

# Regional labour force – region summary, Jun 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 July 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jun 23**

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	133,200	2,900	2.2	2.6	0.1	66.8	-0.1
Brisbane - North	129,200	-4,700	-3.5	2.6	-1.1	69.3	-4.9
Brisbane - South	212,900	6,600	3.2	3.0	-1.6	69.9	-0.1
Brisbane - West	106,700	7,400	7.5	3.5	-0.5	71.4	4.0
Brisbane Inner City	199,300	2,200	1.1	3.1	0.4	78.0	-0.2
Ipswich	191,000	6,600	3.6	5.9	-0.4	66.9	-0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	186,900	8,000	4.5	5.8	-1.4	66.6	-0.4
Moreton Bay - North	124,400	7,500	6.4	5.0	-0.9	56.4	0.8
Moreton Bay - South	128,000	10,800	9.2	3.1	-1.2	73.7	3.1
Cairns	140,600	2,000	1.4	3.4	-1.2	67.7	-1.5
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,800	400	0.7	2.9	-3.3	64.0	-3.2
Central Queensland	129,200	11,300	9.6	3.9	-0.8	71.1	4.0
Gold Coast	362,400	-7,300	-2.0	2.8	-1.1	66.9	-4.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	107,000	2,000	1.9	2.8	0.4	71.4	-0.8
Queensland - Outback	36,500	-500	-1.4	9.1	-1.9	61.9	-3.5
Sunshine Coast	210,600	15,800	8.1	2.8	-0.5	61.4	2.1
Toowoomba	79,500	6,800	9.3	4.4	-1.3	61.0	2.8
Townsville	133,200	8,100	6.5	2.3	-0.7	70.7	2.2
Wide Bay	132,700	12,400	10.3	5.7	-0.9	51.5	2.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,810,100</b>	<b>98,300</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

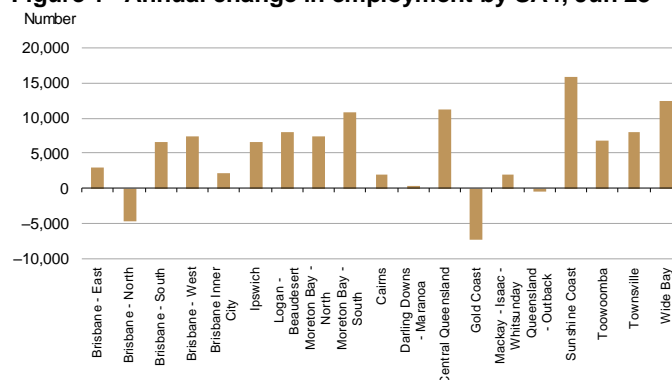
## Main findings

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.

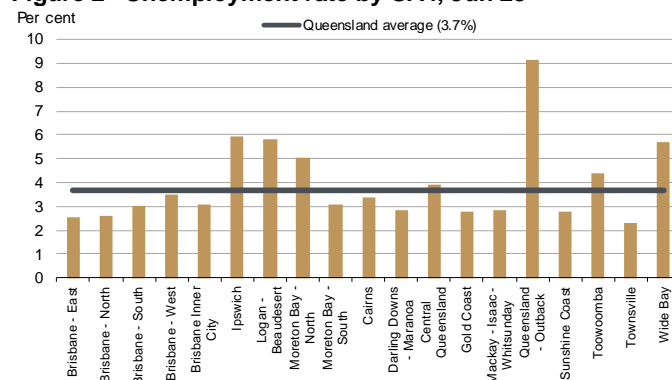
All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during June 2023 with a growth of 15,800 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Townsville SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2023 with an unemployment rate of 2.3 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to June 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.3 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2023 with 78.0% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.5%.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jun 23**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Jun 23**



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 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.