

Regional labour force – Cairns SA4, June 2025

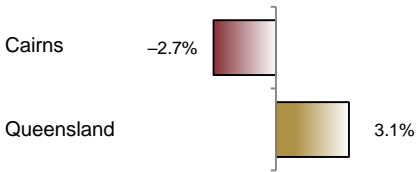
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

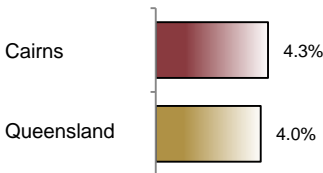
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jun 24	May 25	Jun 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	142,500	139,300	138,700	-3,800	-2.7
Total unemployed	4,700	5,400	6,200	1,500	33.0
Total labour force	147,200	144,800	144,900	-2,300	-1.5
Not in the labour force	71,500	77,100	77,200	5,700	7.9
Total persons 15+	218,700	221,900	222,200	3,400	1.6
Participation rate (%)	67.3	65.3	65.2	..	-2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.8	4.3	..	1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change) ↓ 2.7%
Unemployment rate 4.3%
Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.1 ppt
Participation rate 65.2%

Main findings

Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of regional labour force direct survey estimates.

The ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to address high standard errors and reduce data volatility.

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 Cairns SA4 in June 2025 was 138,700 persons, a decrease of 3,800 employed persons, or 2.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in June 2025 was 4.3%, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in June 2025 was 65.2%, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4

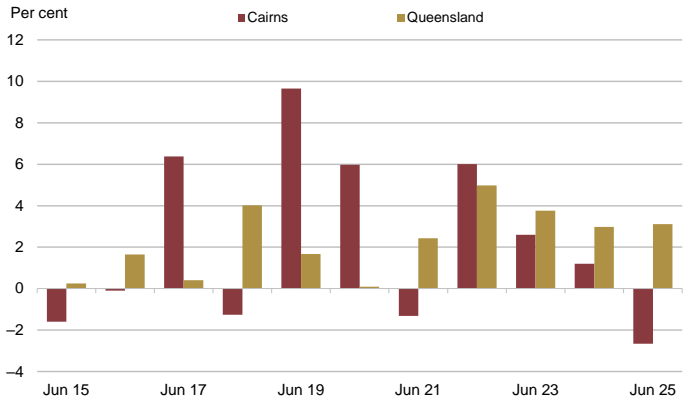
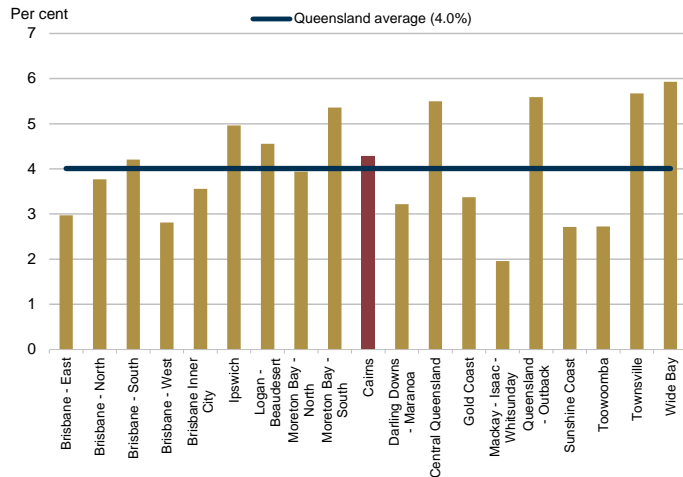


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, June 2025



SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

Data for Queensland 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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