

Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Sep 20

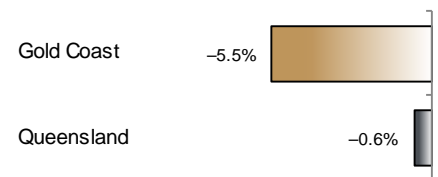
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Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

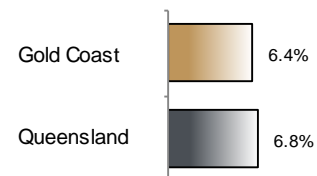
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 19	Aug 20	Sep 20	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	342,700	324,800	323,800	-18,900	-5.5
Total unemployed	21,100	21,700	22,000	900	4.3
Total labour force	363,800	346,500	345,900	-18,000	-4.9
Not in the labour force	154,500	183,900	185,600	31,100	20.1
Total persons 15+	518,300	530,400	531,400	13,100	2.5
Participation rate (%)	70.2	65.3	65.1	..	-5.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.8	6.3	6.4	..	0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 5.5%
 Unemployment rate 6.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate 65.1%

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.**

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

- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in September 2020 was 323,800 persons, a decrease of 18,900 employed persons, or 5.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in September 2020 was 6.4 per cent, an increase of 0.6 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 Gold Coast SA4 in September 2020 was 65.1 per cent, a decrease of 5.1 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, Gold Coast SA4

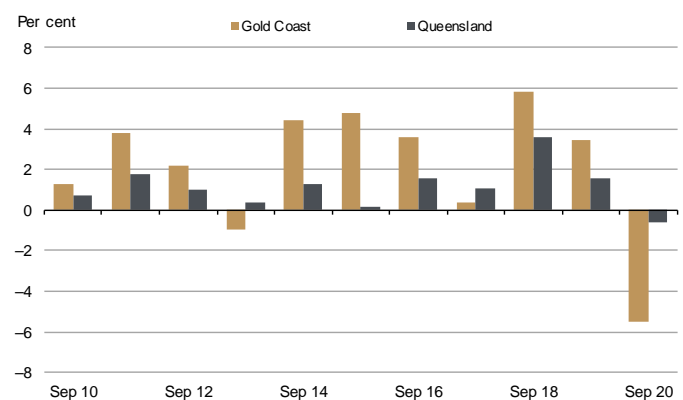


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2020

