

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Jan 21

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

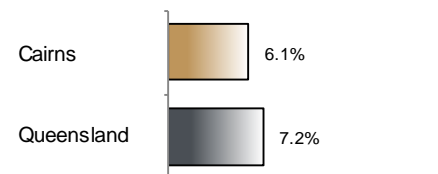
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	131,500	130,400	129,600	-1,900	-1.4
Total unemployed	7,100	8,500	8,400	1,300	18.3
Total labour force	138,600	138,900	138,000	-600	-0.4
Not in the labour force	64,700	66,000	67,000	2,300	3.5
Total persons 15+	203,300	204,900	205,000	1,700	0.8
Participation rate (%)	68.2	67.8	67.3	..	-0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	6.1	6.1	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 1.4%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 6.1%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.0 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.3%

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 Cairns SA4 in January 2021 was 129,600 persons, a decrease of 1,900 employed persons, or 1.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in January 2021 was 6.1 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 January 2021 was 67.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

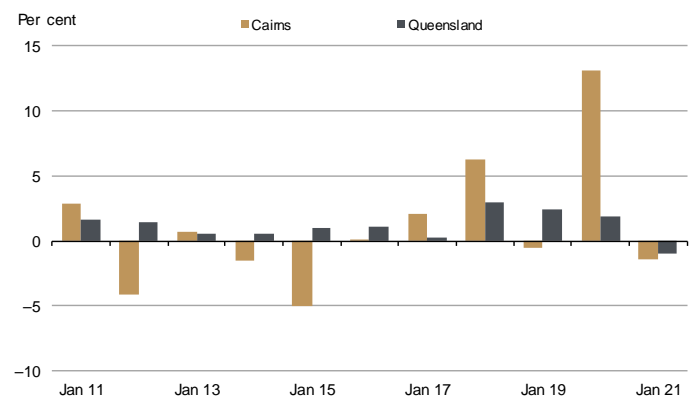
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Cairns SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2021**

