

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Mar 25

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

**Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4**

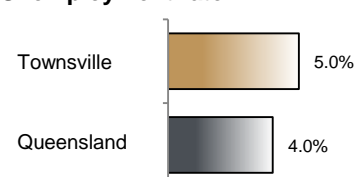
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 24	Feb 25	Mar 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	130,400	121,500	121,400	-9,000	-6.9
Total unemployed	5,000	6,000	6,400	1,300	26.9
Total labour force	135,400	127,500	127,800	-7,600	-5.6
Not in the labour force	59,100	69,500	69,400	10,400	17.5
Total persons 15+	194,500	197,000	197,200	2,700	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.6	64.7	64.8	..	-4.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	4.7	5.0	..	1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 6.9%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.0%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.3 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 64.8%

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 Townsville SA4 in March 2025 was 121,400 persons, a decrease of 9,000 employed persons, or 6.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in March 2025 was 5.0 per cent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in March 2025 was 64.8 per cent, a decrease of 4.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

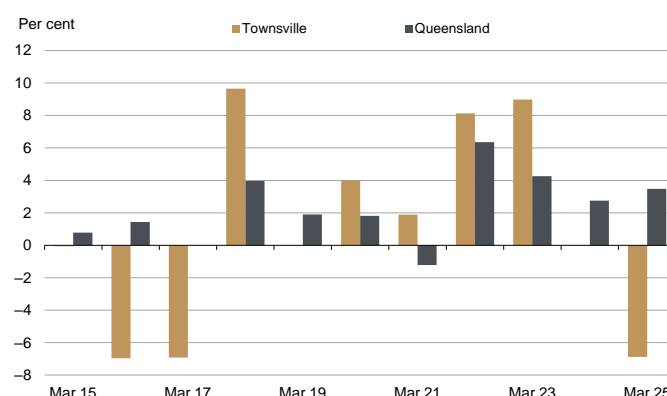
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Townsville SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, March 2025**

