

Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Jan 25

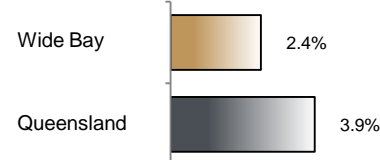
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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

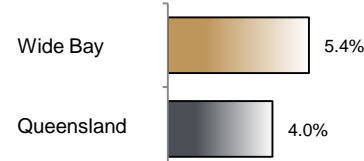
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	136,600	139,800	139,900	3,300	2.4
Total unemployed	7,800	7,300	8,000	200	2.0
Total labour force	144,400	147,200	147,900	3,500	2.4
Not in the labour force	129,400	132,300	132,100	2,700	2.1
Total persons 15+	273,800	279,500	280,000	6,200	2.2
Participation rate (%)	52.7	52.7	52.8	..	0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.4	5.0	5.4	..	-0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 2.4%
 Unemployment rate 5.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) 0.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 52.8%

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 January 2025 was 139,900 persons, an increase of 3,300 employed persons, or 2.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in January 2025 was 5.4 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in January 2025 was 52.8 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, Wide Bay SA4

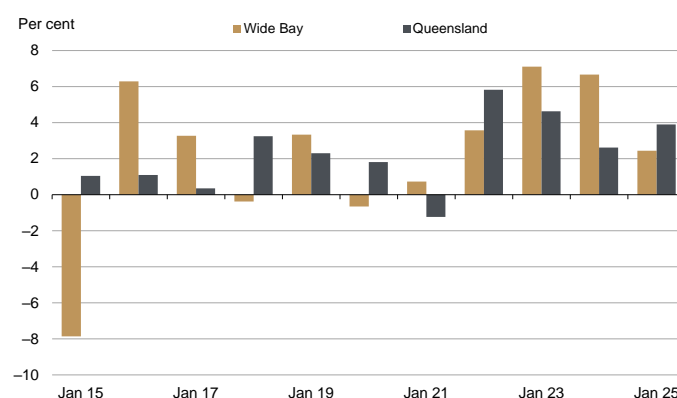


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2025

