

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Jan 25

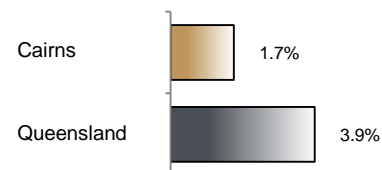
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

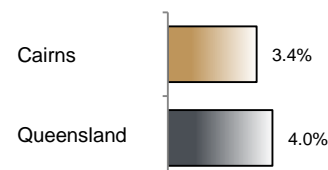
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	139,400	141,400	141,800	2,400	1.7
Total unemployed	5,000	5,100	5,000	0	-0.8
Total labour force	144,400	146,500	146,800	2,400	1.6
Not in the labour force	72,800	74,700	74,700	2,000	2.7
Total persons 15+	217,200	221,200	221,500	4,300	2.0
Participation rate (%)	66.5	66.2	66.3	..	-0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.5	3.4	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.7%
 Unemployment rate 3.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.3%

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 January 2025 was 141,800 persons, an increase of 2,400 employed persons, or 1.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in January 2025 was 3.4 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point 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 January 2025 was 66.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 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

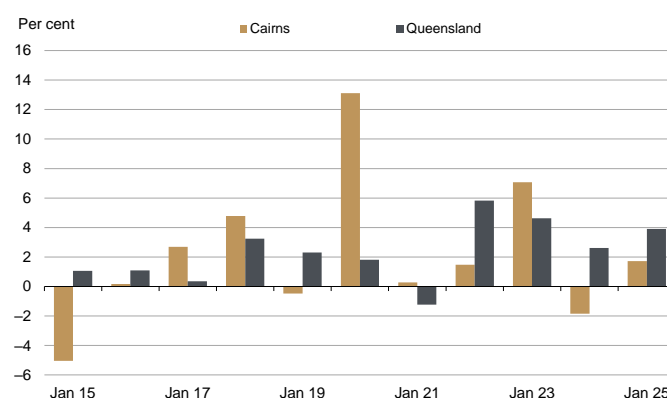


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2025

