

# Modelled regional labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, January 2026

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**Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane Inner City SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 25	Dec 25	Jan 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	219,300	222,100	222,300	3,000	1.4
Total unemployed	7,200	7,400	7,500	400	5.0
Total labour force	226,400	229,500	229,800	3,300	1.5
Not in the labour force	63,700	68,800	69,300	5,600	8.8
Total persons 15+	290,100	298,300	299,000	8,900	3.1
Participation rate (%)	78.1	76.9	76.8	..	-1.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.2	3.3	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change) ..... ↑ 1.4%

Unemployment rate ..... 3.3%

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

Participation rate ..... 76.8%

## 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 Brisbane Inner City SA4 in January 2026 was 222,300 persons, an increase of 3,000 employed persons, or 1.4% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in January 2026 was 3.3%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in January 2026 was 76.8%, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points 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.

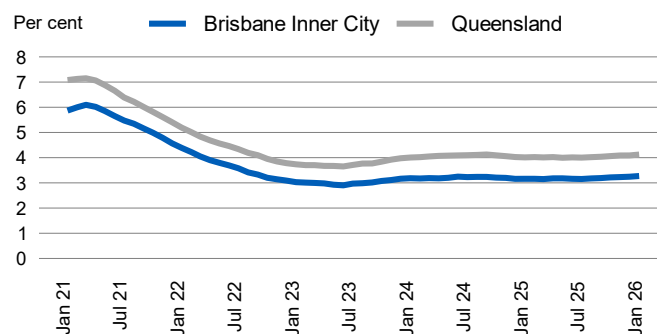
**Employment growth, annual**



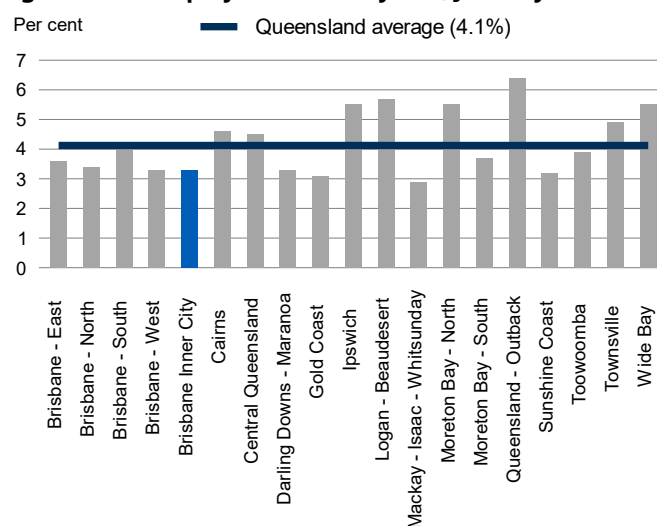
**Unemployment rate**



**Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Brisbane Inner City SA4 and Queensland**



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



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