

Regional labour force – region summary, Sep 22

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 October 2022, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Sep 22

SA4	Employment		Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)		
	Level	Annual change	Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change	
	— persons —	%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point	
Brisbane - East	130,300	2,900	2.3	2.1	-2.7	66.5	-1.3
Brisbane - North	135,200	7,900	6.2	3.1	-1.8	73.5	1.9
Brisbane - South	213,700	13,400	6.7	3.7	-3.9	69.5	0.5
Brisbane - West	103,300	1,500	1.5	3.9	-1.6	68.0	-0.9
Brisbane Inner City	205,200	9,400	4.8	2.5	-1.8	78.4	0.0
Ipswich	186,000	4,600	2.5	6.5	-2.1	67.1	-1.6
Logan - Beaudesert	177,500	17,800	11.1	6.8	-2.4	66.7	3.6
Moreton Bay - North	117,100	11,500	10.9	5.5	-1.6	56.3	3.4
Moreton Bay - South	123,400	5,700	4.9	3.3	-3.0	70.9	-0.8
Cairns	138,900	10,100	7.8	4.5	-0.8	69.9	3.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,300	-100	-0.2	5.5	-0.7	66.9	-0.8
Central Queensland	115,600	-3,200	-2.7	4.3	-0.9	67.1	-3.1
Gold Coast	375,500	15,100	4.2	3.4	-2.0	70.1	-0.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	101,100	4,500	4.6	2.5	-0.9	73.7	1.7
Queensland - Outback	36,100	-1,800	-4.7	11.3	-0.1	64.4	-3.7
Sunshine Coast	194,300	8,500	4.6	2.9	-2.4	59.5	-0.3
Toowoomba	71,700	-1,900	-2.6	5.4	1.8	58.5	-1.1
Townsville	128,400	11,800	10.1	2.6	-2.6	69.3	3.7
Wide Bay	116,700	1,000	0.9	6.5	-1.7	49.0	-1.1
Queensland	2,734,100	118,600	4.5	4.2	-1.9	66.7	0.3

(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.

- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during September 2022 with a growth of 17,800 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane - East SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2022 with an unemployment rate of 2.1 per cent (Figure 2).
- Brisbane - South SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2022 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.9 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2022 with 78.4% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 49.0%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Sep 22

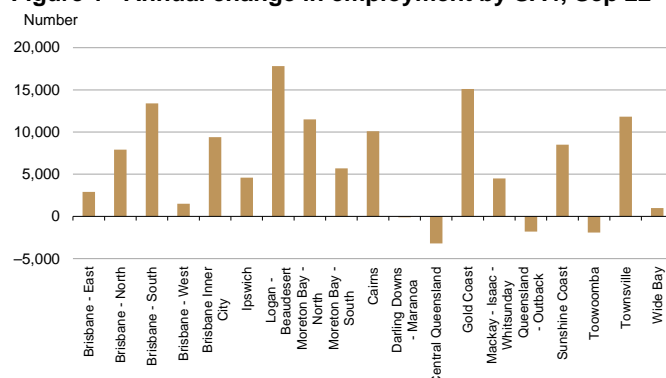
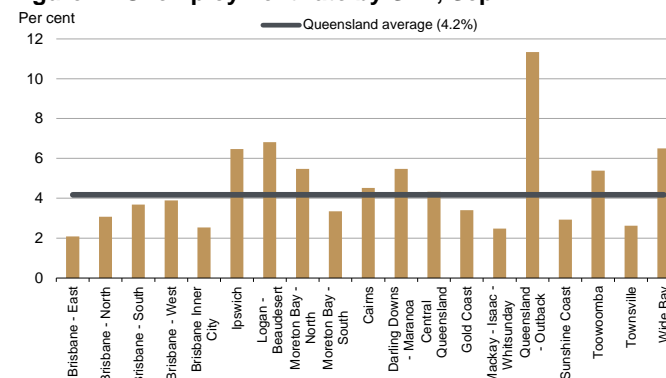


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Sep 22



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.