

Regional labour force – region summary, June 2025

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

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, June 2025

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	143,100	6,300	4.6	3.0	-0.2	70.3	1.9
Brisbane - North	141,600	14,100	11.1	3.8	-0.4	74.3	6.0
Brisbane - South	226,800	3,500	1.6	4.2	0.3	69.8	-0.7
Brisbane - West	110,300	-1,300	-1.2	2.8	-0.3	67.8	-2.8
Brisbane Inner City	222,600	7,700	3.6	3.6	-0.7	77.4	-1.0
Ipswich	197,000	800	0.4	5.0	-0.2	64.4	-1.6
Logan - Beaudesert	211,100	11,200	5.6	4.6	-0.7	68.4	0.9
Moreton Bay - North	136,900	13,900	11.3	3.9	-2.6	58.5	3.1
Moreton Bay - South	136,400	8,000	6.2	5.4	1.2	76.4	3.6
Cairns	138,700	-3,800	-2.7	4.3	1.1	65.2	-2.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	67,700	2,900	4.5	3.2	1.1	64.6	3.0
Central Queensland	130,300	4,900	3.9	5.5	1.1	71.3	2.5
Gold Coast	381,300	7,800	2.1	3.4	-0.0	67.0	-0.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	105,400	1,400	1.3	2.0	-1.6	68.6	-1.2
Queensland - Outback	40,400	-300	-0.7	5.6	1.0	67.3	0.3
Sunshine Coast	223,300	-2,700	-1.2	2.7	-1.0	62.8	-2.9
Toowoomba	93,100	11,700	14.3	2.7	-1.1	67.7	6.7
Townsville	121,600	-4,700	-3.7	5.7	1.7	65.3	-2.2
Wide Bay	146,600	8,300	6.0	5.9	1.3	55.4	2.9
Queensland	2,974,300	89,600	3.1	4.0	-0.1	67.2	0.5

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

- Brisbane - North SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during June 2025 with a growth of 14,100 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2025 with an unemployment rate of 2.0% (Figure 2).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to June 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2025 with 77.4% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 55.4%.

Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

SA4 = Statistical Area, Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

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.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, June 2025

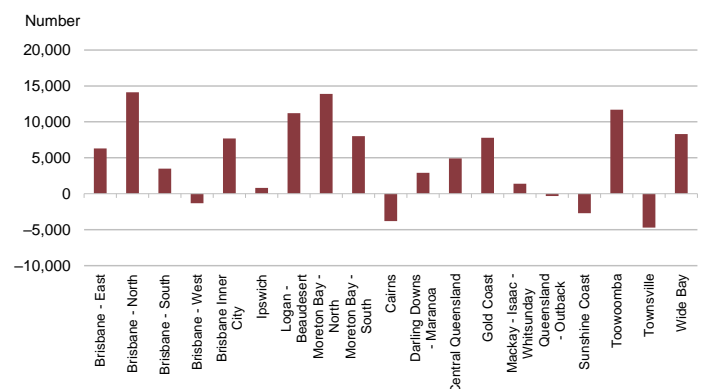
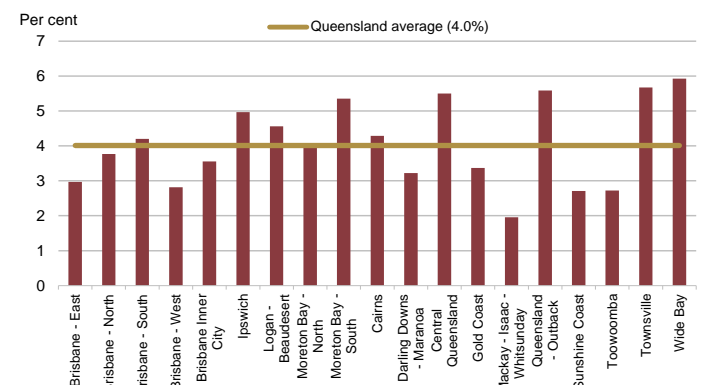


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, June 2025



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