

Modelled regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, December 2025

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 29 January 2026, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 24	Nov 25	Dec 25		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	68,800	69,300	69,300	500	0.7
Total unemployed	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	4.5
Total labour force	71,000	71,700	71,600	600	0.9
Not in the labour force	37,000	37,200	37,300	300	0.9
Total persons 15+	108,000	108,800	108,900	900	0.9
Participation rate (%)	65.8	65.8	65.8	..	-0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.3	3.3	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change) ↑ 0.7%
 Unemployment rate 3.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate 65.8%

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.

- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2025 was 69,300 persons, an increase of 500 employed persons, or 0.7% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2025 was 3.3%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2025 was 65.8%, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

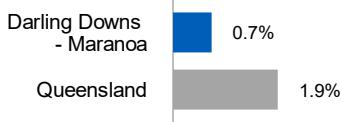
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

Data for Queensland are provided for reference purposes only.

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 Unemployment rate, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 and Queensland

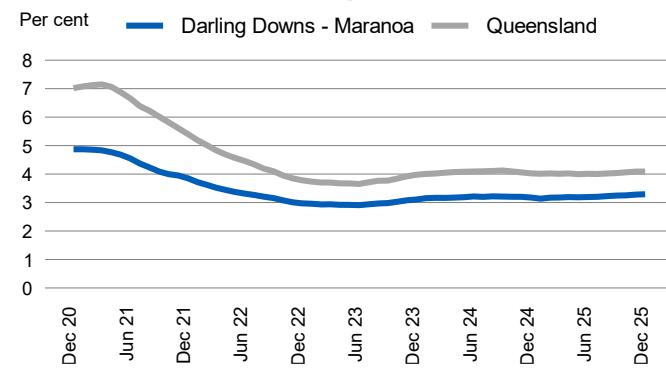
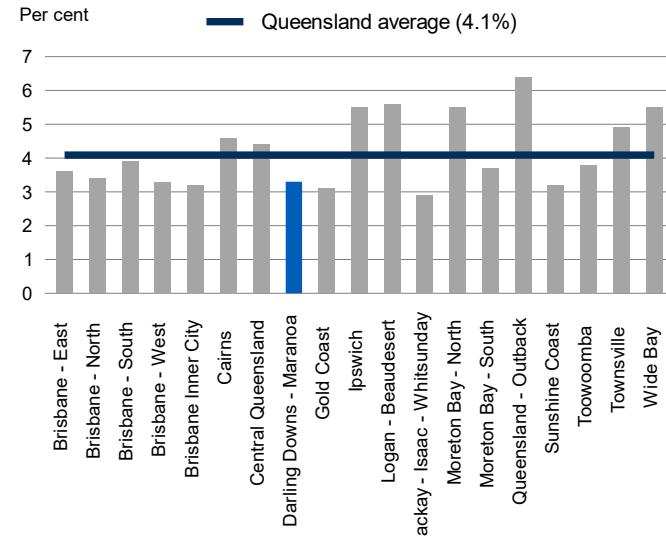


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2025



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