

Regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, May 2025

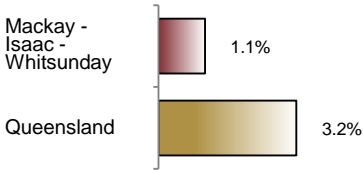
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Table 1 Labour force status Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4

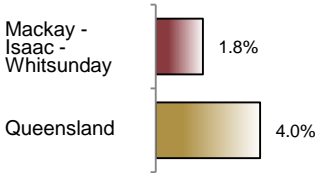
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	104,000	104,600	105,100	1,100	1.1
Total unemployed	4,200	1,800	1,900	-2,300	-54.0
Total labour force	108,200	106,400	107,100	-1,100	-1.1
Not in the labour force	45,900	49,800	49,400	3,500	7.6
Total persons 15+	154,100	156,300	156,400	2,300	1.5
Participation rate (%)	70.2	68.1	68.4	..	-1.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	1.7	1.8	..	-2.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↑ 1.1%
Unemployment rate 1.8%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.1 ppt
Participation rate 68.4%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in May 2025 was 105,100 persons, an increase of 1,100 employed persons, or 1.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in May 2025 was 1.8%, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in May 2025 was 68.4%, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4

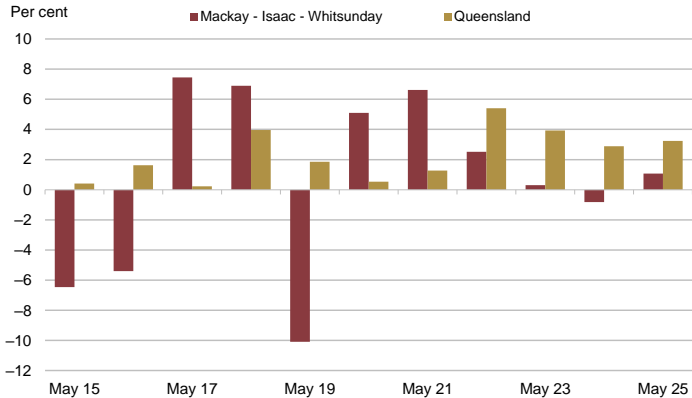
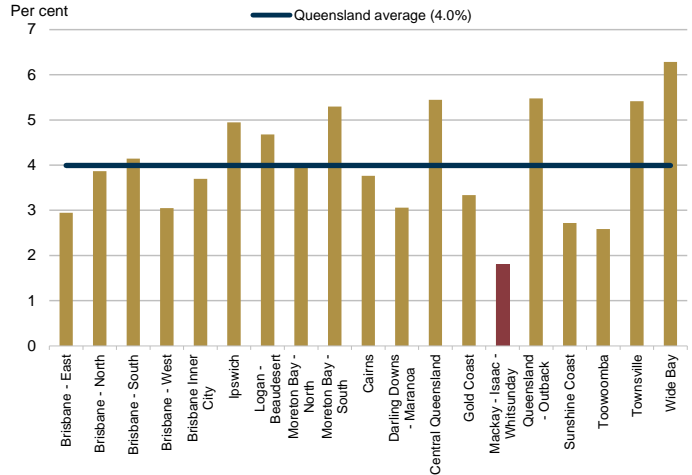


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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