

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, May 23

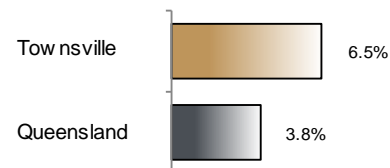
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 June 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

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

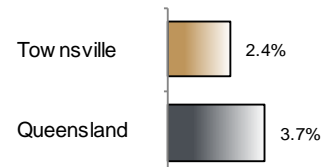
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 22	Apr 23	May 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	124,200	132,200	132,200	8,000	6.5
Total unemployed	3,800	3,200	3,300	-500	-14.0
Total labour force	128,000	135,400	135,500	7,500	5.9
Not in the labour force	60,000	56,600	57,000	-3,000	-4.9
Total persons 15+	187,900	192,000	192,500	4,500	2.4
Participation rate (%)	68.1	70.5	70.4	..	2.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.0	2.3	2.4	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 6.5%  
 Unemployment rate .....2.4%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) .....↓ 0.6 ppt  
 Participation rate.....70.4%

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 Townsville SA4 in May 2023 was 132,200 persons, an increase of 8,000 employed persons, or 6.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in May 2023 was 2.4 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in May 2023 was 70.4 per cent, an increase of 2.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

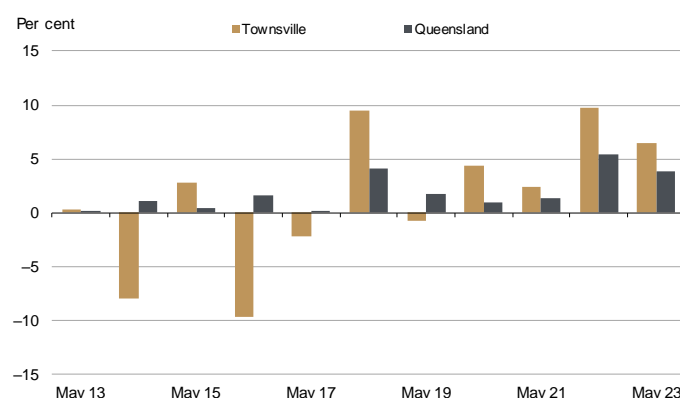
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Townsville SA4**



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

