Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Oct 20
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Table 1  Labour force status, Cairns SA4

<table>
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<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Oct 19</th>
<th>Sep 20</th>
<th>Oct 20</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<td></td>
<td>persons</td>
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<td>%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total employed</td>
<td>128,700</td>
<td>131,800</td>
<td>131,600</td>
<td>2,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>6,400</td>
<td>8,500</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>135,200</td>
<td>140,300</td>
<td>140,100</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>67,700</td>
<td>64,500</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>202,900</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>.86</td>
<td>.68</td>
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<td>.6</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>6.1</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ......................... ↑ 2.2%
Unemployment rate ........................................ 6.1%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ............ ↑ 1.3 ppt
Participation rate ........................................... 68.3%
ppt = percentage point

Main findings

- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in October 2020 was 131,600 persons, an increase of 2,800 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2020 was 6.1 per cent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2020 was 68.3 per cent, an increase of 1.7 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.