

Regional labour force – Ipswich SA4, Apr 20

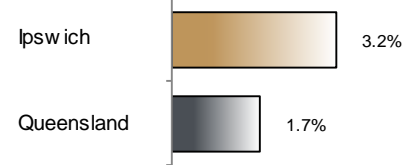
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Table 1 Labour force status, Ipswich SA4

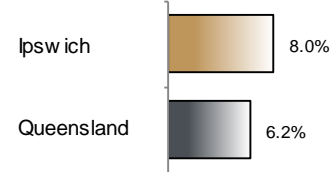
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 19	Mar 20	Apr 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	163,800	169,400	169,000	5,200	3.2
Total unemployed	11,500	14,300	14,800	3,300	28.3
Total labour force	175,300	183,700	183,800	8,400	4.8
Not in the labour force	96,600	94,900	95,400	-1,200	-1.2
Total persons 15+	271,900	278,600	279,200	7,300	2.7
Participation rate (%)	64.5	65.9	65.8	..	1.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	7.8	8.0	..	1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.2%
 Unemployment rate 8.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.5 ppt
 Participation rate 65.8%

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 Ipswich SA4 in April 2020 was 169,000 persons, an increase of 5,200 employed persons, or 3.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in April 2020 was 8.0 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in April 2020 was 65.8 per cent, an increase of 1.3 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, Ipswich SA4

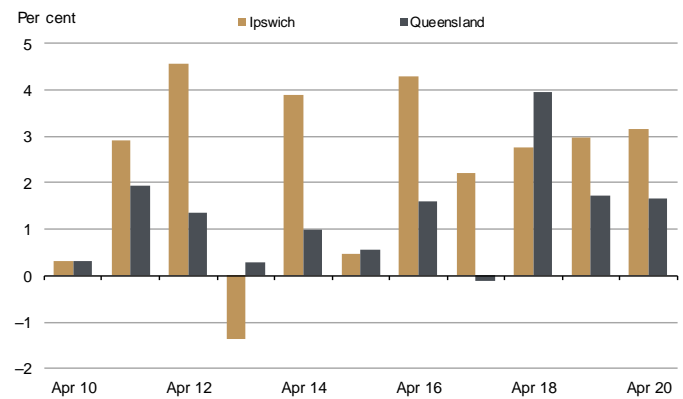


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2020

