

Regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Feb 25

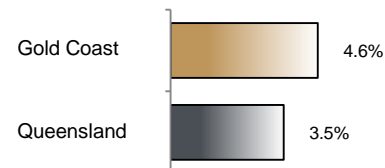
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 March 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

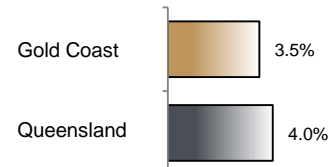
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	364,400	380,400	381,000	16,600	4.6
Total unemployed	13,100	13,400	13,600	500	3.8
Total labour force	377,600	393,900	394,700	17,100	4.5
Not in the labour force	191,800	190,200	190,700	-1,000	-0.5
Total persons 15+	569,300	584,100	585,400	16,100	2.8
Participation rate (%)	66.3	67.4	67.4	..	1.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.4	3.5	..	-0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 4.6%
 Unemployment rate 3.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) 0.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.4%

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 Gold Coast SA4 in February 2025 was 381,000 persons, an increase of 16,600 employed persons, or 4.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in February 2025 was 3.5 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 17 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in February 2025 was 67.4 per cent, an increase of 1.1 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, Gold Coast SA4

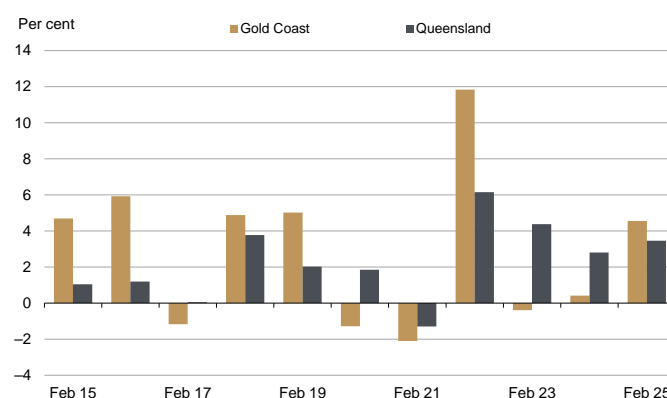


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2025

