

Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Apr 25

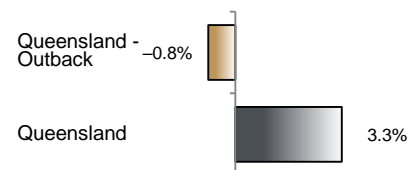
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 May 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

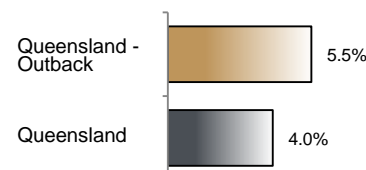
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 24	Mar 25	Apr 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	40,900	40,400	40,500	-300	-0.8
Total unemployed	1,900	2,300	2,300	500	25.2
Total labour force	42,700	42,700	42,900	100	0.3
Not in the labour force	21,000	21,100	20,900	-200	-0.8
Total persons 15+	63,800	63,800	63,800	0	-0.1
Participation rate (%)	67.0	67.0	67.3	..	0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	5.5	5.5	..	1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↓ 0.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.3%

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 Townsville SA4 for February 2025, March 2025 and April 2025 and Moreton Bay - North SA4 for March 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 Queensland - Outback SA4 in April 2025 was 40,500 persons, a decrease of 300 employed persons, or 0.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in April 2025 was 5.5 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in April 2025 was 67.3 per cent, an increase of 0.2 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, Queensland - Outback SA4

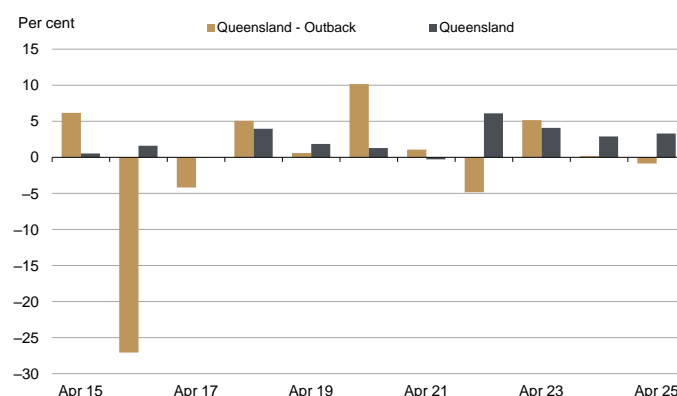


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2025

