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Regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Dec 24

Source: ABS, Labour force, Australia, detailed, released 23 January 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 23	Nov 24	Dec 24		lango
		- persons —		persons	%
Total employed	65,500	65,900	65,700	300	0.4
Total unemployed	1,600	1,500	1,600	0	-2.2
Total labour force	67,100	67,400	67,300	200	0.3
Not in the labour force	39,800	40,700	40,900	1,100	2.8
Total persons 15+	106,800	108,100	108,200	1,300	1.3
Participation rate (%)	62.8	62.3	62.2		–0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	2.2	2.3		–0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual

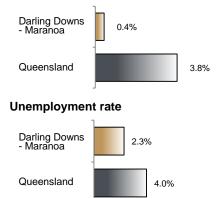


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs -Maranoa SA4

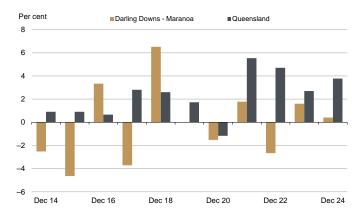
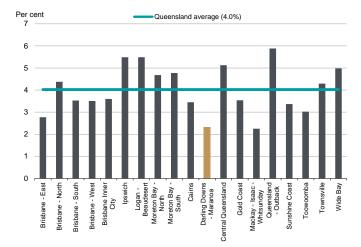


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2024



Key data

Employment (annual change)	…个 0.4%
Unemployment rate	2.3%
Unemployment rate (annual change)	
Participation rate	62.2%

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 Darling Downs -Maranoa SA4 in December 2024 was 65,700 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs Maranoa SA4 in December 2024 was 2.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs Maranoa SA4 in December 2024 was 62.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 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.

