

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Feb 20

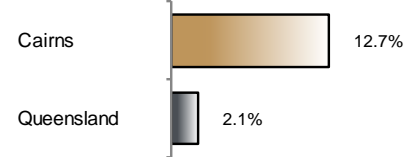
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

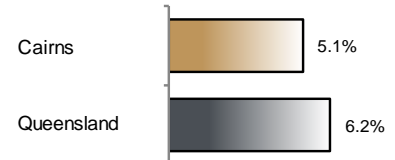
| | Year ending | | | Annual change | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
| | Feb 19 | Jan 20 | Feb 20 | persons | % |
| | — persons — | | | persons | % |
| Total employed | 117,600 | 131,600 | 132,600 | 14,900 | 12.7 |
| Total unemployed | 6,800 | 7,100 | 7,200 | 300 | 4.7 |
| Total labour force | 124,500 | 138,800 | 139,700 | 15,300 | 12.3 |
| Not in the labour force | 77,000 | 64,800 | 64,000 | -13,000 | -16.9 |
| Total persons 15+ | 201,400 | 203,500 | 203,700 | 2,200 | 1.1 |
| Participation rate (%) | 61.8 | 68.2 | 68.6 | .. | 6.8 (a) |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | .. | -0.4 (a) |

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 12.7%
 Unemployment rate 5.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.6%

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 Cairns SA4 in February 2020 was 132,600 persons, an increase of 14,900 employed persons, or 12.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2020 was 5.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2020 was 68.6 per cent, an increase of 6.8 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.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4

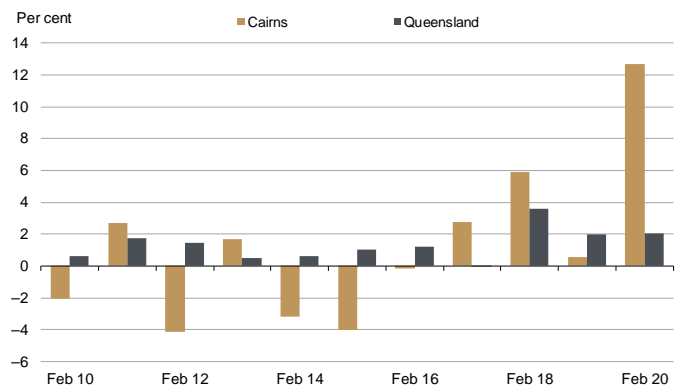


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2020

