

# Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Dec 24

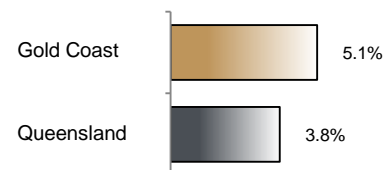
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 January 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4**

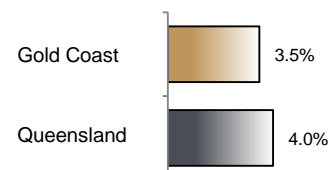
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 23	Nov 24	Dec 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	362,000	380,000	380,500	18,500	5.1
Total unemployed	12,200	13,900	14,000	1,800	14.9
Total labour force	374,200	393,900	394,500	20,300	5.4
Not in the labour force	192,100	188,400	189,200	-2,900	-1.5
Total persons 15+	566,200	582,300	583,600	17,400	3.1
Participation rate (%)	66.1	67.6	67.6	..	1.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.5	3.5	..	0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 5.1%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.5%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 0.3 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.6%

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 Gold Coast SA4 in December 2024 was 380,500 persons, an increase of 18,500 employed persons, or 5.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2024 was 3.5 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2024 was 67.6 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

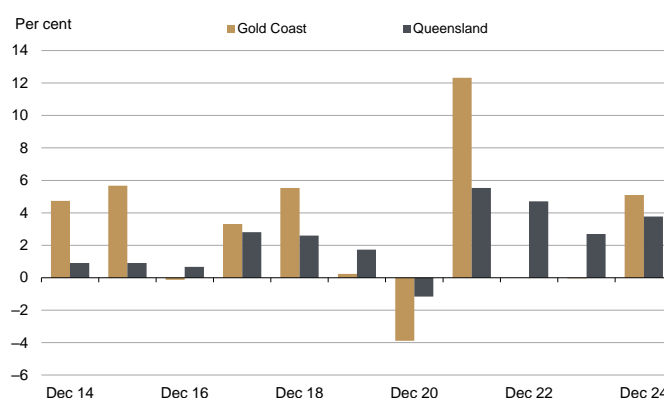
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Gold Coast SA4**



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

