

Regional labour force – Central Queensland SA4, May 2025

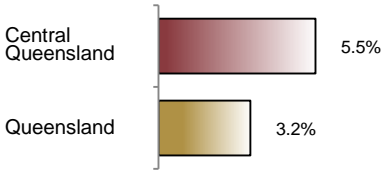
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Table 1 Labour force status Central Queensland SA4

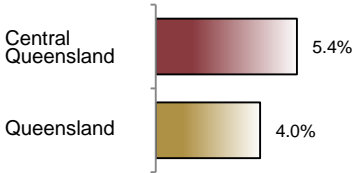
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	124,200	130,900	131,000	6,800	5.5
Total unemployed	5,800	7,500	7,500	1,700	29.4
Total labour force	130,000	138,400	138,500	8,500	6.5
Not in the labour force	60,400	54,600	54,700	-5,800	-9.5
Total persons 15+	190,500	193,000	193,200	2,700	1.4
Participation rate (%)	68.3	71.7	71.7	..	3.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	5.4	5.4	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↑ 5.5%
Unemployment rate..... 5.4%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.0 ppt
Participation rate 71.7%

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 Central Queensland SA4 in May 2025 was 131,000 persons, an increase of 6,800 employed persons, or 5.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Central Queensland SA4 in May 2025 was 5.4%, an increase of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Central Queensland SA4 in May 2025 was 71.7%, an increase of 3.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Central Queensland SA4

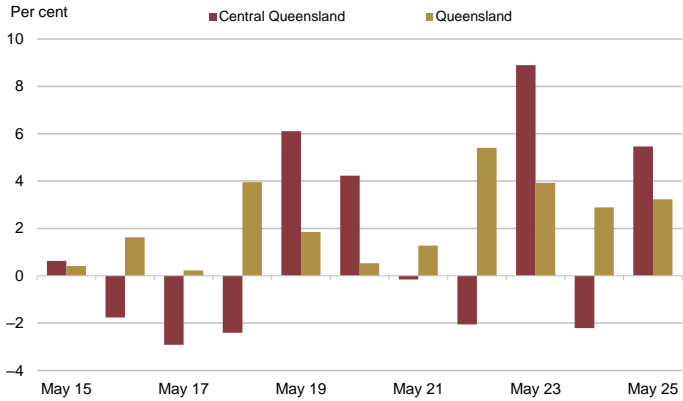
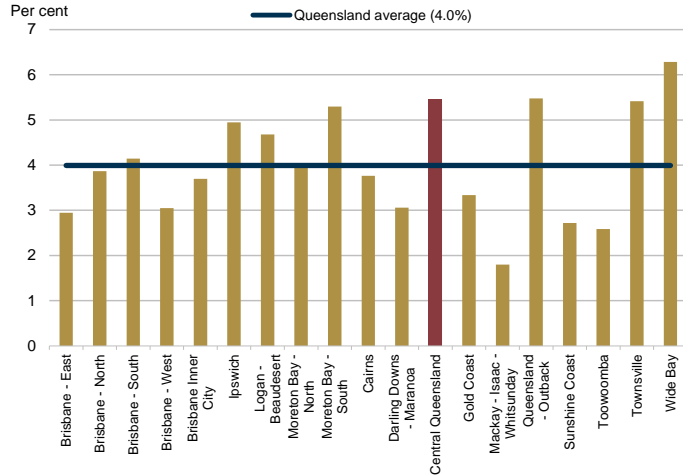


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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