

## Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Dec 24

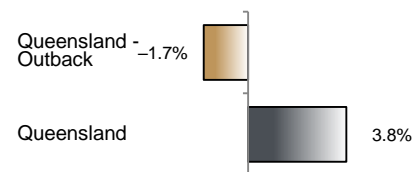
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 January 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4**

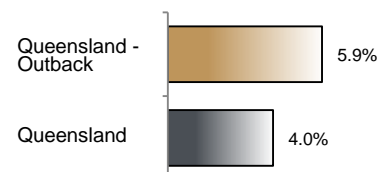
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 23	Nov 24	Dec 24	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	41,100	40,400	40,400	-700	-1.7
Total unemployed	1,700	2,500	2,500	900	51.5
Total labour force	42,800	43,000	42,900	200	0.4
Not in the labour force	20,900	20,900	21,000	0	0.1
Total persons 15+	63,700	63,900	63,900	200	0.3
Participation rate (%)	67.1	67.3	67.2	..	0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	5.9	5.9	..	2.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

### Employment growth, annual



### Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 1.7%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.9%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 2.0 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.2%

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 Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2024 was 40,400 persons, a decrease of 700 employed persons, or 1.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2024 was 5.9 per cent, an increase of 2.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2024 was 67.2 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

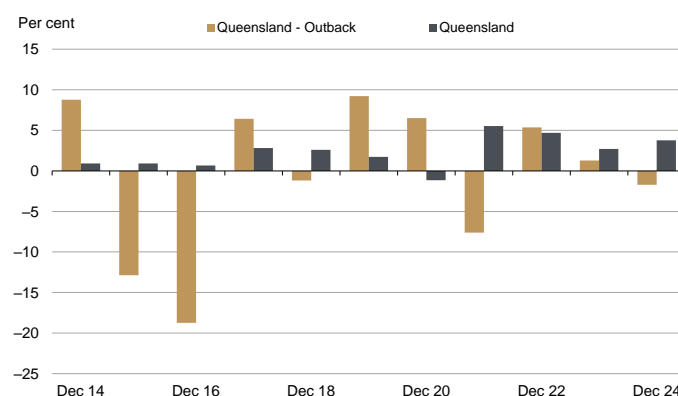
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Queensland - Outback SA4**



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

