

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Nov 24

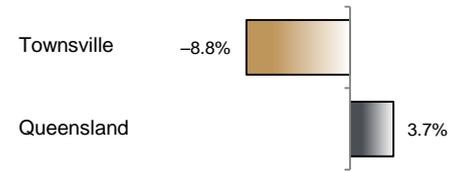
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 19 December 2024, 10:30 am (AEST)

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

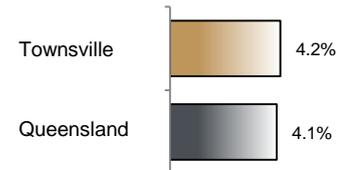
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 23	Oct 24	Nov 24	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	133,200	121,900	121,500	-11,700	-8.8
Total unemployed	4,300	5,300	5,400	1,100	25.1
Total labour force	137,400	127,200	126,900	-10,600	-7.7
Not in the labour force	55,800	69,300	69,800	14,100	25.2
Total persons 15+	193,200	196,400	196,700	3,500	1.8
Participation rate (%)	71.1	64.7	64.5	..	-6.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.1	4.2	4.2	..	1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 8.8%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 4.2%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.1 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 64.5%

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 Townsville SA4 in November 2024 was 121,500 persons, a decrease of 11,700 employed persons, or 8.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2024 was 4.2 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2024 was 64.5 per cent, a decrease of 6.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

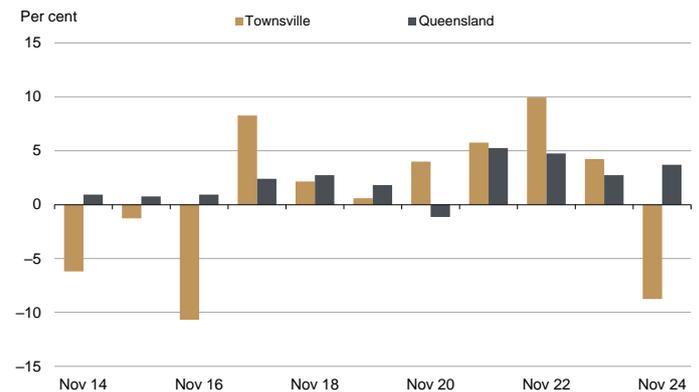
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Townsville SA4**



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

