

Regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Jul 20

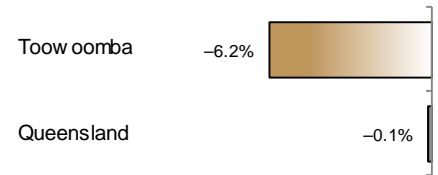
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Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

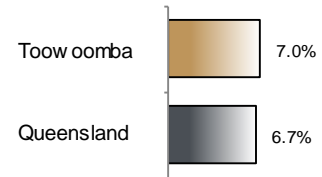
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jul 19	Jun 20	Jul 20	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	70,200	65,000	65,900	-4,400	-6.2
Total unemployed	3,500	4,700	5,000	1,500	42.0
Total labour force	73,800	69,700	70,900	-2,900	-3.9
Not in the labour force	51,600	57,200	56,200	4,500	8.7
Total persons 15+	125,400	126,900	127,000	1,600	1.3
Participation rate (%)	58.8	54.9	55.8	..	-3.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8	6.8	7.0	..	2.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 6.2%
 Unemployment rate 7.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 2.3 ppt
 Participation rate 55.8%

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.**

All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in July 2020 was 65,900 persons, a decrease of 4,400 employed persons, or 6.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in July 2020 was 7.0 per cent, an increase of 2.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in July 2020 was 55.8 per cent, a decrease of 3.0 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, Toowoomba SA4

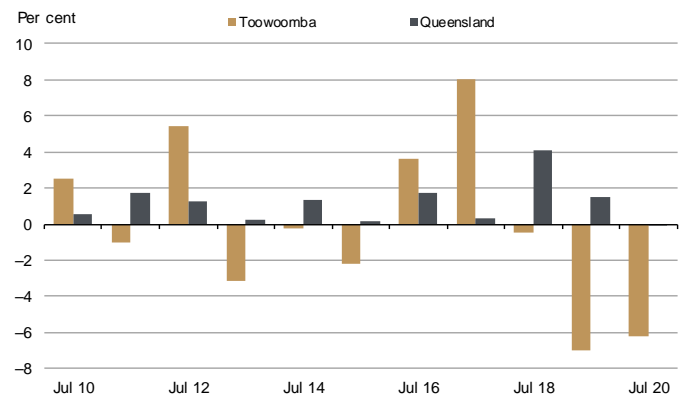


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, July 2020

