

## Regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Jan 25

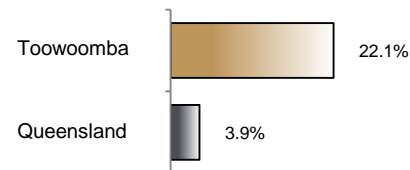
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4**

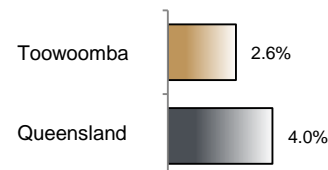
|                         | Year ending |         |         | Annual change |          |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
|                         | Jan 24      | Dec 24  | Jan 25  | persons       | %        |
|                         | — persons — |         |         |               |          |
| Total employed          | 76,700      | 92,300  | 93,600  | 16,900        | 22.1     |
| Total unemployed        | 4,000       | 2,900   | 2,500   | -1,500        | -38.1    |
| Total labour force      | 80,700      | 95,200  | 96,100  | 15,400        | 19.1     |
| Not in the labour force | 56,900      | 45,300  | 44,600  | -12,300       | -21.6    |
| Total persons 15+       | 137,700     | 140,500 | 140,800 | 3,100         | 2.3      |
| Participation rate (%)  | 58.6        | 67.7    | 68.3    | ..            | 9.6 (a)  |
| Unemployment rate (%)   | 5.0         | 3.0     | 2.6     | ..            | -2.4 (a) |

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



### Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 22.1%

Unemployment rate ..... 2.6%

Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 2.4 ppt

Participation rate..... 68.3%

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 Toowoomba SA4 in January 2025 was 93,600 persons, an increase of 16,900 employed persons, or 22.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in January 2025 was 2.6 per cent, a decrease of 2.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in January 2025 was 68.3 per cent, an increase of 9.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

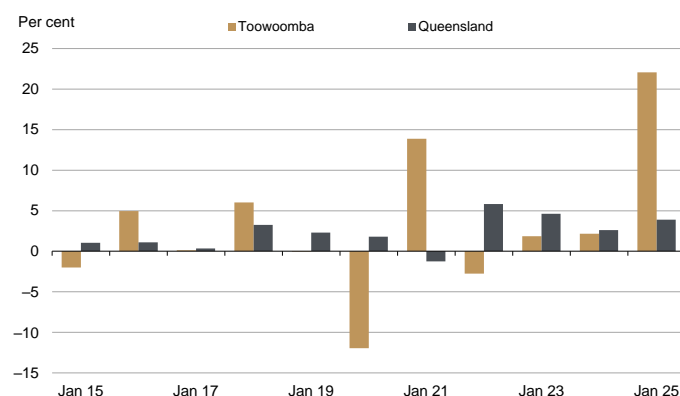
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Toowoomba SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2025**

