Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Nov 23
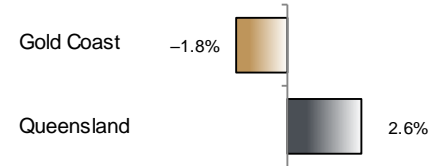
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 December 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

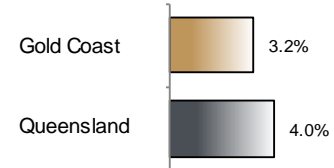**Table 1   Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 22	Oct 23	Nov 23		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	366,300	358,500	359,700	−6,600	−1.8
Total unemployed	11,800	11,700	12,000	200	1.6
Total labour force	378,000	370,200	371,600	−6,400	−1.7
Not in the labour force	168,100	191,900	192,000	23,900	14.2
Total persons 15+	546,200	562,100	563,600	17,400	3.2
Participation rate (%)	69.2	65.9	65.9	. .	−3.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.1	3.2	3.2	. .	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual

Gold Coast −1.8%
Queensland 2.6%

Unemployment rate

Gold Coast 3.2%
Queensland 4.0%

Key data

Employment (annual change).........................↓ 1.8%
Unemployment rate 3.2%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ....↑ 0.1 ppt
Participation rate..65.9%

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 Gold Coast SA4 in November 2023 was 359,700 persons, a decrease of 6,600 employed persons, or 1.8% over the year (Figure 1).

- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in November 2023 was 3.2 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point 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 Gold Coast SA4 in November 2023 was 65.9 per cent, a decrease of 3.3 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.

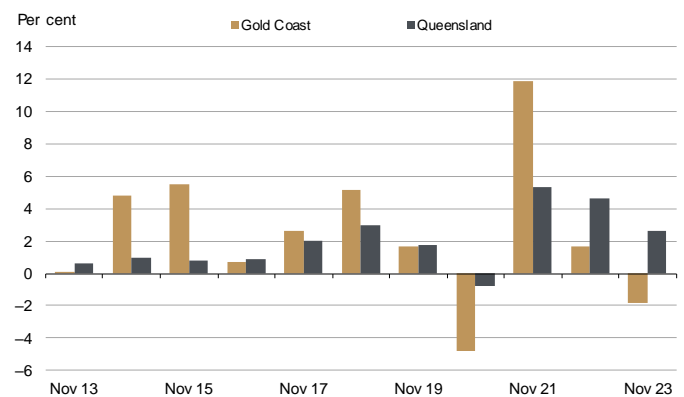**Figure 1   Annual change in employment, Gold Coast SA4**

Figure 2   Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2023