

## Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Feb 25

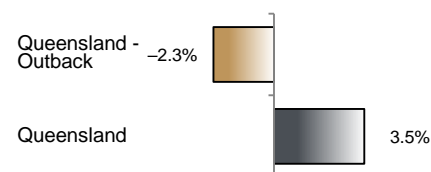
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4**

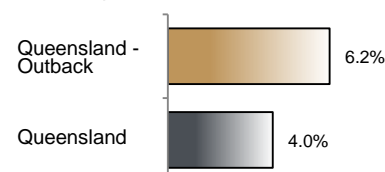
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	41,100	40,300	40,200	-1,000	-2.3
Total unemployed	1,600	2,600	2,600	1,000	61.3
Total labour force	42,800	42,800	42,800	0	0.1
Not in the labour force	21,000	20,900	20,900	0	-0.1
Total persons 15+	63,800	63,800	63,800	0	0.0
Participation rate (%)	67.1	67.2	67.1	..	0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	6.0	6.2	..	2.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



### Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 2.3%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 6.2%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 2.3 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 67.1%

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 Queensland - Outback SA4 in February 2025 was 40,200 persons, a decrease of 1,000 employed persons, or 2.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in February 2025 was 6.2 per cent, an increase of 2.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 17 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in February 2025 was 67.1 per cent, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

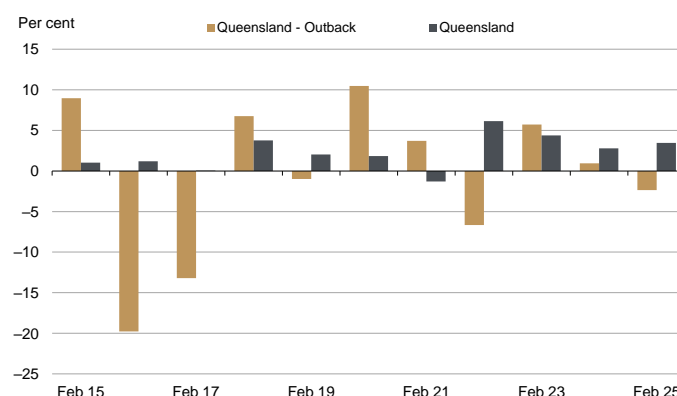
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Queensland - Outback SA4**



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

