

Regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, May 2025

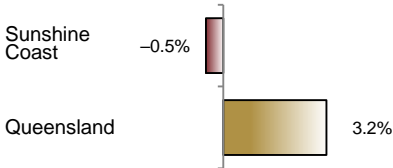
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Table 1 Labour force status Sunshine Coast SA4

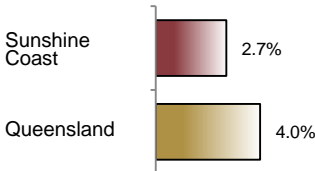
	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 24	Apr 25	May 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	225,000	224,500	223,800	-1,200	-0.5
Total unemployed	8,700	6,300	6,300	-2,500	-28.5
Total labour force	233,800	230,800	230,100	-3,700	-1.6
Not in the labour force	122,600	133,200	134,600	12,000	9.8
Total persons 15+	356,400	364,000	364,700	8,300	2.3
Participation rate (%)	65.6	63.4	63.1	..	-2.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	2.7	2.7	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↓ 0.5%
Unemployment rate 2.7%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.0 ppt
Participation rate 63.1%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2025 was 223,800 persons, a decrease of 1,200 employed persons, or 0.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2025 was 2.7%, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2025 was 63.1%, a decrease of 2.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

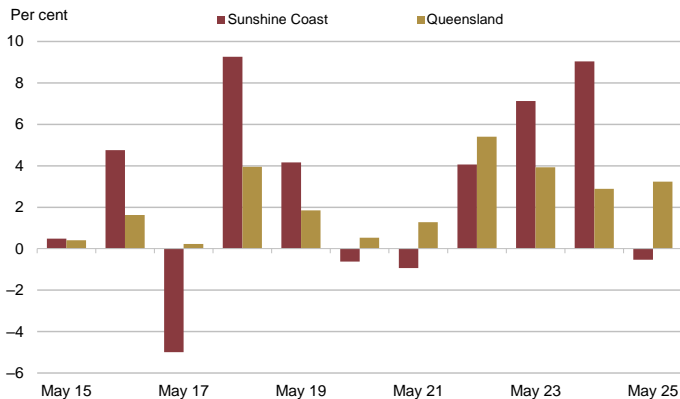
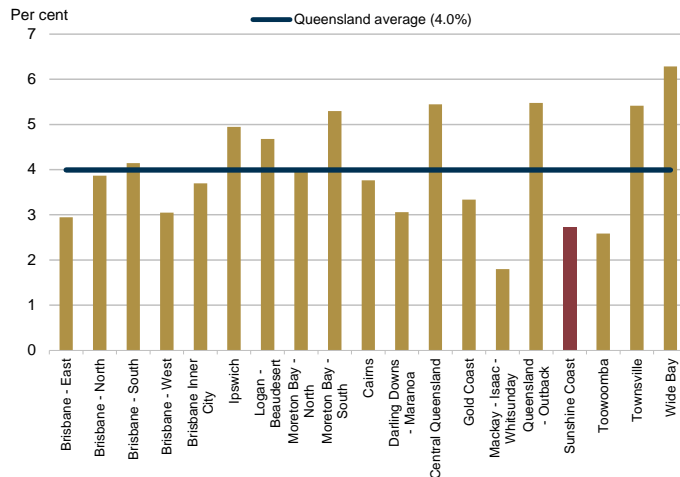


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2025



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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