

Regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, May 2025

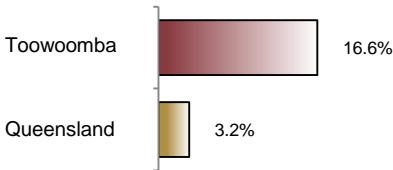
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Table 1 Labour force status Toowoomba SA4

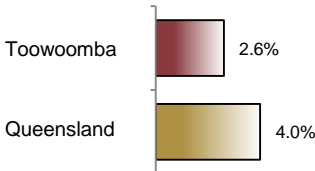
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25	persons	%
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Total employed	80,100	93,900	93,400	13,300	16.6
Total unemployed	3,200	2,500	2,500	–700	–21.4
Total labour force	83,300	96,400	95,900	12,600	15.1
Not in the labour force	55,300	44,600	45,300	–10,000	–18.1
Total persons 15+	138,600	141,000	141,200	2,600	1.9
Participation rate (%)	60.1	68.4	67.9	..	7.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	2.6	2.6	..	–1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↑ 16.6%
Unemployment rate 2.6%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.2 ppt
Participation rate 67.9%

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 Toowoomba SA4 in May 2025 was 93,400 persons, an increase of 13,300 employed persons, or 16.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in May 2025 was 2.6%, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in May 2025 was 67.9%, an increase of 7.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Toowoomba SA4

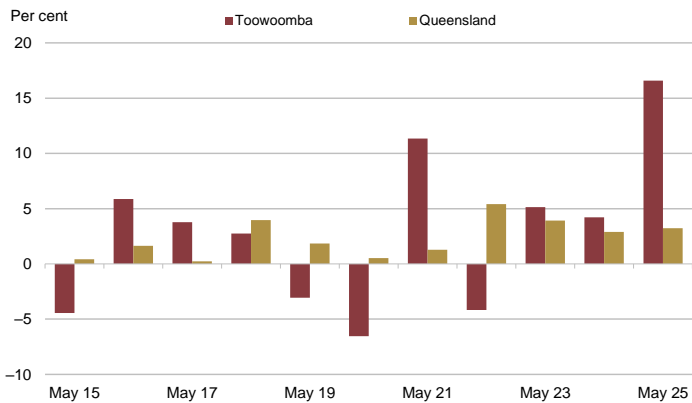
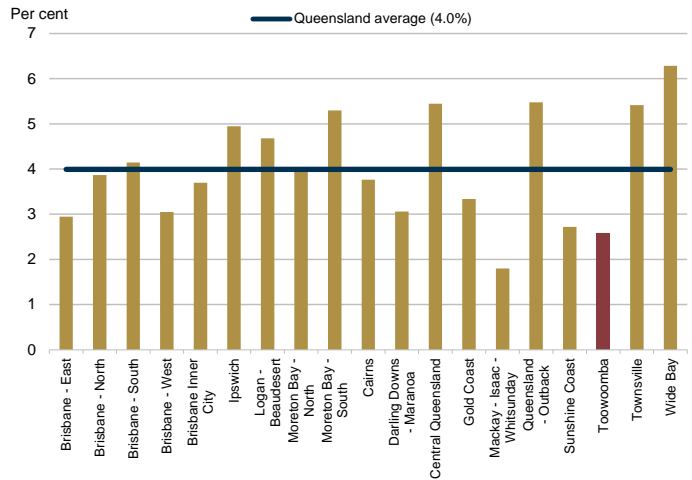


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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.

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