

Regional labour force – region summary, June 2021

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jun 21

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	125,200	600	0.4	6.2	0.3	67.7	-0.1
Brisbane - North	124,200	4,900	4.1	5.7	0.1	70.4	2.2
Brisbane - South	199,700	-500	-0.2	7.3	1.3	68.6	-0.0
Brisbane - West	100,600	5,600	5.9	6.0	-0.1	68.1	3.4
Brisbane Inner City	194,600	10,300	5.6	4.6	0.2	78.0	2.3
Ipswich	177,900	10,100	6.0	9.0	0.5	67.8	2.6
Logan - Beaudesert	157,000	-4,100	-2.6	9.2	1.7	62.5	-1.4
Moreton Bay - North	102,700	-2,300	-2.2	7.9	0.5	52.3	-1.8
Moreton Bay - South	116,500	6,400	5.8	7.1	0.1	72.0	2.5
Cairns	127,500	-4,800	-3.6	5.9	-0.0	66.0	-2.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,400	-2,200	-3.3	6.5	3.3	67.8	0.4
Central Queensland	117,700	200	0.1	6.1	-0.7	70.3	-0.5
Gold Coast	346,300	19,200	5.9	6.4	0.6	68.9	3.0
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	96,000	3,200	3.5	4.3	-0.6	73.3	2.1
Queensland - Outback	38,100	-4,400	-10.4	12.0	2.4	69.1	-5.9
Sunshine Coast	183,700	1,200	0.7	6.5	0.6	60.2	-0.4
Toowoomba	75,400	10,200	15.7	3.6	-3.2	60.9	6.0
Townsville	113,900	3,000	2.7	5.8	-1.6	65.2	0.6
Wide Bay	113,800	3,300	3.0	10.0	-0.2	50.5	1.0
Queensland	2,575,100	59,900	2.4	6.8	0.3	66.1	0.9

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during June 2021 with a growth of 19,200 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2021 with an unemployment rate of 3.6 per cent (Figure 2).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to June 2021 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.2 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2021 with 78.0% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 50.5%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jun 21

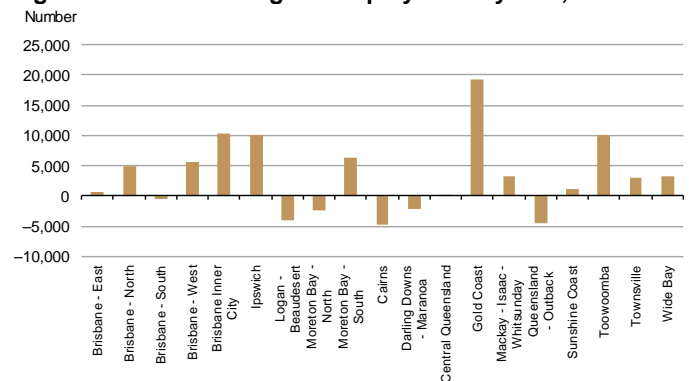
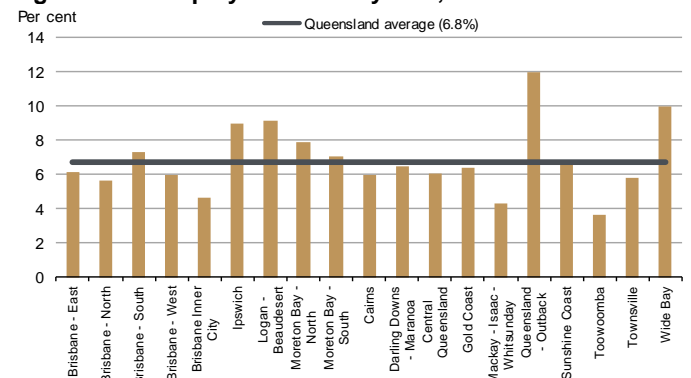


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Jun 21



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.