

Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Apr 20

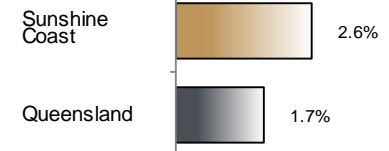
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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

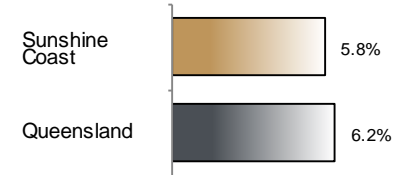
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 19	Mar 20	Apr 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	182,400	189,300	187,200	4,800	2.6
Total unemployed	11,500	11,500	11,600	100	0.6
Total labour force	193,900	200,900	198,800	4,900	2.5
Not in the labour force	116,900	117,700	120,500	3,600	3.1
Total persons 15+	310,800	318,500	319,200	8,400	2.7
Participation rate (%)	62.4	63.1	62.3	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.9	5.7	5.8	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.6%
 Unemployment rate 5.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate 62.3%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2020 was 187,200 persons, an increase of 4,800 employed persons, or 2.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2020 was 5.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2020 was 62.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point 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, Sunshine Coast SA4

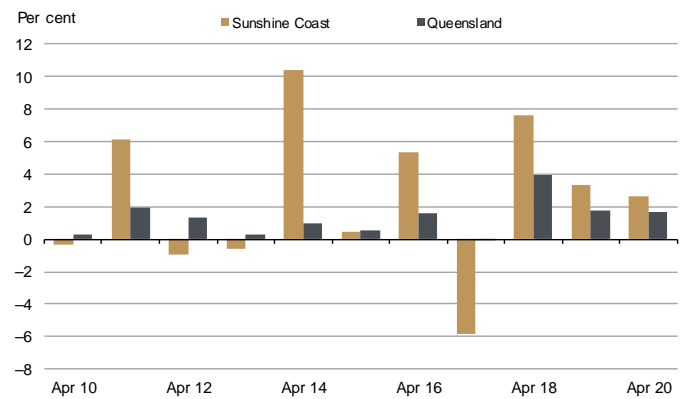


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2020

