

Regional labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, May 20

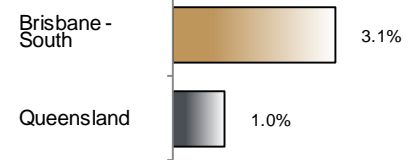
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - South SA4

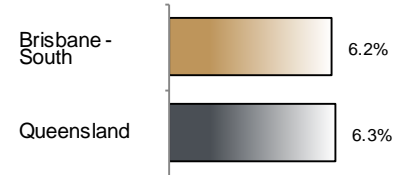
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 19	Apr 20	May 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	194,800	202,100	200,900	6,100	3.1
Total unemployed	13,500	13,200	13,300	-200	-1.4
Total labour force	208,300	215,300	214,200	5,900	2.8
Not in the labour force	96,400	93,800	95,200	-1,200	-1.2
Total persons 15+	304,700	309,100	309,400	4,700	1.6
Participation rate (%)	68.4	69.7	69.2	..	0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.5	6.1	6.2	..	-0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate 69.2%

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 - South SA4 in May 2020 was 200,900 persons, an increase of 6,100 employed persons, or 3.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in May 2020 was 6.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 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 - South SA4 in May 2020 was 69.2 per cent, an increase of 0.9 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, Brisbane - South SA4

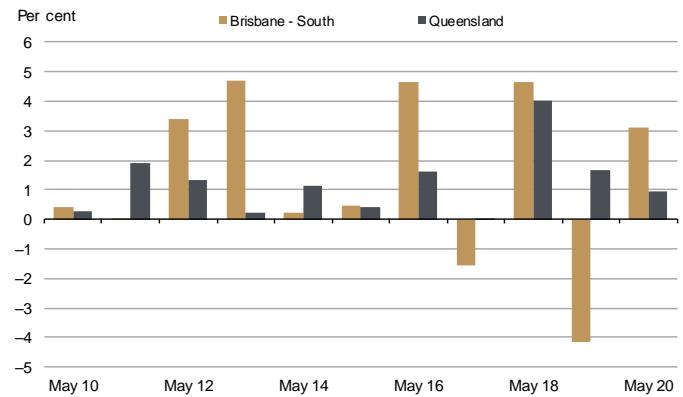


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2020

