

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, Mar 25

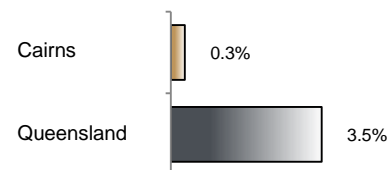
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

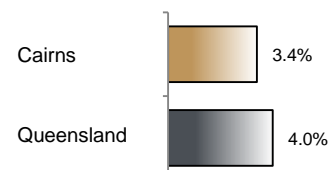
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 24	Feb 25	Mar 25	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	140,600	140,900	141,000	500	0.3
Total unemployed	4,800	5,200	5,000	200	4.7
Total labour force	145,300	146,100	146,000	700	0.5
Not in the labour force	72,600	75,400	75,700	3,100	4.3
Total persons 15+	218,000	221,500	221,700	3,800	1.7
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.0	65.9	..	-0.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.3	3.6	3.4	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.3%
 Unemployment rate 3.4%
 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.

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 Cairns SA4 in March 2025 was 141,000 persons, an increase of 500 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in March 2025 was 3.4 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in March 2025 was 65.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.8 percentage point 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, Cairns SA4

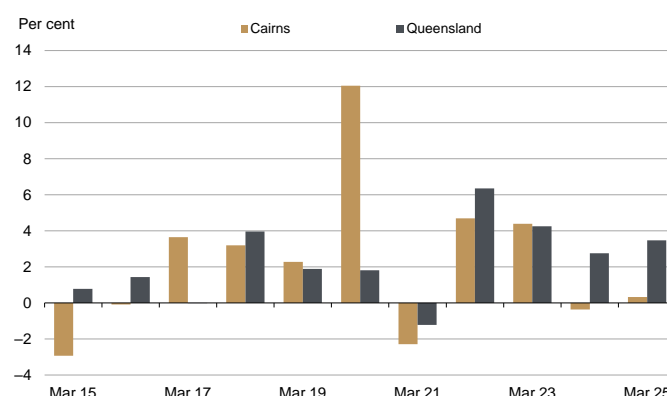


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2025

