

# Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Mar 23

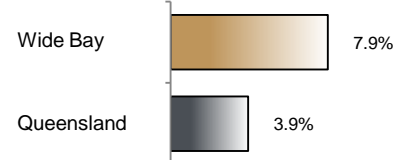
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 20 April 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4**

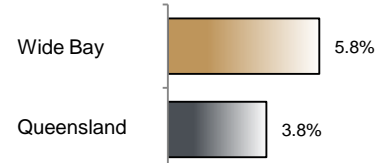
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 22	Feb 23	Mar 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	119,200	128,100	128,600	9,400	7.9
Total unemployed	8,600	7,500	7,900	-700	-8.5
Total labour force	127,800	135,600	136,500	8,700	6.8
Not in the labour force	134,300	133,900	133,800	-600	-0.4
Total persons 15+	262,100	269,500	270,200	8,100	3.1
Participation rate (%)	48.7	50.3	50.5	..	1.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	5.6	5.8	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 7.9%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.8%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.0 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 50.5%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in March 2023 was 128,600 persons, an increase of 9,400 employed persons, or 7.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in March 2023 was 5.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in March 2023 was 50.5 per cent, an increase of 1.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

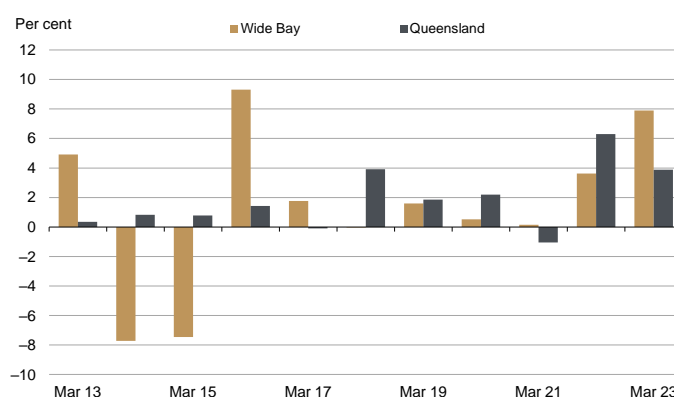
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Wide Bay SA4**



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

