

Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, May 2025

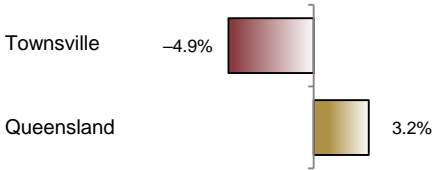
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Table 1 Labour force status Townsville SA4

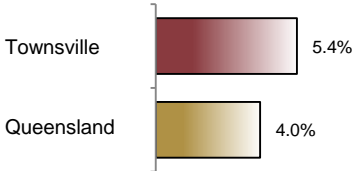
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	127,900	121,400	121,600	-6,300	-4.9
Total unemployed	5,300	6,800	7,000	1,700	31.5
Total labour force	133,200	128,100	128,600	-4,600	-3.5
Not in the labour force	61,600	68,900	68,700	7,100	11.5
Total persons 15+	194,800	197,100	197,200	2,400	1.3
Participation rate (%)	68.4	65.0	65.2	..	-3.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	5.3	5.4	..	1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↓ 4.9%

Unemployment rate 5.4%

Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.4 ppt

Participation rate 65.2%

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 Townsville SA4 in May 2025 was 121,600 persons, a decrease of 6,300 employed persons, or 4.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in May 2025 was 5.4%, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in May 2025 was 65.2%, a decrease of 3.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

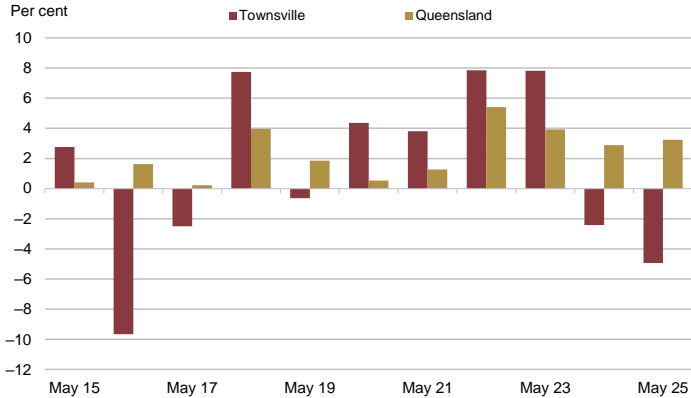
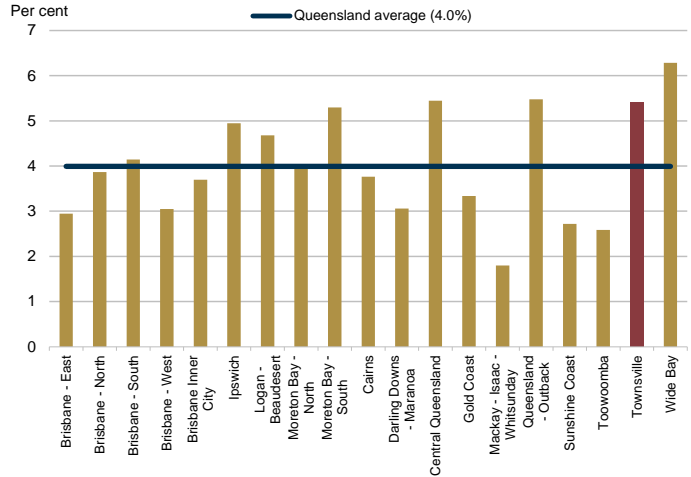


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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