

Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Dec 24

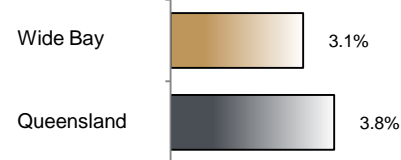
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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

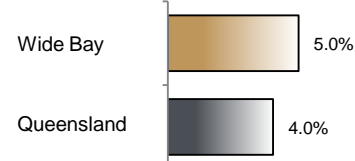
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 23	Nov 24	Dec 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	135,700	138,700	139,800	4,200	3.1
Total unemployed	8,200	7,200	7,300	-900	-10.9
Total labour force	143,900	145,800	147,200	3,300	2.3
Not in the labour force	129,300	133,200	132,300	3,000	2.3
Total persons 15+	273,200	279,000	279,500	6,200	2.3
Participation rate (%)	52.7	52.3	52.7	..	-0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	4.9	5.0	..	-0.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 3.1%

Unemployment rate 5.0%

Unemployment rate (annual change)↓ 0.7 ppt

Participation rate..... 52.7%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in December 2024 was 139,800 persons, an increase of 4,200 employed persons, or 3.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in December 2024 was 5.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in December 2024 was 52.7 per cent, unchanged 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, Wide Bay SA4

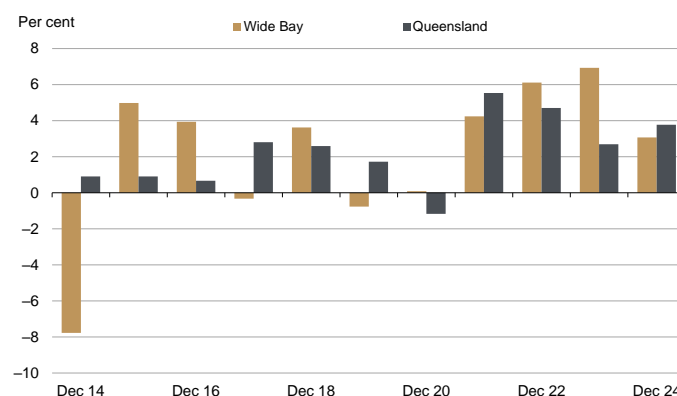


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2024

