

Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Oct 23

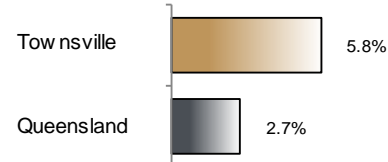
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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

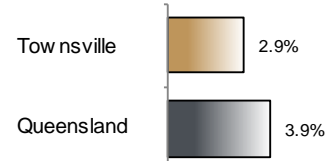
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 22	Sep 23	Oct 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	128,600	135,400	136,100	7,500	5.8
Total unemployed	3,300	3,700	4,100	700	22.0
Total labour force	132,000	139,100	140,200	8,200	6.2
Not in the labour force	57,700	55,300	54,700	-3,000	-5.2
Total persons 15+	189,700	194,400	194,900	5,200	2.7
Participation rate (%)	69.6	71.6	71.9	..	2.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.5	2.7	2.9	..	0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 5.8%
 Unemployment rate2.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change)↑ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate.....71.9%

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 Townsville SA4 in October 2023 was 136,100 persons, an increase of 7,500 employed persons, or 5.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2023 was 2.9 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2023 was 71.9 per cent, an increase of 2.3 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, Townsville SA4

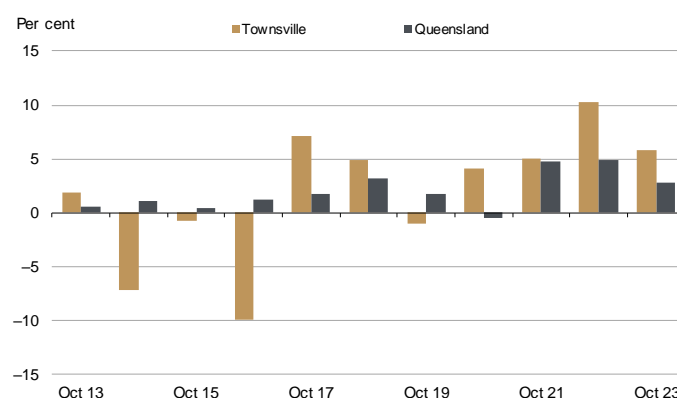


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2023

