

Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, Feb 25

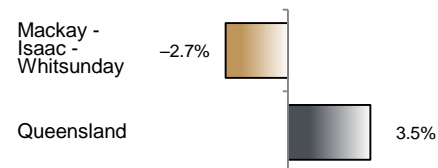
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 March 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

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

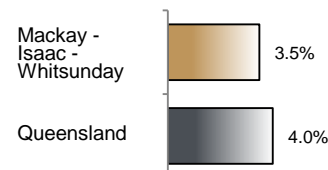
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	375,200	366,700	365,200	-10,000	-2.7
Total unemployed	13,900	13,200	13,300	-700	-4.8
Total labour force	389,100	379,900	378,500	-10,700	-2.7
Not in the labour force	176,200	194,100	196,200	20,000	11.3
Total persons 15+	565,400	574,000	574,700	9,300	1.6
Participation rate (%)	68.8	66.2	65.9	..	-3.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	3.5	3.5	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 2.7%
 Unemployment rate 3.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 65.9%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in February 2025 was 365,200 persons, a decrease of 10,000 employed persons, or 2.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in February 2025 was 3.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 17 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in February 2025 was 65.9 per cent, a decrease of 3.0 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

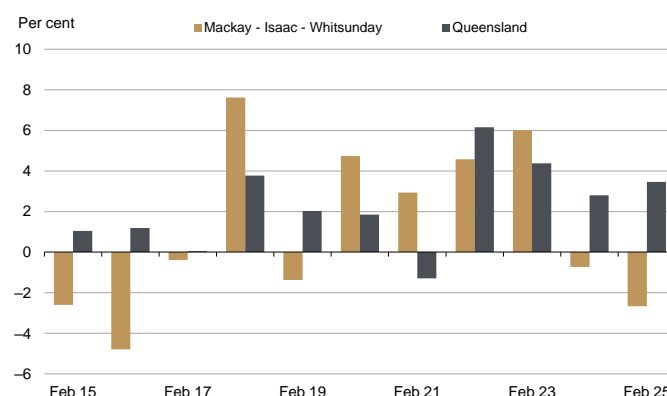


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2025

