

Regional labour force – region summary, Feb 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 March 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Feb 23

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	131,500	2,100	1.6	1.9	-1.4	66.2	-1.3
Brisbane - North	130,200	-2,400	-1.8	2.4	-1.4	70.4	-3.6
Brisbane - South	210,300	8,500	4.2	3.2	-2.6	69.7	0.2
Brisbane - West	106,000	7,500	7.6	3.4	-1.7	71.2	3.6
Brisbane Inner City	201,000	5,300	2.7	3.0	-0.3	79.3	0.8
Ipswich	187,800	6,300	3.5	6.6	-0.5	67.3	-0.3
Logan - Beaudesert	181,000	9,100	5.3	6.6	-1.5	66.0	0.3
Moreton Bay - North	123,600	9,800	8.6	5.2	-0.1	57.0	2.6
Moreton Bay - South	125,600	10,500	9.1	2.7	-2.3	73.0	2.6
Cairns	141,900	7,400	5.5	4.1	-0.4	69.5	2.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,500	-700	-1.0	4.4	-2.3	64.4	-3.4
Central Queensland	127,200	9,400	8.0	3.3	-1.8	70.3	2.6
Gold Coast	366,600	1,300	0.4	2.5	-2.1	68.3	-3.0
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	107,300	3,900	3.7	2.5	0.1	72.4	0.6
Queensland - Outback	35,200	-3,200	-8.4	11.1	1.7	61.5	-5.4
Sunshine Coast	202,500	11,500	6.0	2.7	-1.4	59.9	0.6
Toowoomba	77,100	4,100	5.7	4.9	0.0	60.2	1.8
Townsville	130,700	10,300	8.5	2.2	-1.7	70.1	3.1
Wide Bay	128,100	8,400	7.0	5.6	-1.4	50.3	1.1
Queensland	2,779,000	109,000	4.1	3.8	-1.3	66.7	0.2

(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.

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

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during February 2023 with a growth of 11,500 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane - East SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2023 with an unemployment rate of 1.9 per cent (Figure 2).
- Brisbane - South SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2023 with 79.3% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 50.3%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Feb 23

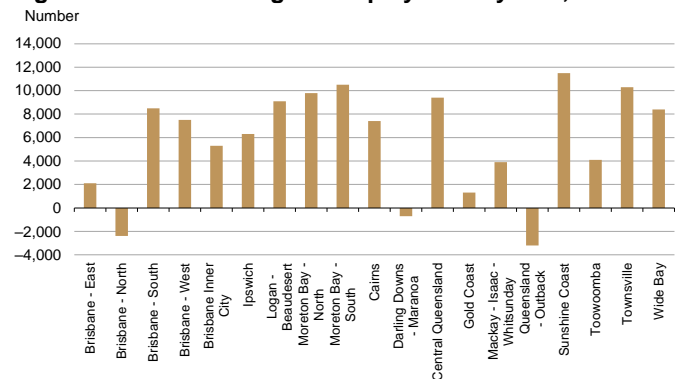
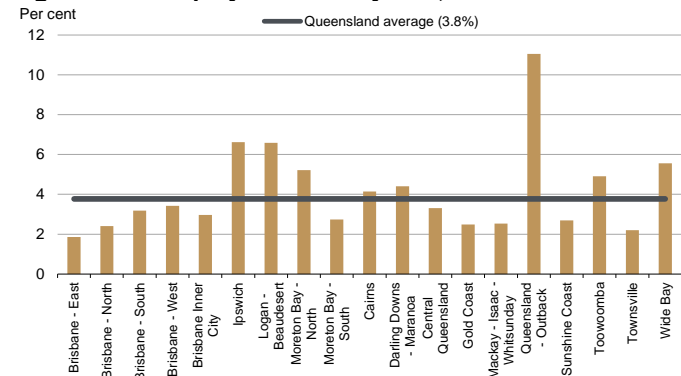


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Feb 23



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2011 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.