

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Nov 23

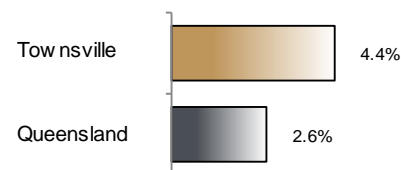
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 21 December 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4**

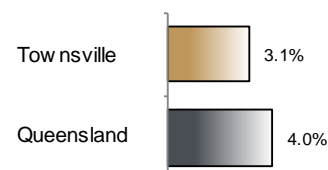
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 22	Oct 23	Nov 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	129,000	134,900	134,700	5,700	4.4
Total unemployed	3,200	4,100	4,300	1,100	34.6
Total labour force	132,200	139,000	139,000	6,800	5.2
Not in the labour force	57,100	54,600	55,000	-2,100	-3.7
Total persons 15+	189,300	193,600	194,000	4,700	2.5
Participation rate (%)	69.8	71.8	71.7	..	1.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	2.9	3.1	..	0.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.4%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.1%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 0.7 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 71.7%

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 Townsville SA4 in November 2023 was 134,700 persons, an increase of 5,700 employed persons, or 4.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2023 was 3.1 per cent, an increase of 0.7 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2023 was 71.7 per cent, an increase of 1.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

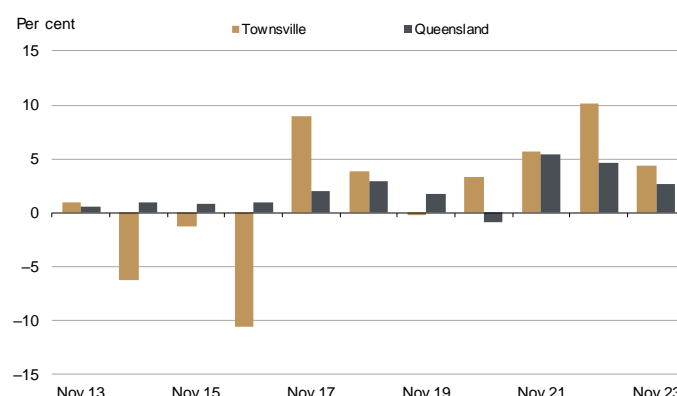
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, November 2023**

