

Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Oct 23

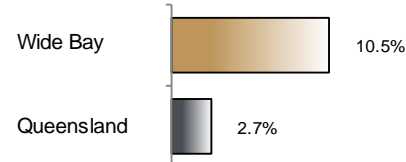
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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

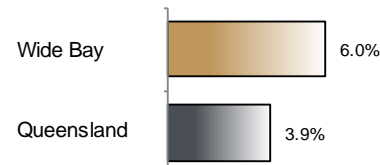
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 22	Sep 23	Oct 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	124,000	136,500	137,000	13,000	10.5
Total unemployed	8,100	8,400	8,800	700	9.0
Total labour force	132,100	144,900	145,800	13,700	10.4
Not in the labour force	134,800	130,900	130,900	-3,900	-2.9
Total persons 15+	266,900	275,800	276,700	9,800	3.7
Participation rate (%)	49.5	52.6	52.7	..	3.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	5.8	6.0	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.5%

Unemployment rate 6.0%

Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt

Participation rate..... 52.7%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in October 2023 was 137,000 persons, an increase of 13,000 employed persons, or 10.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in October 2023 was 6.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in October 2023 was 52.7 per cent, an increase 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, Wide Bay SA4

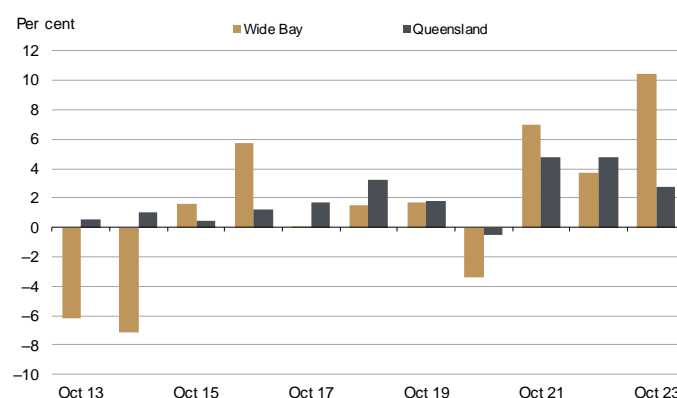


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2023

