

Modelled regional labour force – Brisbane - East 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, Brisbane - East SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 25	Dec 25	Jan 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	139,100	141,200	141,300	2,200	1.6
Total unemployed	5,000	5,300	5,300	300	6.1
Total labour force	144,100	146,400	146,600	2,500	1.8
Not in the labour force	65,600	66,900	67,000	1,400	2.1
Total persons 15+	209,700	213,300	213,600	4,000	1.9
Participation rate (%)	68.7	68.6	68.6	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.6	3.6	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 1.6%

Unemployment rate3.6%

Unemployment rate (annual change).....↑ 0.1 ppt

Participation rate68.6%

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 Brisbane - East SA4 in January 2026 was 141,300 persons, an increase of 2,200 employed persons, or 1.6% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in January 2026 was 3.6%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in January 2026 was 68.6%, a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

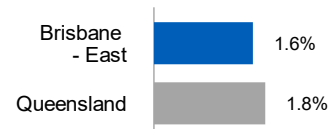
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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, Brisbane - East SA4 and Queensland

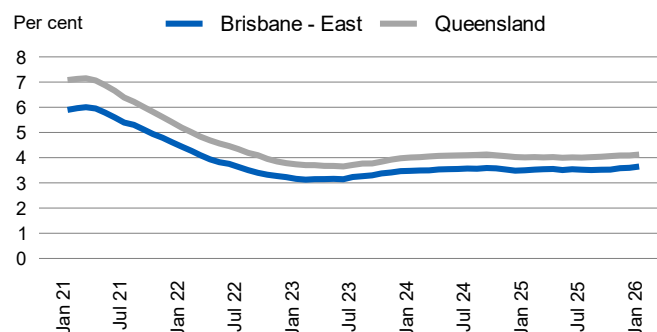
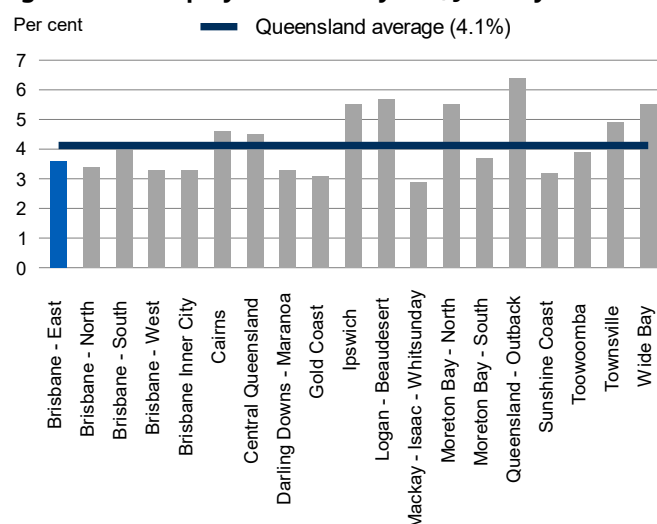


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2026



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