

# Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Apr 25

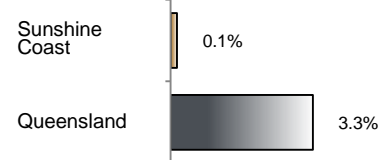
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4**

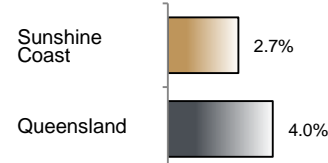
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 24	Mar 25	Apr 25	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	224,600	225,300	224,900	300	0.1
Total unemployed	8,600	6,600	6,300	-2,300	-27.2
Total labour force	233,200	231,900	231,200	-2,000	-0.9
Not in the labour force	122,900	132,100	133,500	10,600	8.6
Total persons 15+	356,100	364,000	364,700	8,600	2.4
Participation rate (%)	65.5	63.7	63.4	..	-2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	2.8	2.7	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Employment growth, annual



## Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.1%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 2.7%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 1.0 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 63.4%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2025 was 224,900 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2025 was 2.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in April 2025 was 63.4 per cent, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

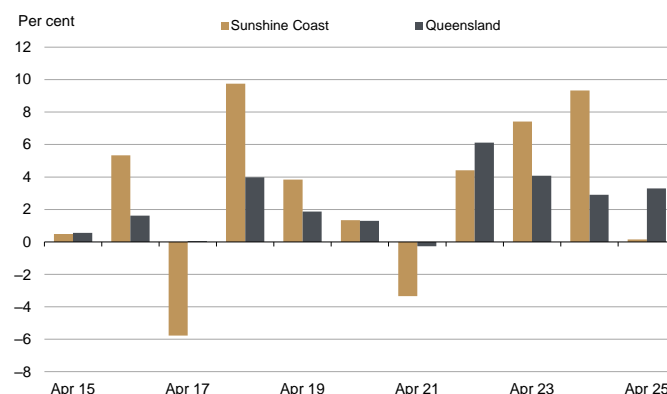
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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, Sunshine Coast SA4**



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

