

# Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, Aug 23

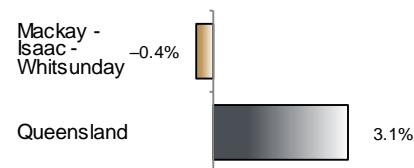
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 September 2023, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**

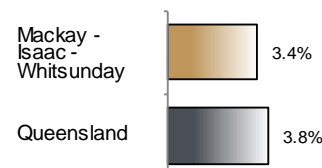
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,000	106,400	106,500	-500	-0.4
Total unemployed	2,600	3,500	3,700	1,000	39.6
Total labour force	109,600	109,900	110,200	600	0.5
Not in the labour force	40,300	44,800	45,000	4,700	11.7
Total persons 15+	149,900	154,700	155,200	5,300	3.5
Participation rate (%)	73.1	71.0	71.0	..	-2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	3.2	3.4	..	0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 0.4%  
 Unemployment rate .....3.4%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) .....↑ 0.9 ppt  
 Participation rate.....71.0%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in August 2023 was 106,500 persons, a decrease of 500 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in August 2023 was 3.4 per cent, an increase of 0.9 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in August 2023 was 71.0 per cent, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

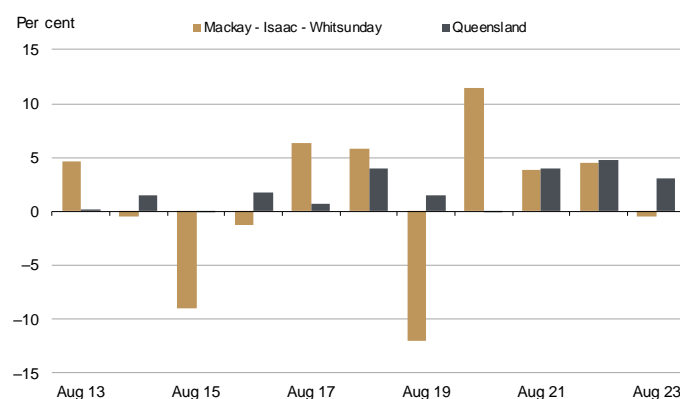
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**



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

