

Modelled regional labour force – region summary, August 2025

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 25 September 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, August 2025

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation ^(a)	
	Level — persons —	Annual change	%	Rate %	Annual change percentage point	Rate %	Annual change percentage point
Brisbane - East	142,200	3,400	2.5	3.4	-0.0	69.4	0.3
Brisbane - North	140,500	3,300	2.4	3.4	-0.0	72.5	0.3
Brisbane - South	228,800	7,500	3.4	3.9	-0.1	70.1	0.4
Brisbane - West	111,600	2,700	2.5	3.2	-0.0	69.0	0.2
Brisbane Inner City	224,000	8,700	4.0	3.1	-0.1	78.3	0.5
Cairns	144,600	3,200	2.2	4.5	-0.1	68.0	0.4
Central Queensland	129,600	2,700	2.1	4.5	-0.1	69.9	0.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	68,900	900	1.3	3.2	0.0	65.5	0.3
Gold Coast	394,300	12,600	3.3	3.0	-0.1	69.0	0.6
Ipswich	203,900	6,900	3.5	5.5	-0.1	66.7	0.4
Logan - Beaudesert	205,100	8,000	4.1	5.5	-0.1	66.6	0.2
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	110,400	2,000	1.9	2.9	0.0	72.6	0.4
Moreton Bay - North	131,500	4,400	3.5	5.3	-0.3	56.5	0.2
Moreton Bay - South	133,600	3,600	2.8	3.6	-0.1	73.4	0.4
Queensland - Outback	40,200	300	0.7	6.2	-0.1	66.7	0.2
Sunshine Coast	223,300	6,400	2.9	3.1	-0.1	62.8	0.4
Toowoomba	84,400	1,600	1.9	3.8	-0.0	62.1	0.2
Townsville	126,700	2,100	1.7	4.8	-0.0	67.2	0.3
Wide Bay	141,500	4,000	2.9	5.5	-0.2	53.0	0.4
Queensland	2,984,800	84,200	2.9	4.0	-0.1	67.3	0.4

(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 modelled estimates due to seasonal variation and noise associated with regional labour force modelled estimates.

The modelled regional labour force estimates enhance the direct survey estimates of regional labour market data using administrative data and statistical modelling.

- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during August 2025 with a growth of 12,600 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2025 with an unemployment rate of 2.9% (Figure 2).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to August 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 0.3 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2025 with 78.3% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 53.0%.

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 12-month averages of modelled labour force estimates.

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, August 2025

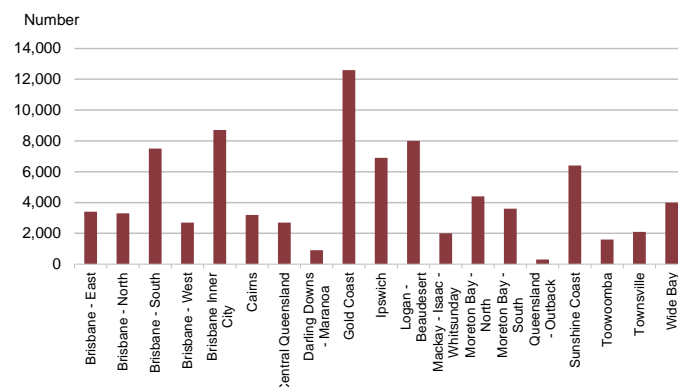
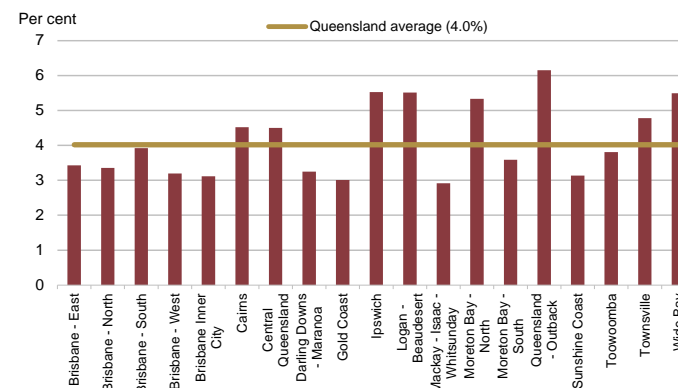


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2025



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