

Modelled regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, February 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, released 26 March 2026, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	219,800	223,700	224,000	4,200	1.9
Total unemployed	7,200	7,400	7,500	300	4.7
Total labour force	227,000	231,100	231,500	4,600	2.0
Not in the labour force	135,800	138,800	139,000	3,200	2.4
Total persons 15+	362,800	369,900	370,600	7,800	2.1
Participation rate (%)	62.6	62.5	62.5	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.2	3.2	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 1.9%
 Unemployment rate 3.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change).....↑ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate 62.5%

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 February 2026 was 224,000 persons, an increase of 4,200 employed persons, or 1.9% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in February 2026 was 3.2%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.2% (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 February 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)

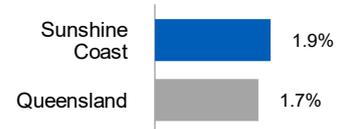
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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

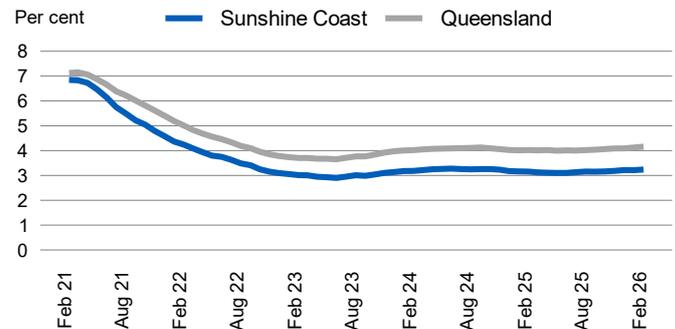
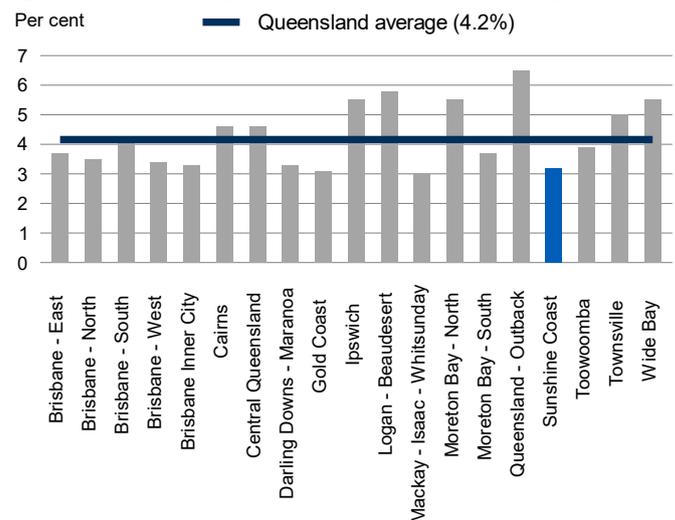


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2026



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