

Modelled regional labour force – Sunshine Coast 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, Sunshine Coast SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 25	Dec 25	Jan 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	219,500	223,600	223,900	4,400	2.0
Total unemployed	7,200	7,400	7,400	300	3.5
Total labour force	226,700	231,100	231,400	4,700	2.1
Not in the labour force	135,400	138,400	138,700	3,300	2.4
Total persons 15+	362,100	369,400	370,100	8,000	2.2
Participation rate (%)	62.6	62.5	62.5	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.2	3.2	..	0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)↑ 2.0%

Unemployment rate 3.2%

Unemployment rate (annual change)..... 0.0 ppt

Participation rate62.5%

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 Sunshine Coast SA4 in January 2026 was 223,900 persons, an increase of 4,400 employed persons, or 2.0% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in January 2026 was 3.2%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in January 2026 was 62.5%, a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

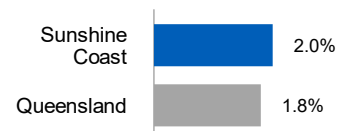
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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, Sunshine Coast SA4 and Queensland

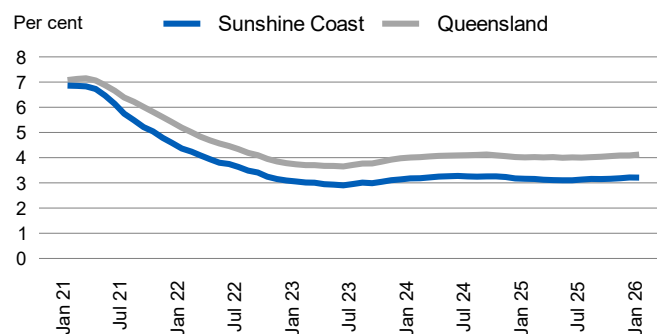
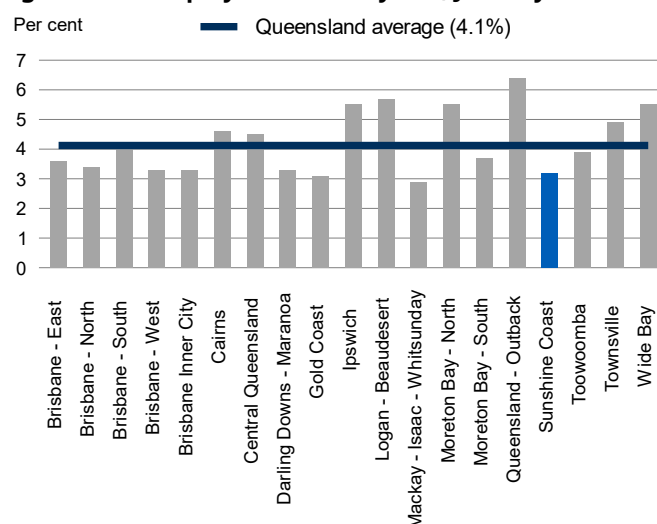


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2026



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