

# Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Dec 23

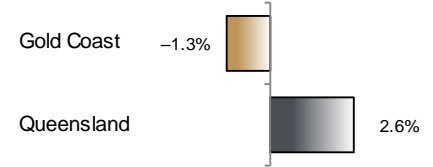
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 25 January 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

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

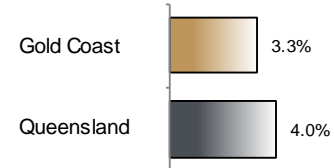
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 22	Nov 23	Dec 23	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	365,600	359,700	360,700	-4,900	-1.3
Total unemployed	10,900	12,000	12,200	1,300	11.9
Total labour force	376,500	371,600	372,900	-3,600	-0.9
Not in the labour force	171,000	192,000	192,300	21,300	12.4
Total persons 15+	547,500	563,600	565,200	17,700	3.2
Participation rate (%)	68.8	65.9	66.0	..	-2.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.9	3.2	3.3	..	0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 1.3%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.3%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 0.4 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 66.0%

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 December 2023 was 360,700 persons, a decrease of 4,900 employed persons, or 1.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2023 was 3.3 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2023 was 66.0 per cent, a decrease of 2.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

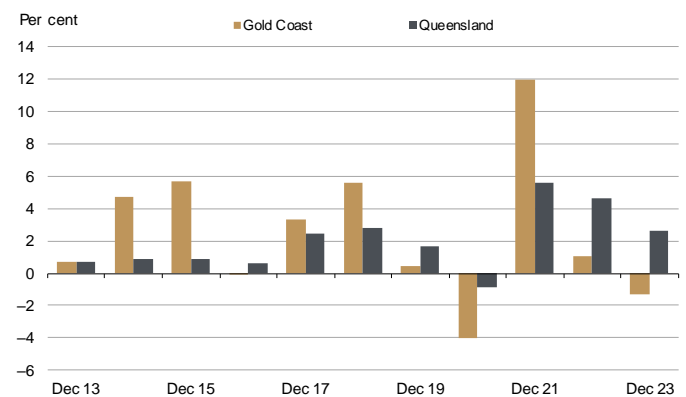
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Gold Coast SA4**



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

