

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, May 20

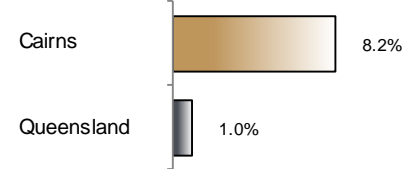
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4**

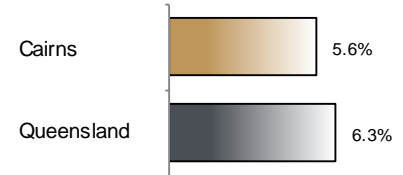
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 19	Apr 20	May 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	123,000	133,600	133,000	10,100	8.2
Total unemployed	6,100	7,600	8,000	1,900	31.4
Total labour force	129,000	141,200	141,000	12,000	9.3
Not in the labour force	73,000	62,700	63,100	-9,900	-13.5
Total persons 15+	202,000	203,900	204,100	2,100	1.0
Participation rate (%)	63.9	69.2	69.1	..	5.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	5.4	5.6	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 8.2%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.6%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.0 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 69.1%

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 Cairns SA4 in May 2020 was 133,000 persons, an increase of 10,100 employed persons, or 8.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in May 2020 was 5.6 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in May 2020 was 69.1 per cent, an increase of 5.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

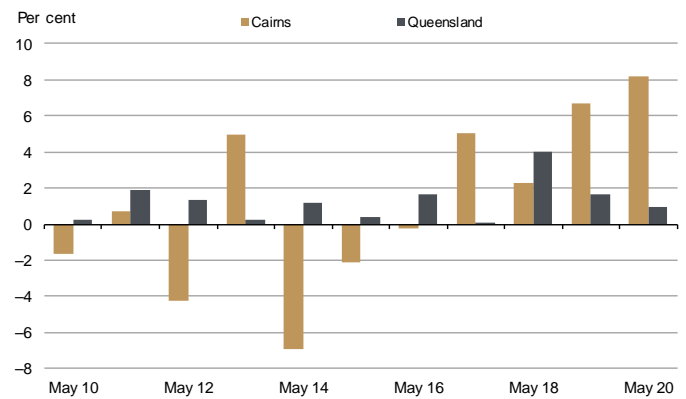
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Cairns SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2020**

