

Regional labour force – region summary, March 2020

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 23 April 2020, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Mar 20

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	129,000	100	0.1	4.1	-1.4	69.1	-2.0
Brisbane - North	122,300	-5,400	-4.2	5.3	0.2	70.0	-4.3
Brisbane - South	203,100	8,600	4.4	6.4	0.2	70.2	2.0
Brisbane - West	95,200	8,000	9.2	5.9	0.2	64.9	4.9
Brisbane Inner City	185,000	12,700	7.4	3.8	-0.8	76.1	2.2
Ipswich	169,400	6,500	4.0	7.8	1.1	65.9	1.6
Logan - Beaudesert	160,100	4,100	2.6	7.8	0.3	64.4	0.7
Moreton Bay - North	103,400	-5,000	-4.6	8.0	-1.4	54.0	-4.6
Moreton Bay - South	114,300	100	0.0	5.7	0.5	71.3	-1.8
Cairns	133,400	14,700	12.4	5.2	-0.1	69.0	6.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,800	2,900	4.5	2.8	-3.4	67.5	0.5
Central Queensland	117,300	3,000	2.7	6.4	0.2	70.9	1.9
Gold Coast	336,200	-4,400	-1.3	5.5	0.9	67.8	-2.1
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	89,700	-1,600	-1.7	5.3	1.3	69.4	-0.3
Queensland - Outback	41,800	7,700	22.7	10.9	-3.2	75.0	11.6
Sunshine Coast	189,300	8,700	4.8	5.7	-0.5	63.1	0.9
Toowoomba	63,000	-12,100	-16.1	5.0	-0.3	52.4	-11.2
Townsville	111,200	4,300	4.0	7.7	-0.2	64.9	1.9
Wide Bay	112,300	-200	-0.2	9.2	1.6	50.0	0.2
Queensland	2,542,800	52,600	2.1	6.1	0.0	65.9	0.2

(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 March 2020 with a growth of 14,700 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2020 with an unemployment rate of 2.8 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 March 2020 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.4 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2020 with 76.1% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 50.0%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Mar 20

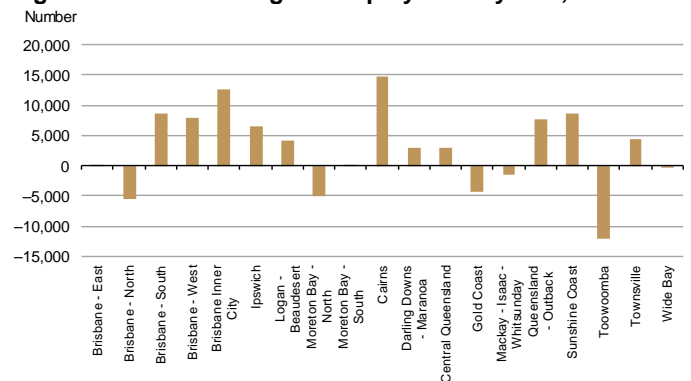
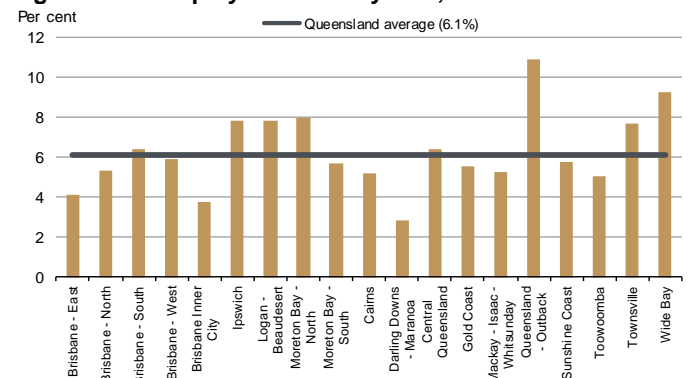


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Mar 20



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.