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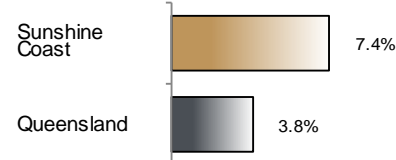
Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, May 23

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

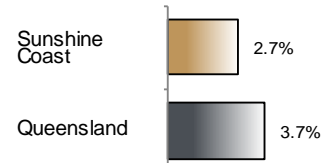**Table 1   Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 22	Apr 23	May 23		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	194,300	206,900	208,600	14,300	7.4
Total unemployed	6,700	5,800	5,900	−800	−11.7
Total labour force	200,900	212,700	214,500	13,600	6.7
Not in the labour force	137,900	137,900	137,300	−600	−0.5
Total persons 15+	338,800	350,600	351,800	12,900	3.8
Participation rate (%)	59.3	60.7	61.0	. .	1.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.3	2.7	2.7	. .	−0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual

Sunshine Coast 7.4%
Queensland 3.8%

Unemployment rate

Sunshine Coast 2.7%
Queensland 3.7%

Key data

Employment (annual change).........................↑ 7.4%
Unemployment rate 2.7%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ....↓ 0.6 ppt
Participation rate...61.0%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2023 was 208,600 persons, an increase of 14,300 employed persons, or 7.4% over the year (Figure 1).

- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2023 was 2.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).

- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2023 was 61.0 per cent, an increase of 1.7 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

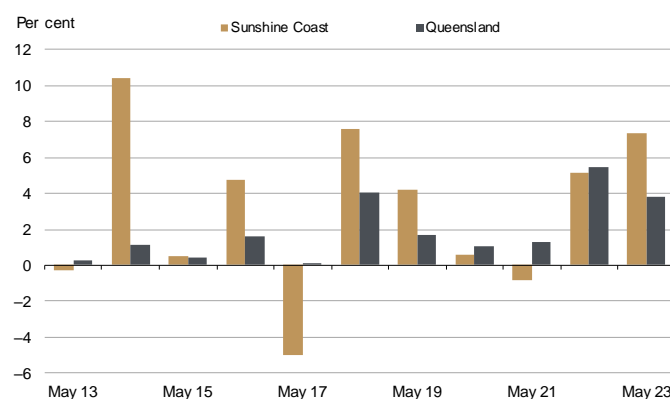SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):
Data for Queensland as a whole are provided for reference purposes only.
The labour force statistics presented in this brief are on a sample basis and will include a sampling error.
Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.

Figure 1   Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

Figure 2   Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2023