

Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, Apr 25

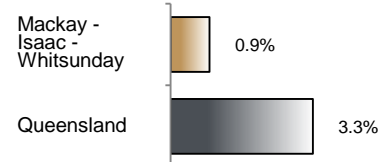
Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 22 May 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4

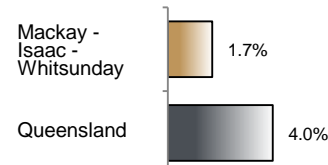
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 24	Mar 25	Apr 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	103,900	104,400	104,800	900	0.9
Total unemployed	4,500	2,000	1,800	-2,700	-59.4
Total labour force	108,400	106,300	106,600	-1,700	-1.6
Not in the labour force	45,700	50,000	49,900	4,200	9.2
Total persons 15+	154,100	156,400	156,600	2,500	1.6
Participation rate (%)	70.3	68.0	68.1	..	-2.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	1.9	1.7	..	-2.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.9%
 Unemployment rate 1.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.1%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in April 2025 was 104,800 persons, an increase of 900 employed persons, or 0.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in April 2025 was 1.7 per cent, a decrease of 2.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in April 2025 was 68.1 per cent, a decrease of 2.2 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, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4

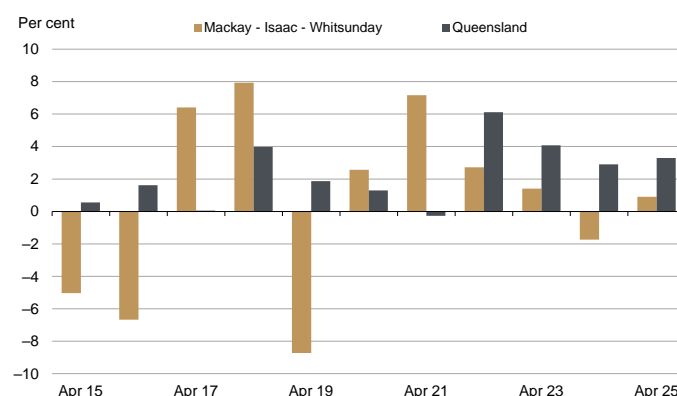


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, April 2025

