

Regional labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Apr 20

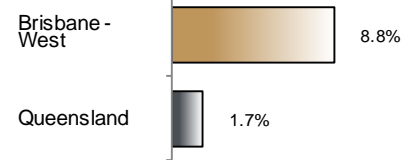
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - West SA4

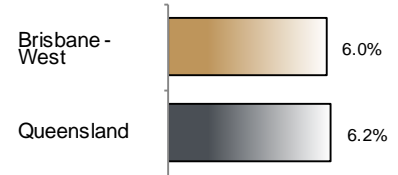
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 19	Mar 20	Apr 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	87,400	95,200	95,000	7,700	8.8
Total unemployed	5,100	6,000	6,100	1,000	20.0
Total labour force	92,400	101,200	101,100	8,700	9.4
Not in the labour force	61,700	54,700	55,000	-6,700	-10.9
Total persons 15+	154,100	155,900	156,100	1,900	1.3
Participation rate (%)	60.0	64.9	64.8	..	4.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	5.9	6.0	..	0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 8.8%
 Unemployment rate 6.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate 64.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force survey data, the ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to reduce the volatility of the underlying original data. This volatility means it can be difficult to detect real world phenomena, such as those caused by the social distancing measures introduced to combat COVID-19, in the data. **As a result, it is not recommended regional labour force data be used to assess the impact of COVID-19.**

- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in April 2020 was 95,000 persons, an increase of 7,700 employed persons, or 8.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in April 2020 was 6.0 per cent, an increase of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in April 2020 was 64.8 per cent, an increase of 4.8 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, Brisbane - West SA4

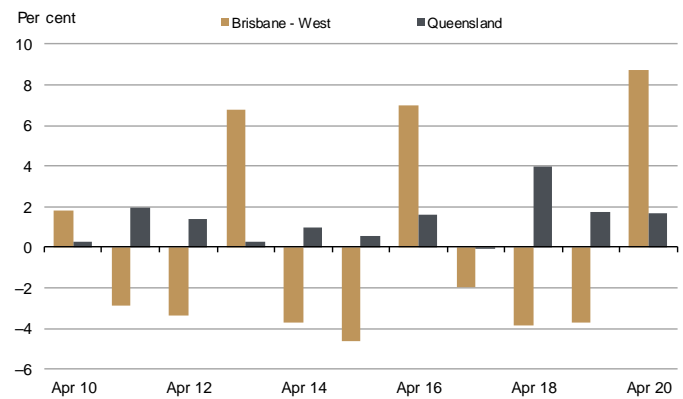


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2020

