Regional labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Aug 21

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Table 1  Labour force status, Brisbane - South SA4

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Aug 20</th>
<th>Jul 21</th>
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<th>Annual change</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total employed persons</td>
<td>199,400</td>
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<td>Total unemployed persons</td>
<td>12,300</td>
<td>16,000</td>
<td>16,600</td>
<td>4,300</td>
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<td>Total labour force persons</td>
<td>211,700</td>
<td>215,400</td>
<td>216,100</td>
<td>4,500</td>
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<td>Not in the labour force persons</td>
<td>99,200</td>
<td>98,100</td>
<td>97,600</td>
<td>–1,700</td>
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<td>Total persons 15+</td>
<td>310,900</td>
<td>313,500</td>
<td>313,700</td>
<td>2,800</td>
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<td>Participation rate (%)</td>
<td>68.1</td>
<td>68.7</td>
<td>68.9</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
<td>5.8</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>7.7</td>
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(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ....................... ↑ 0.1%
Unemployment rate ........................................... 7.7%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ........... ↑ 1.9 ppt
Participation rate ............................................. 68.9%

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 - South SA4 in August 2021 was 199,500 persons, an increase of 200 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in August 2021 was 7.7 per cent, an increase of 1.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in August 2021 was 68.9 per cent, an increase 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, Brisbane - South SA4

Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2021