

Regional labour force – region summary, Jul 22

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 25 August 2022, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jul 22

| SA4 | Employment | | Unemployment | | Participation rate ^(a) | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Level | Annual change | Rate | Annual change | Rate | Annual change | |
| | — persons — | % | % | percentage point | % | percentage point | |
| Brisbane - East | 129,800 | 3,900 | 3.1 | 2.3 | -3.2 | 66.6 | -1.1 |
| Brisbane - North | 134,800 | 9,400 | 7.5 | 3.5 | -1.8 | 73.9 | 2.9 |
| Brisbane - South | 212,700 | 13,300 | 6.7 | 4.2 | -3.3 | 69.8 | 1.0 |
| Brisbane - West | 101,900 | 900 | 0.9 | 3.7 | -2.3 | 67.1 | -1.6 |
| Brisbane Inner City | 202,900 | 8,000 | 4.1 | 2.6 | -1.9 | 78.0 | -0.5 |
| Ipswich | 185,500 | 6,300 | 3.5 | 6.5 | -2.2 | 67.2 | -1.0 |
| Logan - Beaudesert | 177,300 | 19,300 | 12.2 | 7.0 | -2.2 | 67.1 | 4.5 |
| Moreton Bay - North | 115,100 | 10,800 | 10.4 | 5.9 | -1.7 | 55.8 | 3.2 |
| Moreton Bay - South | 121,400 | 4,200 | 3.6 | 4.1 | -2.4 | 70.7 | -1.2 |
| Cairns | 137,000 | 7,900 | 6.1 | 4.5 | -1.2 | 69.2 | 2.5 |
| Darling Downs - Maranoa | 64,600 | 400 | 0.7 | 6.0 | -0.3 | 67.7 | 0.1 |
| Central Queensland | 114,200 | -4,300 | -3.6 | 4.6 | -1.2 | 66.6 | -3.9 |
| Gold Coast | 375,700 | 23,400 | 6.6 | 3.7 | -2.3 | 70.8 | 1.2 |
| Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday | 99,500 | 2,500 | 2.6 | 2.4 | -1.5 | 72.7 | -0.1 |
| Queensland - Outback | 36,400 | -1,700 | -4.6 | 11.7 | 0.3 | 65.3 | -3.1 |
| Sunshine Coast | 191,500 | 6,400 | 3.5 | 3.2 | -2.8 | 59.1 | -1.2 |
| Toowoomba | 70,900 | -3,800 | -5.1 | 5.6 | 2.1 | 58.1 | -2.4 |
| Townsville | 126,900 | 11,000 | 9.5 | 2.9 | -2.6 | 68.9 | 3.4 |
| Wide Bay | 115,000 | 500 | 0.4 | 6.9 | -2.2 | 48.7 | -1.6 |
| Queensland | 2,713,100 | 118,400 | 4.6 | 4.4 | -2.0 | 66.6 | 0.4 |

(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 July 2022 with a growth of 23,400 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane - East SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during July 2022 with an unemployment rate of 2.3 per cent (Figure 2).
- Brisbane - South SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to July 2022 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.3 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during July 2022 with 78.0% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 48.7%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jul 22

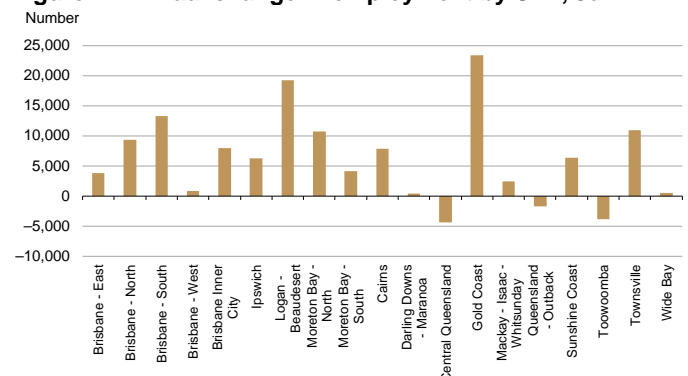
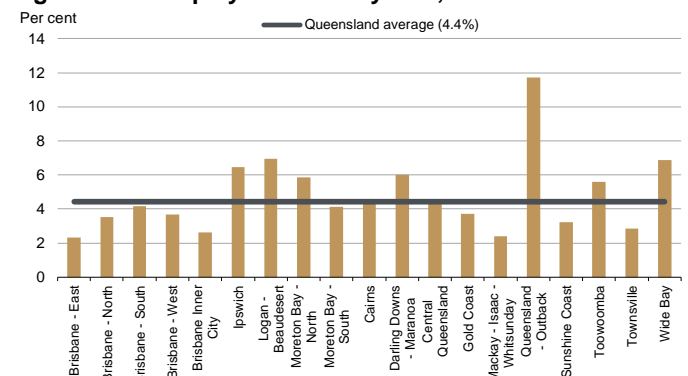


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Jul 22



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.