

Regional labour force – region summary, Nov 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 December 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Nov 23

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	134,600	3,900	3.0	3.6	1.5	68.4	1.7
Brisbane - North	126,700	-6,900	-5.1	3.5	0.9	68.0	-4.7
Brisbane - South	215,900	6,100	2.9	3.5	0.1	69.9	0.3
Brisbane - West	106,100	2,300	2.2	3.0	-0.7	69.1	-0.3
Brisbane Inner City	203,100	0	0.0	3.6	0.9	76.6	-2.3
Ipswich	199,100	12,800	6.9	4.5	-2.1	67.5	0.3
Logan - Beaudesert	197,600	15,400	8.5	4.7	-1.9	67.9	1.3
Moreton Bay - North	120,300	-1,700	-1.4	6.2	0.7	54.6	-2.4
Moreton Bay - South	127,400	4,600	3.8	3.8	1.1	72.9	1.0
Cairns	139,600	-2,800	-2.0	3.4	-0.7	66.5	-3.6
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,100	700	1.1	2.5	-2.5	63.3	-2.0
Central Queensland	126,000	4,000	3.3	5.0	1.4	70.0	1.7
Gold Coast	359,700	-6,600	-1.8	3.2	0.1	65.9	-3.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	104,300	-2,900	-2.7	4.1	2.0	70.9	-2.3
Queensland - Outback	36,800	1,200	3.3	8.7	-2.3	62.9	-0.2
Sunshine Coast	219,300	21,100	10.6	3.1	0.5	64.3	4.7
Toowoomba	78,800	3,500	4.6	4.4	-0.7	59.9	0.4
Townsville	134,700	5,700	4.4	3.1	0.7	71.7	1.8
Wide Bay	135,900	11,200	9.0	6.3	0.5	52.9	3.1
Queensland	2,831,900	71,900	2.6	4.0	0.1	66.5	-0.2

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during November 2023 with a growth of 21,100 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during November 2023 with an unemployment rate of 2.5 per cent (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to November 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.5 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during November 2023 with 76.6% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.9%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Nov 23

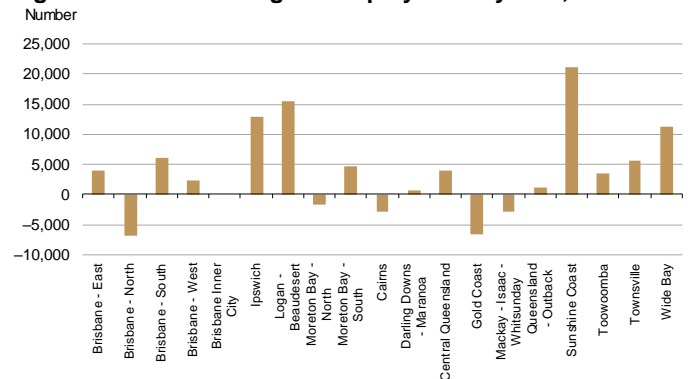
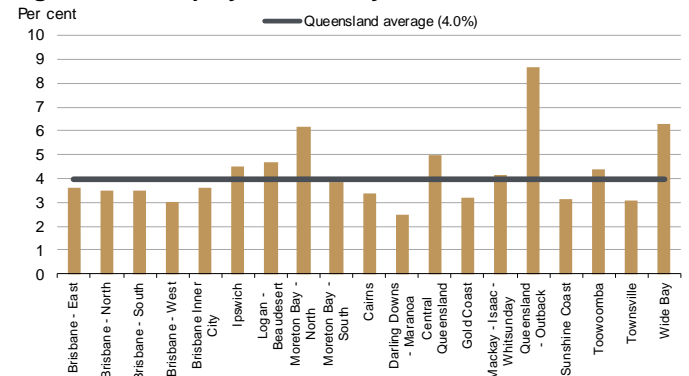


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Nov 23



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.