

# Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Feb 24

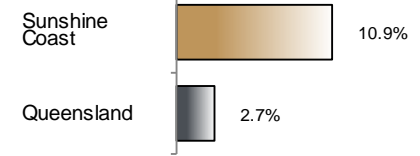
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 28 March 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

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

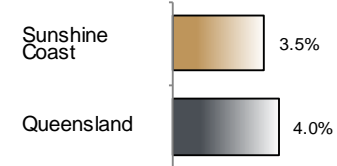
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	202,000	222,600	224,100	22,000	10.9
Total unemployed	5,800	7,800	8,000	2,300	39.1
Total labour force	207,800	230,400	232,100	24,300	11.7
Not in the labour force	136,200	123,700	122,900	-13,400	-9.8
Total persons 15+	344,100	354,100	355,000	10,900	3.2
Participation rate (%)	60.4	65.1	65.4	..	5.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.8	3.4	3.5	..	0.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.9%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.5%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 0.7 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 65.4%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2024 was 224,100 persons, an increase of 22,000 employed persons, or 10.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2024 was 3.5 per cent, an increase of 0.7 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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2024 was 65.4 per cent, an increase of 5.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

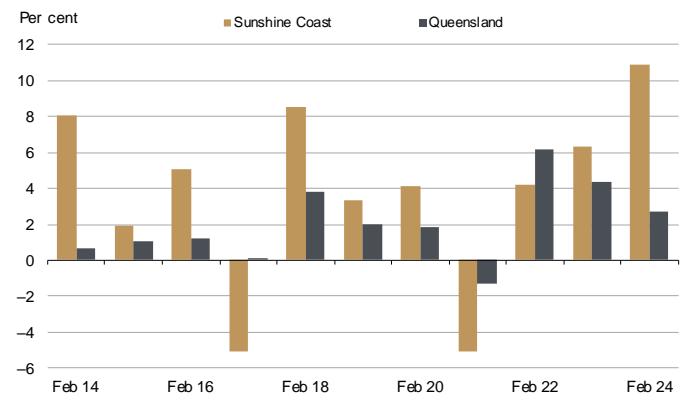
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Sunshine Coast SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2024**

