

# Regional labour force – Ipswich SA4, May 2025

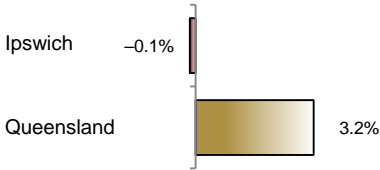
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Table 1 Labour force status Ipswich SA4

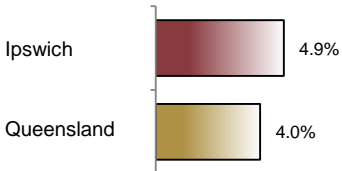
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	196,300	194,300	196,000	–300	–0.1
Total unemployed	10,600	10,500	10,200	–400	–4.2
Total labour force	206,900	204,800	206,200	–700	–0.4
Not in the labour force	105,400	115,600	115,000	9,600	9.1
Total persons 15+	312,300	320,400	321,100	8,900	2.8
Participation rate (%)	66.3	63.9	64.2	..	–2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	5.1	4.9	..	–0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



## Key data

Employment (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.1%  
Unemployment rate ..... 4.9%  
Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 0.2 ppt  
Participation rate ..... 64.2%

## 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 Ipswich SA4 in May 2025 was 196,000 persons, a decrease of 300 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in May 2025 was 4.9%, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in May 2025 was 64.2%, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Ipswich SA4

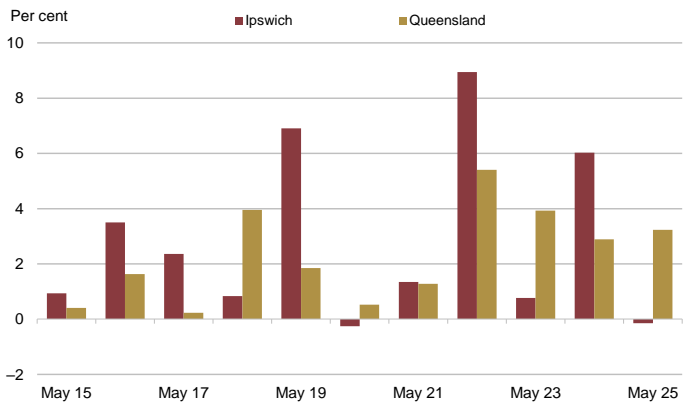
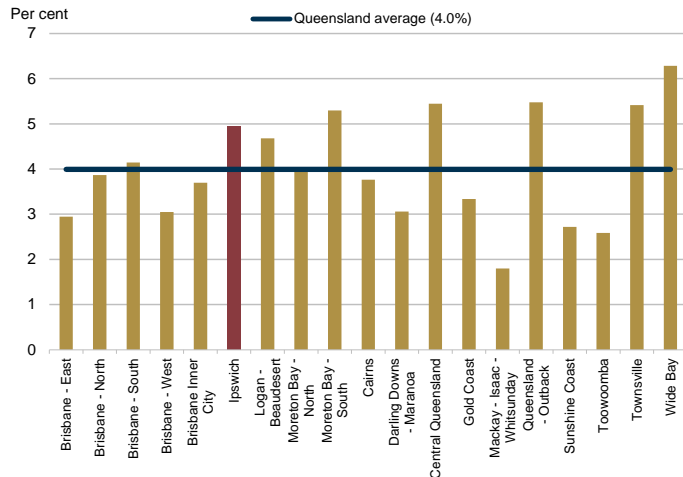


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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