Regional labour force – Ipswich SA4, Apr 20

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Table 1  Labour force status, Ipswich SA4

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<th>Apr 19</th>
<th>March 20</th>
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<th>Annual change</th>
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<td>persons</td>
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<td>Total employed</td>
<td>163,800</td>
<td>169,400</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>11,500</td>
<td>14,300</td>
<td>14,800</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>175,300</td>
<td>183,700</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>96,800</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>271,900</td>
<td>278,600</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>64.5</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

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.

Employment growth, annual

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Unemployment rate

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Figure 1  Annual change in employment, Ipswich SA4

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Figure 2  Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2020

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