

# Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Aug 24

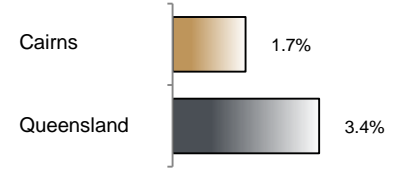
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 26 September 2024, 11:30 am (AEST)

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

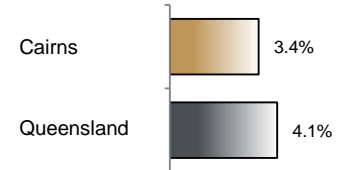
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 23	Jul 24	Aug 24	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	140,400	142,400	142,800	2,400	1.7
Total unemployed	4,800	5,000	5,000	200	3.8
Total labour force	145,300	147,400	147,800	2,600	1.8
Not in the labour force	69,800	72,100	72,000	2,200	3.2
Total persons 15+	215,100	219,500	219,900	4,800	2.2
Participation rate (%)	67.5	67.2	67.2	..	-0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.3	3.4	3.4	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.7%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.4%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 0.1 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.2%  
 ppt = percentage point

## Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force direct survey estimates, 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 of direct survey estimates.

- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in August 2024 was 142,800 persons, an increase of 2,400 employed persons, or 1.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in August 2024 was 3.4 per cent, an increase of 0.1 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 Cairns SA4 in August 2024 was 67.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

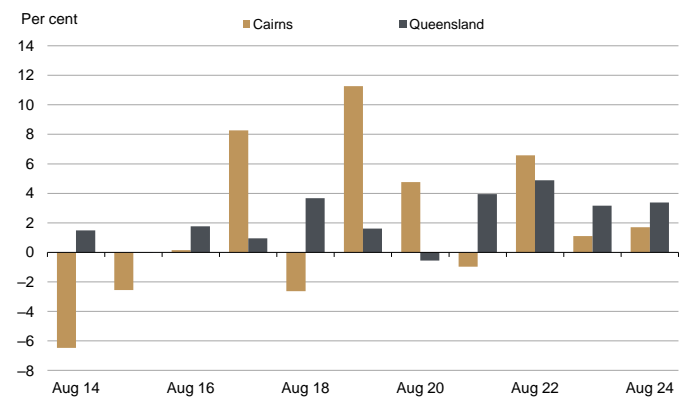
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Cairns SA4**



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

