

Regional labour force – region summary, Feb 24

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 28 March 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Feb 24

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	137,400	4,600	3.5	3.5	1.6	69.4	2.1
Brisbane - North	126,100	-2,900	-2.2	3.9	1.5	67.6	-2.1
Brisbane - South	216,900	6,900	3.3	3.8	0.6	70.0	0.9
Brisbane - West	108,900	2,100	1.9	2.6	-0.9	70.4	-0.7
Brisbane Inner City	208,000	2,300	1.1	3.9	0.9	78.0	-1.4
Ipswich	197,500	12,500	6.7	4.5	-2.1	66.3	0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	199,100	16,100	8.8	4.5	-2.1	67.6	1.3
Moreton Bay - North	119,800	-700	-0.6	6.9	1.6	54.3	-1.4
Moreton Bay - South	127,600	2,100	1.7	4.0	1.3	72.5	-0.3
Cairns	140,700	-1,200	-0.9	3.4	-0.9	66.6	-3.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,500	2,000	3.2	2.4	-2.0	63.3	-0.5
Central Queensland	123,300	-2,700	-2.1	5.0	1.6	68.1	-1.9
Gold Coast	363,600	900	0.2	3.5	1.0	66.3	-1.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	104,500	-2,200	-2.1	3.8	1.2	70.3	-2.5
Queensland - Outback	41,600	800	1.9	3.8	-0.6	67.3	0.0
Sunshine Coast	224,100	22,000	10.9	3.5	0.7	65.4	5.0
Toowoomba	77,800	2,200	2.9	4.7	-0.4	58.9	-0.4
Townsville	131,900	2,100	1.6	3.6	1.3	70.1	0.3
Wide Bay	138,200	9,400	7.3	5.2	0.2	52.7	2.1
Queensland	2,853,500	76,400	2.7	4.0	0.3	66.5	-0.0

(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 February 2024 with a growth of 22,000 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2024 with an unemployment rate of 2.4 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2024 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.1 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2024 with 78.0% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.7%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Feb 24

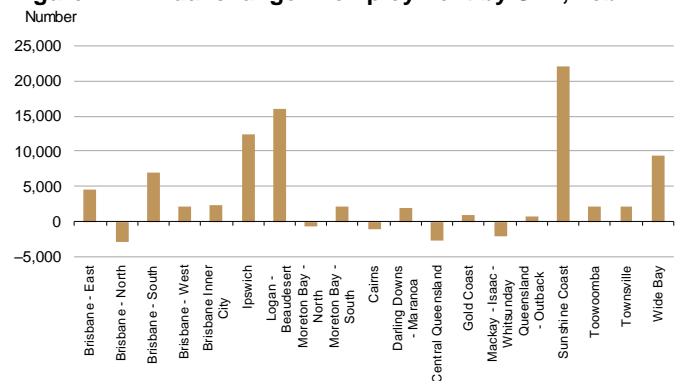
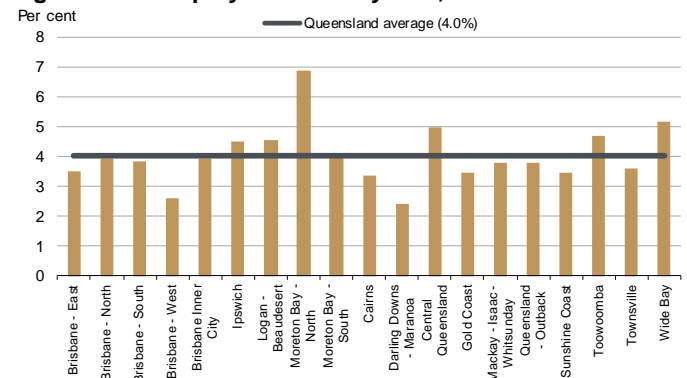


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Feb 24



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.