Queensland Government Statistician’s Office

Regional labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Mar 21
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Table 1  Labour force status, Brisbane Inner City SA4

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<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Mar 20</th>
<th>Feb 21</th>
<th>Mar 21</th>
<th>Annual change</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>persons</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total employed</td>
<td>184,900</td>
<td>186,700</td>
<td>187,700</td>
<td>2,800</td>
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<td>Total unemployed</td>
<td>7,300</td>
<td>10,500</td>
<td>10,700</td>
<td>3,200</td>
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<td>Total labour force</td>
<td>192,200</td>
<td>197,300</td>
<td>198,400</td>
<td>6,100</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force</td>
<td>60,500</td>
<td>62,300</td>
<td>61,700</td>
<td>1,600</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>252,700</td>
<td>259,600</td>
<td>260,100</td>
<td>7,400</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>76.1</td>
<td>76.0</td>
<td>76.3</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>5.3</td>
<td>5.4</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ......................... ↑ 1.5%
Unemployment rate ................................. 5.4%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ............ ↑ 1.6 ppt
Participation rate ......................... ↑ 1.6 ppt
76.3%
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 Brisbane Inner City SA4 in March 2021 was 187,700 persons, an increase of 2,800 employed persons, or 1.5% over the year (Figure 1).

• The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in March 2021 was 5.4 per cent, an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

• The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in March 2021 was 76.3 per cent, an increase of 0.2 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, Brisbane Inner City SA4

Figure 2  Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2021