

Regional labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, May 2025

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 26 June 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status Queensland - Outback SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	40,800	40,400	40,500	–300	–0.8
Total unemployed	1,900	2,300	2,300	400	21.4
Total labour force	42,700	42,800	42,800	100	0.2
Not in the labour force	21,000	20,800	20,800	–200	–0.9
Total persons 15+	63,700	63,600	63,600	–100	–0.1
Participation rate (%)	67.1	67.2	67.3	..	0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	5.5	5.5	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ↓ 0.8%
Unemployment rate 5.5%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.0 ppt
Participation rate 67.3%

Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force direct survey estimates, 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 of direct survey estimates.

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 May 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 May 2025 was 5.5%, an increase of 1.0 percentage point 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 May 2025 was 67.3%, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

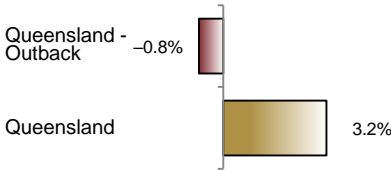
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

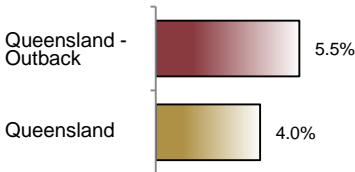


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland - Outback SA4

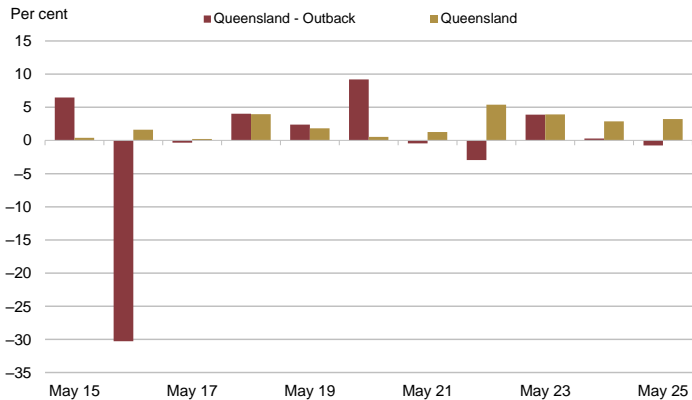
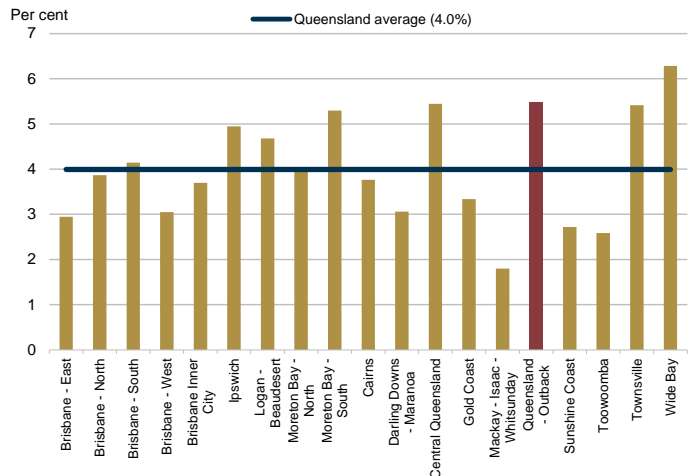


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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