

# Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, Jan 25

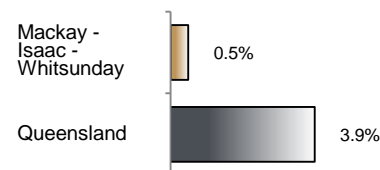
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 February 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**

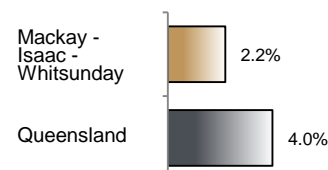
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	103,500	103,700	104,000	500	0.5
Total unemployed	4,300	2,400	2,400	-1,900	-45.1
Total labour force	107,800	106,000	106,400	-1,400	-1.3
Not in the labour force	45,500	49,900	49,800	4,300	9.6
Total persons 15+	153,300	156,000	156,200	2,900	1.9
Participation rate (%)	70.3	68.0	68.1	..	-2.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	2.2	2.2	..	-1.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.5%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 2.2%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.8 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 68.1%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in January 2025 was 104,000 persons, an increase of 500 employed persons, or 0.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in January 2025 was 2.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in January 2025 was 68.1 per cent, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

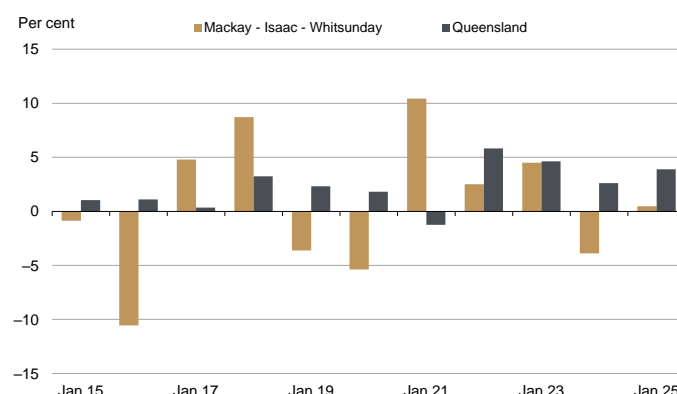
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4**



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

