Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Mar 20

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Table 1   Labour force status, Cairns SA4

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<td>Mar 19</td>
<td>Feb 20</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>118,700</td>
<td>132,600</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>6,600</td>
<td>7,200</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>125,300</td>
<td>139,700</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>76,300</td>
<td>64,000</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>201,600</td>
<td>203,700</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>62.2</td>
<td>68.6</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>5.3</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ......................... ↑ 12.4%
Unemployment rate ..................................... 5.2%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ............ ↓ 0.1 ppt
Participation rate ..................................... 69.0%

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 March 2020 was 133,400 persons, an increase of 14,700 employed persons, or 12.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in March 2020 was 5.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 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 March 2020 was 69.0 per cent, an increase of 6.9 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, March 2020

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