

# Modelled regional labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, January 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 26 February 2026, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - North SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	130,800	134,300	134,600	3,800	2.9
Total unemployed	7,400	7,700	7,800	400	4.8
Total labour force	138,200	142,000	142,400	4,200	3.0
Not in the labour force	103,800	106,100	106,300	2,500	2.4
Total persons 15+	242,000	248,100	248,700	6,700	2.8
Participation rate (%)	57.1	57.2	57.2	..	0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.4	5.4	5.5	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 2.9%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 5.5%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change).....↑ 0.1 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 57.2%

## 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 Moreton Bay - North SA4 in January 2026 was 134,600 persons, an increase of 3,800 employed persons, or 2.9% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in January 2026 was 5.5%, higher than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in January 2026 was 57.2%, an increase of 0.1 of a percentage point 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.

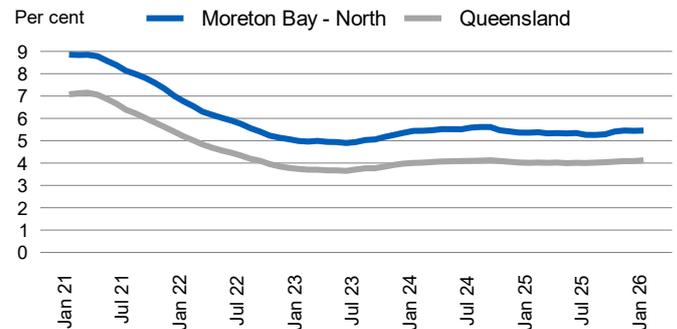
**Employment growth, annual**



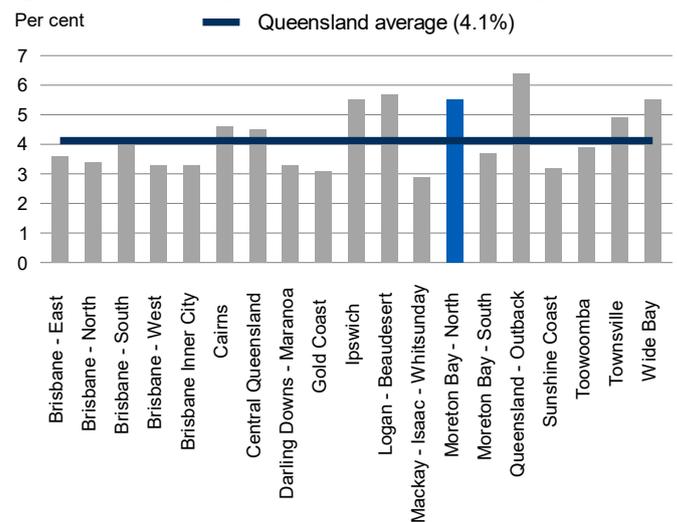
**Unemployment rate**



**Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Moreton Bay - North SA4 and Queensland**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2026**



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