.6	64.1	..	0.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	8.0	7.9	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.2%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 7.9%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.5 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 64.1%

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 Townsville SA4 in January 2020 was 109,500 persons, an increase of 2,300 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in January 2020 was 7.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in January 2020 was 64.1 per cent, an increase of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

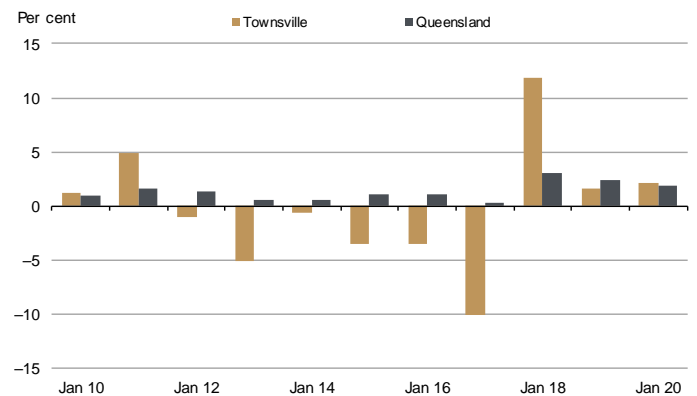
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2020**

