

Modelled regional labour force – Queensland - Outback 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, Queensland - Outback SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	-0.0
Total unemployed	2,600	2,700	2,700	100	5.6
Total labour force	42,600	42,700	42,700	100	0.3
Not in the labour force	21,500	21,500	21,500	0	0.1
Total persons 15+	64,100	64,200	64,200	200	0.3
Participation rate (%)	66.5	66.5	66.5	..	0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	6.3	6.4	..	0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... 0.0%
 Unemployment rate 6.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change)..... ↑ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate 66.5%

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 Queensland - Outback SA4 in January 2026 was 40,000 persons, unchanged over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in January 2026 was 6.4%, higher than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in January 2026 was 66.5%, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

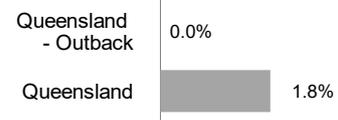
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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, Queensland - Outback SA4 and Queensland

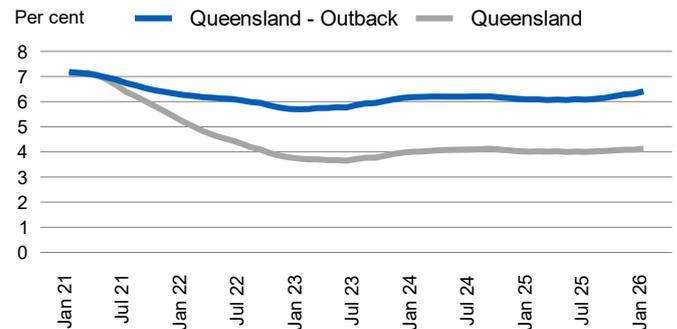
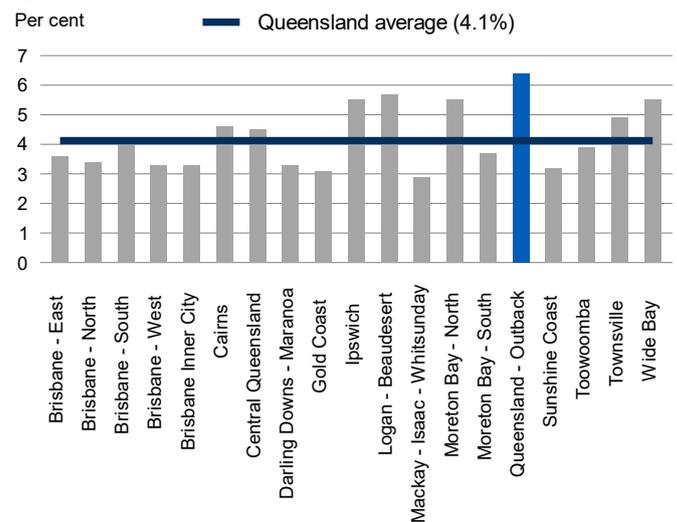


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2026



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