

Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Feb 21

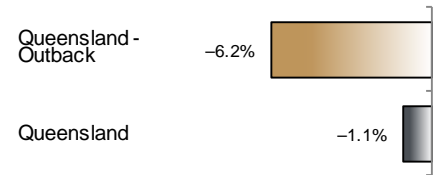
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Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

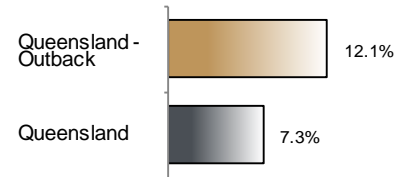
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	41,600	39,500	39,000	-2,600	-6.2
Total unemployed	5,300	5,400	5,400	100	2.1
Total labour force	46,800	44,900	44,400	-2,500	-5.3
Not in the labour force	15,900	18,000	18,500	2,500	15.9
Total persons 15+	62,800	62,800	62,800	100	0.1
Participation rate (%)	74.6	71.4	70.6	..	-4.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	11.2	12.0	12.1	..	0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 6.2%
 Unemployment rate 12.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.9 ppt
 Participation rate 70.6%

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 Queensland - Outback SA4 in February 2021 was 39,000 persons, a decrease of 2,600 employed persons, or 6.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in February 2021 was 12.1 per cent, an increase of 0.9 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in February 2021 was 70.6 per cent, a decrease of 4.0 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, Queensland - Outback SA4

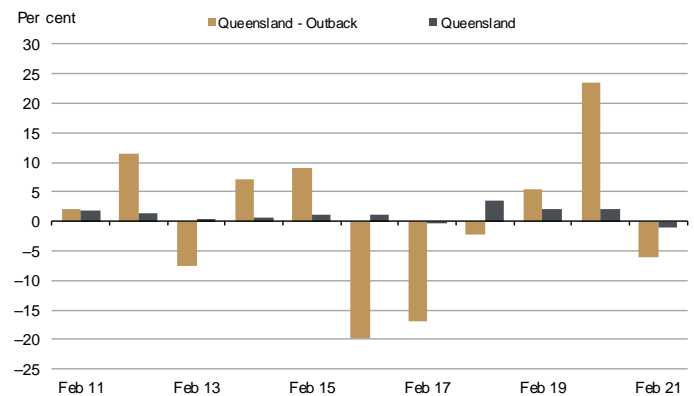


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2021

