

Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Apr 21

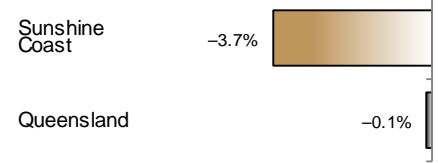
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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

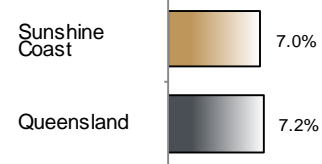
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 20	Mar 21	Apr 21	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	186,900	179,100	180,000	-6,800	-3.7
Total unemployed	11,500	13,300	13,500	2,000	17.7
Total labour force	198,400	192,400	193,600	-4,800	-2.4
Not in the labour force	120,400	132,700	132,000	11,700	9.7
Total persons 15+	318,700	325,100	325,600	6,900	2.2
Participation rate (%)	62.2	59.2	59.4	..	-2.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.8	6.9	7.0	..	1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 3.7%
 Unemployment rate 7.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate 59.4%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2021 was 180,000 persons, a decrease of 6,800 employed persons, or 3.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2021 was 7.0 per cent, an increase of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2021 was 59.4 per cent, a decrease of 2.8 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, Sunshine Coast SA4

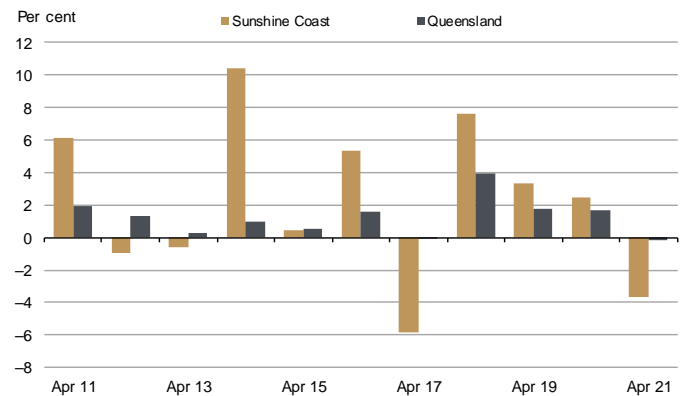


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2021

