

Regional labour force – Wide Bay SA4, May 2025

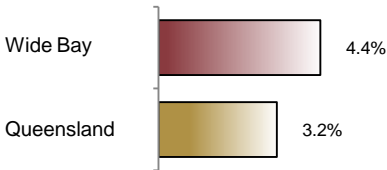
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Table 1 Labour force status Wide Bay SA4

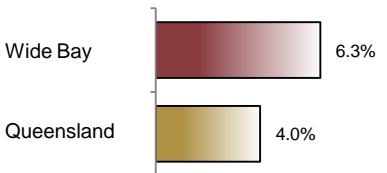
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25	persons	%
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Total employed	138,400	142,700	144,500	6,100	4.4
Total unemployed	6,900	10,000	9,700	2,800	40.5
Total labour force	145,300	152,800	154,200	8,900	6.1
Not in the labour force	130,200	127,500	126,500	-3,600	-2.8
Total persons 15+	275,500	280,300	280,700	5,200	1.9
Participation rate (%)	52.8	54.5	54.9	..	2.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	6.6	6.3	..	1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↑ 4.4%
Unemployment rate 6.3%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.5 ppt
Participation rate 54.9%

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 Wide Bay SA4 in May 2025 was 144,500 persons, an increase of 6,100 employed persons, or 4.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in May 2025 was 6.3%, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in May 2025 was 54.9%, an increase of 2.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

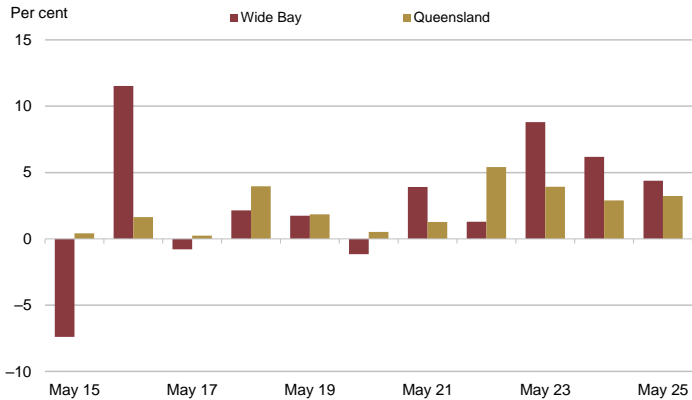
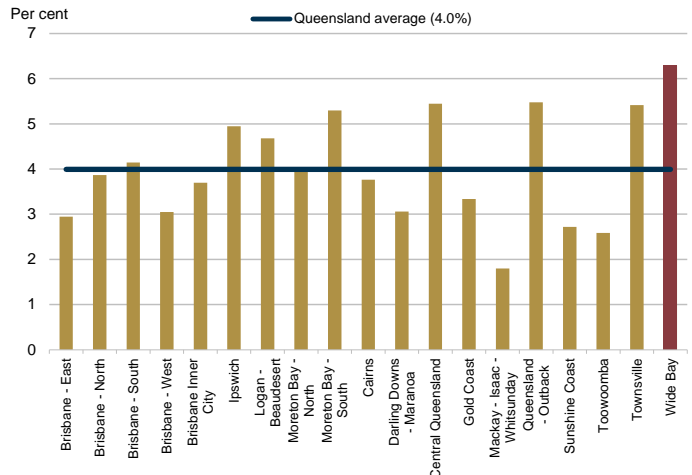


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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