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# QUEENSLAND TREASURY

# Regional labour force – Ipswich SA4, Mar 25

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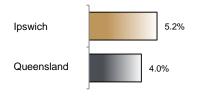
Table 1 Labour force status, Ipswich SA4

|                         | Year ending |         |         | Annual change |          |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
|                         | Mar 24      | Feb 25  | Mar 25  |               |          |
|                         | — persons — |         |         | persons       | %        |
| Total employed          | 196,700     | 193,200 | 193,400 | -3,300        | -1.7     |
| Total unemployed        | 9,800       | 10,800  | 10,500  | 800           | 7.9      |
| Total labour force      | 206,500     | 204,000 | 204,000 | -2,500        | -1.2     |
| Not in the labour force | 104,500     | 115,500 | 116,300 | 11,800        | 11.3     |
| Total persons 15+       | 311,000     | 319,500 | 320,300 | 9,300         | 3.0      |
| Participation rate (%)  | 66.4        | 63.8    | 63.7    |               | -2.7 (a) |
| Unemployment rate (%)   | 4.7         | 5.3     | 5.2     |               | 0.4 (a)  |

(a) Percentage point change.

# Ipswich –1.7% Queensland 3.5%

#### **Unemployment rate**



### Key data

| Employment (annual change)        | ↓ 1.7%      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Unemployment rate                 | 5.2%        |
| Unemployment rate (annual change) | . ↑ 0.4 ppt |
| Participation rate                | 63.7%       |

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.

The ABS has imputed sample responses in Moreton Bay - North and Townsville SA4 regions for March 2025 and Townsville SA4 for February 2025 due to recent natural disasters. The ABS recommends caution when using data from these impacted regions for analysis.

- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in March 2025 was 193,400 persons, a decrease of 3,300 employed persons, or 1.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in March 2025 was 5.2 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourthhighest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in March 2025 was 63.7 per cent, a decrease of 2.7 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, Ipswich SA4

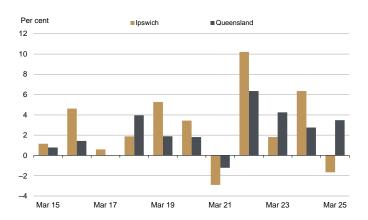


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2025

