

# Regional labour force – Central Queensland SA4, June 2025

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 24 July 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Central Queensland SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jun 24	May 25	Jun 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	125,500	131,000	130,300	4,900	3.9
Total unemployed	5,800	7,500	7,600	1,800	31.4
Total labour force	131,200	138,500	137,900	6,700	5.1
Not in the labour force	59,500	54,700	55,500	−4,000	−6.7
Total persons 15+	190,700	193,200	193,400	2,700	1.4
Participation rate (%)	68.8	71.7	71.3	..	2.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	5.4	5.5	..	1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change) ..... ↑ 3.9%  
Unemployment rate..... 5.5%  
Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.1 ppt  
Participation rate ..... 71.3%

## 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 Central Queensland SA4 in June 2025 was 130,300 persons, an increase of 4,900 employed persons, or 3.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Central Queensland SA4 in June 2025 was 5.5%, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Central Queensland SA4 in June 2025 was 71.3%, an increase of 2.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

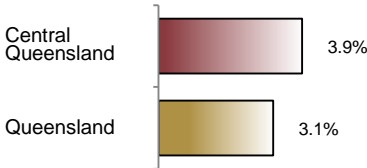
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

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.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

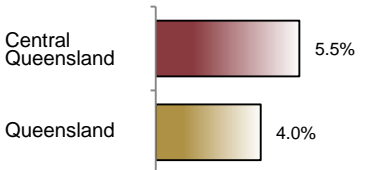


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Central Queensland SA4

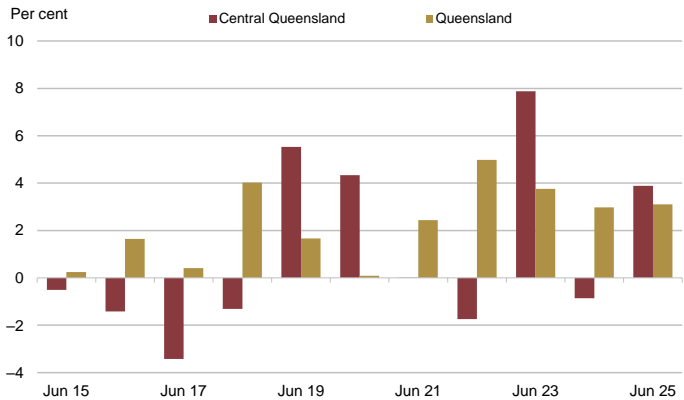
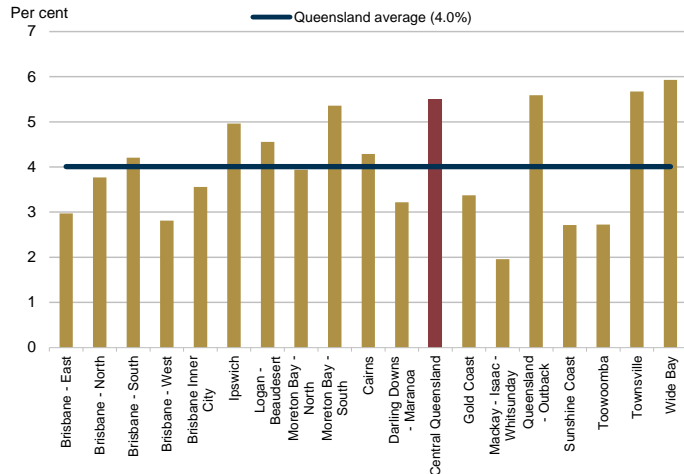


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, June 2025



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