

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

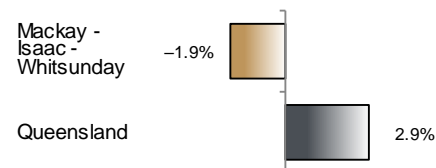
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 26 October 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

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

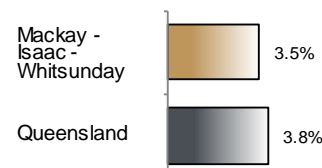
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 22	Aug 23	Sep 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	108,300	106,500	106,200	-2,100	-1.9
Total unemployed	2,700	3,700	3,800	1,100	41.5
Total labour force	111,000	110,200	110,000	-1,000	-0.9
Not in the labour force	39,400	45,000	45,700	6,400	16.2
Total persons 15+	150,300	155,200	155,700	5,400	3.6
Participation rate (%)	73.8	71.0	70.6	..	-3.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	3.4	3.5	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 1.9%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.5%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.0 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 70.6%

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 September 2023 was 106,200 persons, a decrease of 2,100 employed persons, or 1.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in September 2023 was 3.5 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in September 2023 was 70.6 per cent, a decrease of 3.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

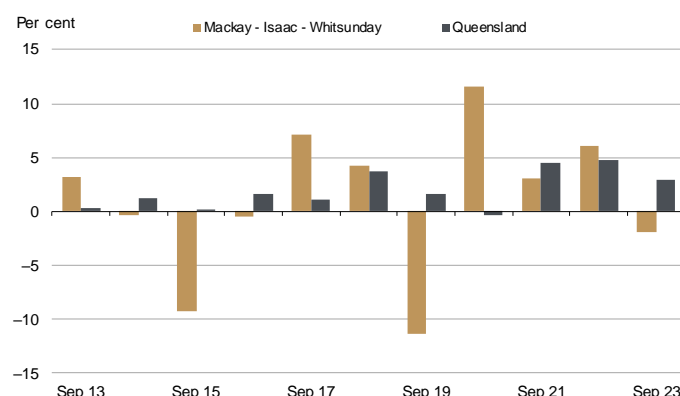
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, September 2023**

