

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Oct 23

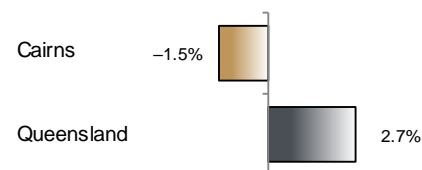
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

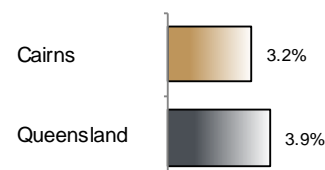
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 22	Sep 23	Oct 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	142,100	140,000	140,000	-2,100	-1.5
Total unemployed	6,400	4,400	4,600	-1,800	-28.3
Total labour force	148,600	144,400	144,600	-4,000	-2.7
Not in the labour force	63,000	72,200	72,500	9,500	15.2
Total persons 15+	211,600	216,600	217,100	5,600	2.6
Participation rate (%)	70.2	66.7	66.6	..	-3.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	3.0	3.2	..	-1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 1.5%
 Unemployment rate 3.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.6%

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 Cairns SA4 in October 2023 was 140,000 persons, a decrease of 2,100 employed persons, or 1.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2023 was 3.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2023 was 66.6 per cent, a decrease of 3.6 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

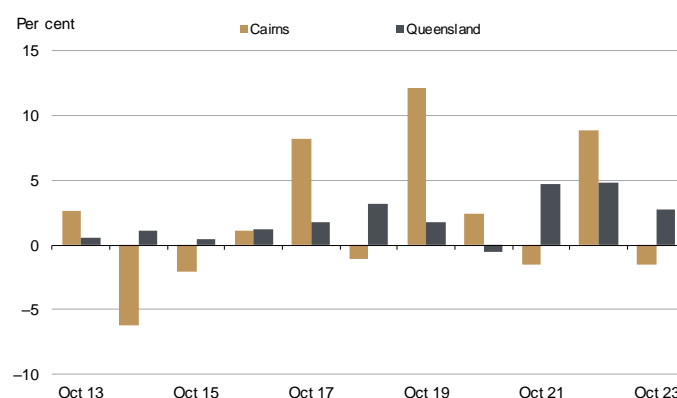


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2023

