

# Modelled regional labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, March 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, released 23 April 2026, 11:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - East SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 26	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	139,500	141,400	141,700	2,200	1.6
Total unemployed	5,100	5,400	5,300	200	4.3
Total labour force	144,600	146,700	147,000	2,400	1.7
Not in the labour force	65,800	67,100	67,200	1,400	2.1
Total persons 15+	210,400	213,900	214,200	3,800	1.8
Participation rate (%)	68.7	68.6	68.6	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.7	3.6	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 1.6%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.6%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change).....↑ 0.1 ppt  
 Participation rate ..... 68.6%

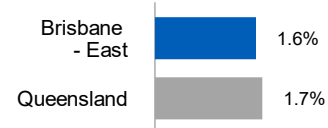
## Main findings

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 March 2026 was 141,700 persons, an increase of 2,200 employed persons, or 1.6% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in March 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 March 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.

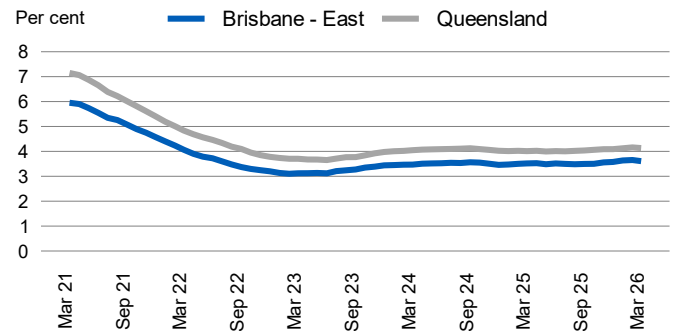
**Employment growth, annual**



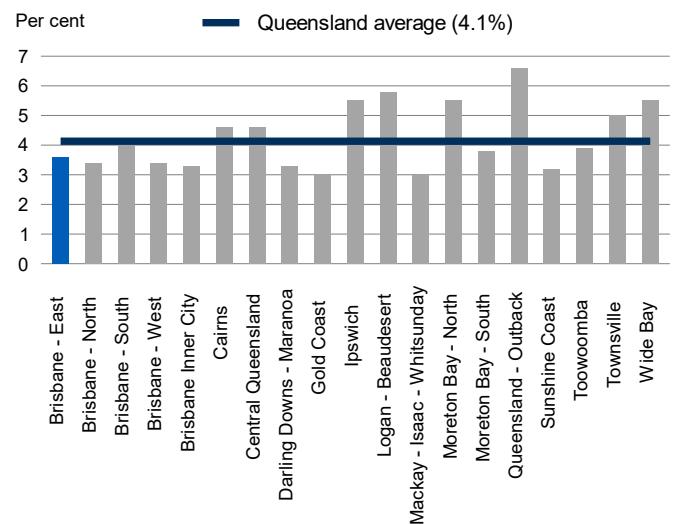
**Unemployment rate**



**Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Brisbane - East SA4 and Queensland**



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



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