

# Regional labour force – region summary, Mar 25

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 24 April 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Mar 25**

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	141,000	3,700	2.7	3.1	-0.3	69.5	0.5
Brisbane - North	138,900	13,000	10.3	4.1	-0.0	73.2	5.7
Brisbane - South	227,200	6,500	3.0	4.1	0.3	70.2	0.2
Brisbane - West	111,300	700	0.6	3.4	0.7	69.1	-1.0
Brisbane Inner City	222,000	10,500	5.0	3.5	-0.5	77.8	-0.0
Ipswich	193,400	-3,300	-1.7	5.2	0.4	63.7	-2.7
Logan - Beaudesert	210,800	11,500	5.8	4.8	0.2	69.0	1.5
Moreton Bay - North	134,500	14,900	12.5	4.1	-2.8	57.9	3.5
Moreton Bay - South	135,800	8,900	7.0	5.2	1.1	76.2	4.0
Cairns	141,000	500	0.3	3.4	0.1	65.9	-0.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	66,900	700	1.0	2.6	0.4	63.4	0.3
Central Queensland	131,400	7,900	6.4	5.4	0.8	71.9	3.9
Gold Coast	380,600	13,600	3.7	3.4	-0.3	67.1	0.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	104,400	400	0.4	1.9	-2.1	68.0	-2.3
Queensland - Outback	40,400	-700	-1.6	5.5	1.1	67.0	-0.3
Sunshine Coast	225,300	1,600	0.7	2.8	-0.8	63.7	-1.6
Toowoomba	94,000	15,600	19.8	2.5	-1.8	68.4	9.1
Townsville	121,400	-9,000	-6.9	5.0	1.3	64.8	-4.8
Wide Bay	140,900	2,500	1.8	6.5	1.7	53.8	0.9
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>2,961,200</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

## Main findings

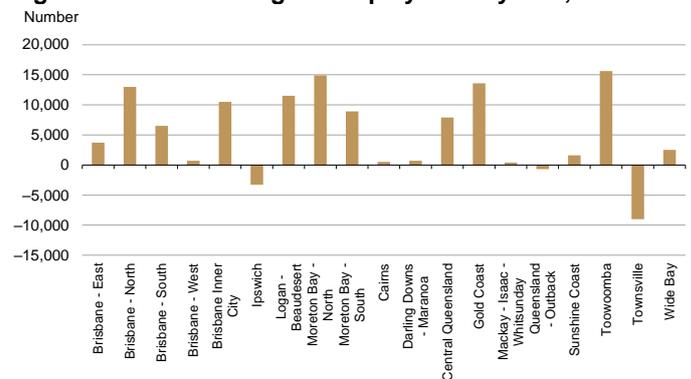
Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force direct survey estimates, the ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to reduce the volatility of the underlying original data.

All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of direct survey estimates.

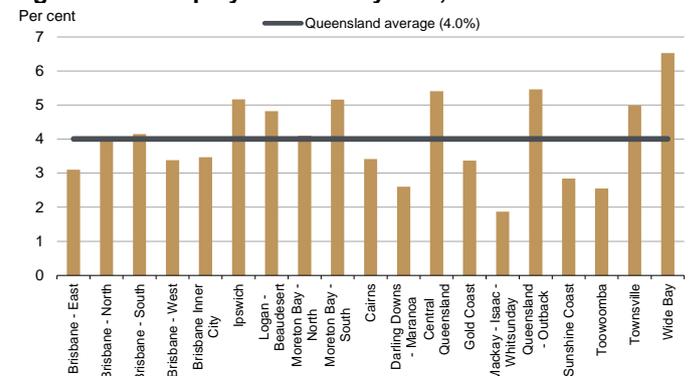
The ABS has imputed sample responses in Moreton Bay - North and Townsville SA4 regions for March 2025 and Townsville SA4 for February 2025 due to recent natural disasters. The ABS recommends caution when using data from these impacted regions for analysis.

- Toowoomba SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during March 2025 with a growth of 15,600 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2025 with an unemployment rate of 1.9 per cent (Figure 2).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to March 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.8 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2025 with 77.8 per cent and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 53.8 per cent.

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Mar 25**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Mar 25**



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.