

# Regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Dec 23

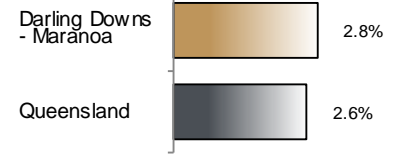
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 25 January 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**

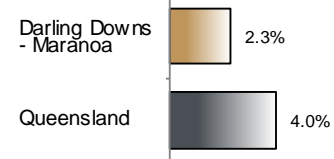
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 22	Nov 23	Dec 23	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	65,000	66,100	66,800	1,800	2.8
Total unemployed	3,300	1,700	1,600	-1,800	-52.5
Total labour force	68,300	67,700	68,400	100	0.1
Not in the labour force	37,000	39,300	38,800	1,800	4.8
Total persons 15+	105,300	107,000	107,200	1,800	1.8
Participation rate (%)	64.9	63.3	63.8	..	-1.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	2.5	2.3	..	-2.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.8%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 2.3%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 2.6 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 63.8%

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 Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2023 was 66,800 persons, an increase of 1,800 employed persons, or 2.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2023 was 2.3 per cent, a decrease of 2.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2023 was 63.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

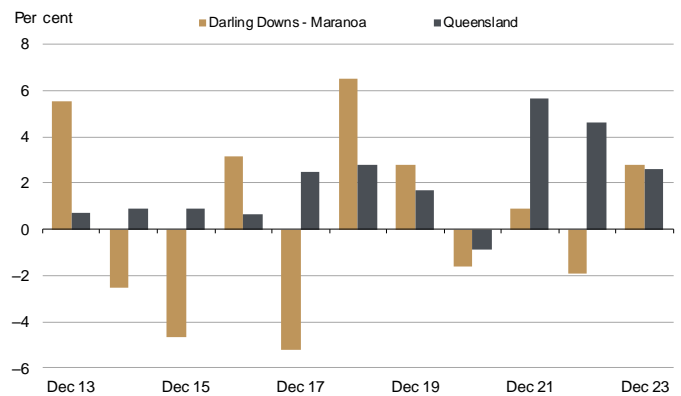
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2023**

