

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Feb 23

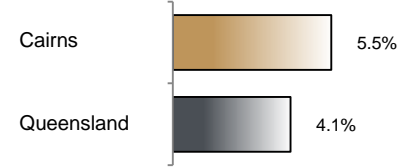
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4**

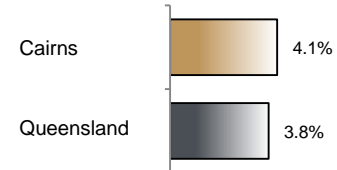
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	134,500	142,600	141,900	7,400	5.5
Total unemployed	6,300	6,100	6,100	-200	-3.3
Total labour force	140,800	148,700	148,100	7,200	5.1
Not in the labour force	67,900	63,800	64,800	-3,100	-4.6
Total persons 15+	208,800	212,500	212,900	4,100	2.0
Participation rate (%)	67.5	70.0	69.5	..	2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	4.1	4.1	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.5%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 4.1%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.4 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 69.5%

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.

All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in February 2023 was 141,900 persons, an increase of 7,400 employed persons, or 5.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2023 was 4.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in February 2023 was 69.5 per cent, an increase of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2011 edition)

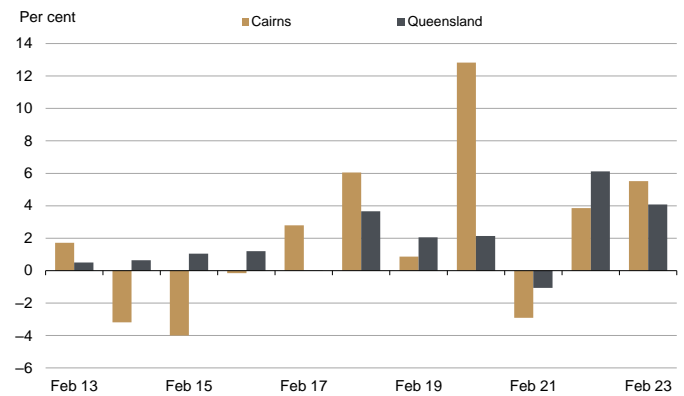
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Cairns SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2023**

