

Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Oct 22

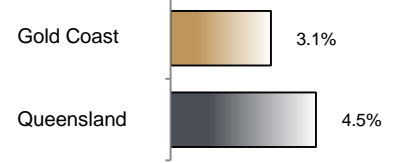
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Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

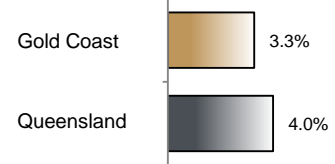
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 21	Sep 22	Oct 22	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	362,800	375,500	374,100	11,300	3.1
Total unemployed	19,300	13,200	12,800	-6,500	-33.8
Total labour force	382,100	388,700	386,800	4,700	1.2
Not in the labour force	159,200	165,700	168,800	9,600	6.1
Total persons 15+	541,300	554,400	555,700	14,400	2.7
Participation rate (%)	70.6	70.1	69.6	..	-1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	3.4	3.3	..	-1.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.1%
 Unemployment rate 3.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.8 ppt
 Participation rate 69.6%

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 Gold Coast SA4 in October 2022 was 374,100 persons, an increase of 11,300 employed persons, or 3.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in October 2022 was 3.3 per cent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in October 2022 was 69.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 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, Gold Coast SA4

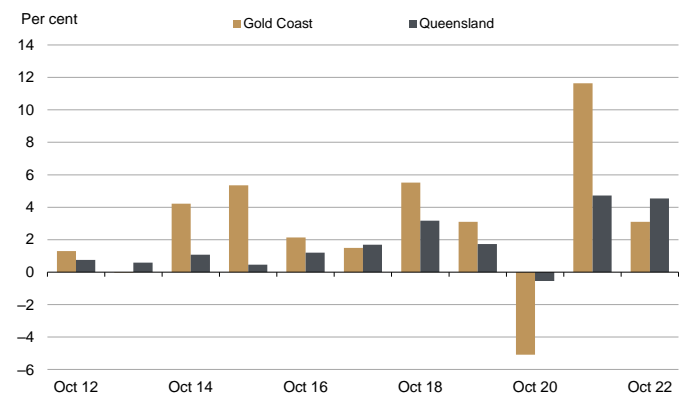


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2022

