

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Sep 23

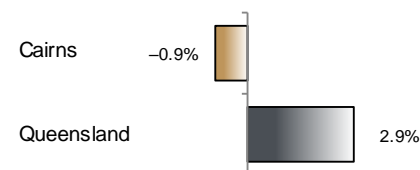
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

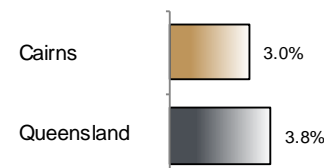
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 22	Aug 23	Sep 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	141,200	140,100	140,000	-1,200	-0.9
Total unemployed	6,600	4,600	4,400	-2,200	-33.7
Total labour force	147,900	144,700	144,400	-3,500	-2.3
Not in the labour force	63,300	71,500	72,200	8,900	14.1
Total persons 15+	211,200	216,100	216,600	5,500	2.6
Participation rate (%)	70.0	66.9	66.7	..	-3.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	3.2	3.0	..	-1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 0.9%
 Unemployment rate 3.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.7%

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 Cairns SA4 in September 2023 was 140,000 persons, a decrease of 1,200 employed persons, or 0.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2023 was 3.0 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2023 was 66.7 per cent, a decrease of 3.4 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, Cairns SA4

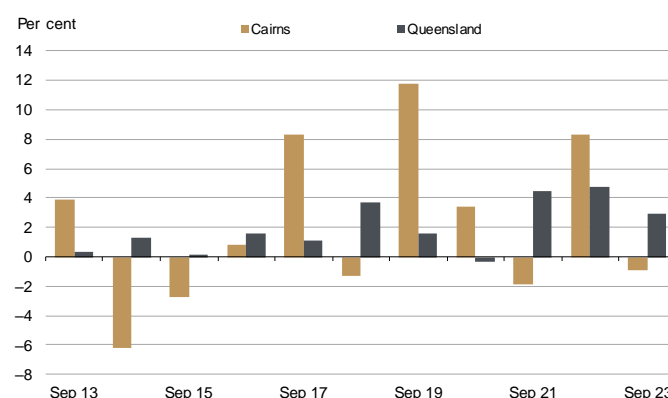


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2023

