

Regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, May 2025

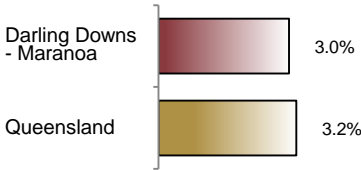
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Table 1 Labour force status Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

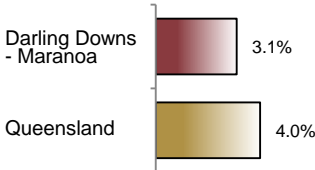
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	65,300	67,000	67,300	2,000	3.0
Total unemployed	1,400	1,900	2,100	700	54.7
Total labour force	66,700	68,900	69,400	2,700	4.1
Not in the labour force	40,600	39,200	38,800	-1,800	-4.4
Total persons 15+	107,300	108,100	108,200	900	0.9
Participation rate (%)	62.1	63.7	64.1	..	2.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.1	2.8	3.1	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↑ 3.0%
Unemployment rate..... 3.1%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.0 ppt
Participation rate 64.1%

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 Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in May 2025 was 67,300 persons, an increase of 2,000 employed persons, or 3.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in May 2025 was 3.1%, an increase of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in May 2025 was 64.1%, an increase of 2.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

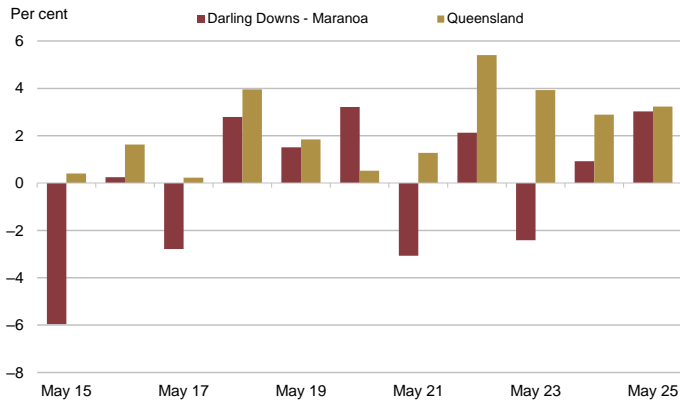
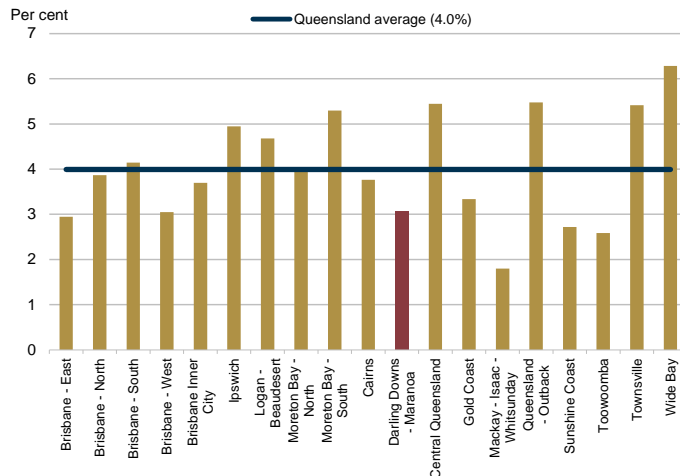


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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