

## Regional labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, Feb 25

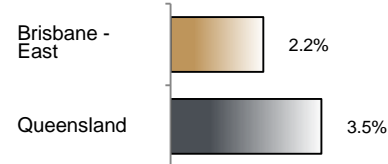
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 March 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - East SA4**

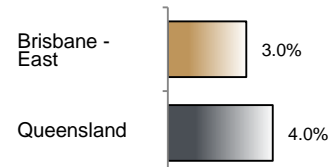
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	137,600	140,300	140,500	3,000	2.2
Total unemployed	5,000	4,100	4,400	-700	-13.2
Total labour force	142,600	144,400	144,900	2,300	1.6
Not in the labour force	63,000	64,400	64,200	1,200	1.9
Total persons 15+	205,600	208,900	209,100	3,500	1.7
Participation rate (%)	69.3	69.2	69.3	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	2.9	3.0	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



### Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.2%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.0%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.5 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 69.3%

ppt = percentage point

### Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force survey data, 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.

Townsville and Cairns SA4s have no data due to collection issues following flooding in these regions. Data in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 represents combined estimates for 3 regions: Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday, Townsville and Cairns SA4s. As such, the comparisons are made across 17 SA4s instead of the usual 19 SA4s.

- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in February 2025 was 140,500 persons, an increase of 3,000 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in February 2025 was 3.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 17 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in February 2025 was 69.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

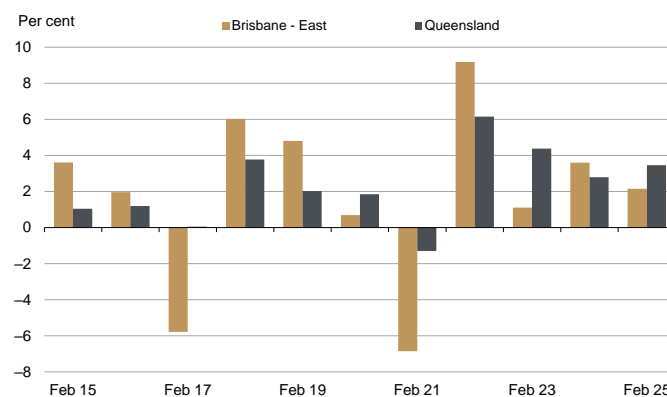
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Brisbane - East SA4**



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

