

## Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Dec 24

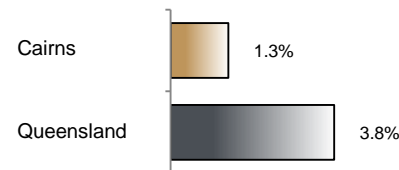
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 January 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

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

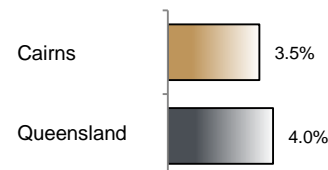
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 23	Nov 24	Dec 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	139,600	141,400	141,400	1,900	1.3
Total unemployed	5,000	4,900	5,100	100	1.0
Total labour force	144,600	146,300	146,500	1,900	1.3
Not in the labour force	72,200	74,600	74,700	2,500	3.4
Total persons 15+	216,800	220,900	221,200	4,400	2.0
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.2	66.2	..	-0.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.4	3.5	..	-0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

### Employment growth, annual



### Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 1.3%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.5%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... 0.0 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 66.2%

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 December 2024 was 141,400 persons, an increase of 1,900 employed persons, or 1.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in December 2024 was 3.5 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in December 2024 was 66.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

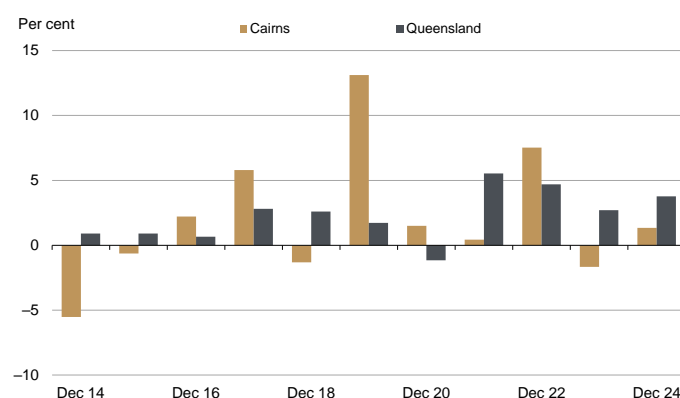
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, December 2024**

