

Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Mar 21

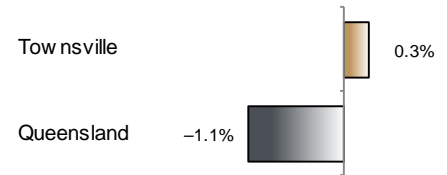
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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

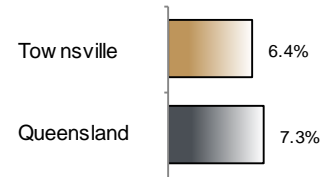
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 20	Feb 21	Mar 21	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	111,000	111,500	111,300	300	0.3
Total unemployed	9,200	7,400	7,600	-1,600	-17.4
Total labour force	120,200	118,900	118,900	-1,300	-1.1
Not in the labour force	65,000	66,700	66,600	1,600	2.5
Total persons 15+	185,200	185,600	185,500	300	0.2
Participation rate (%)	64.9	64.1	64.1	..	-0.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	6.2	6.4	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.3%
 Unemployment rate 6.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.3 ppt
 Participation rate 64.1%

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 Townsville SA4 in March 2021 was 111,300 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in March 2021 was 6.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points 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 Townsville SA4 in March 2021 was 64.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.8 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, Townsville SA4

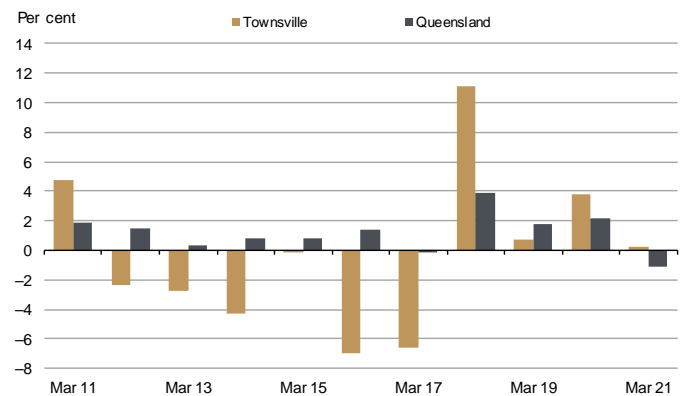


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2021

