

Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Feb 25

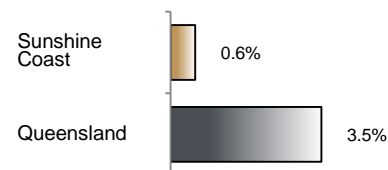
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 March 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

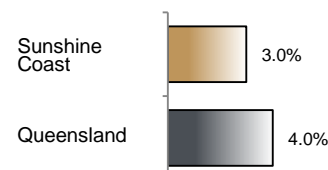
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	223,800	225,300	225,000	1,300	0.6
Total unemployed	8,000	7,400	7,000	-1,000	-12.3
Total labour force	231,800	232,700	232,100	300	0.1
Not in the labour force	122,600	129,900	131,200	8,600	7.0
Total persons 15+	354,400	362,600	363,300	8,900	2.5
Participation rate (%)	65.4	64.2	63.9	..	-1.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.2	3.0	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.6%
 Unemployment rate 3.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 63.9%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2025 was 225,000 persons, an increase of 1,300 employed persons, or 0.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2025 was 3.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 17 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2025 was 63.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.5 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, Sunshine Coast SA4

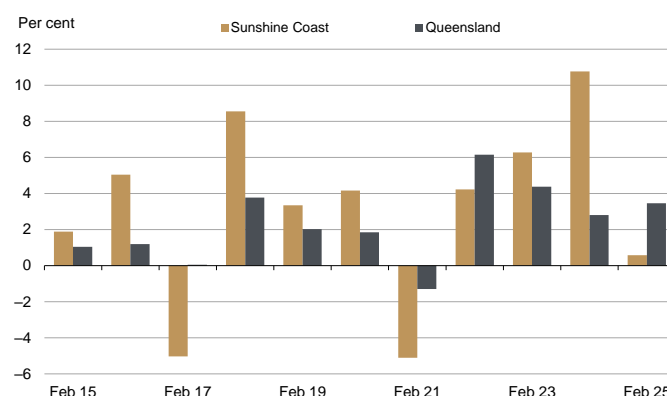


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2025

