

# Modelled regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa 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, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Mar 25	Feb 26	Mar 26	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	68,900	69,200	69,200	300	0.4
Total unemployed	2,300	2,400	2,400	100	5.9
Total labour force	71,200	71,600	71,600	400	0.6
Not in the labour force	37,000	37,400	37,500	400	1.2
Total persons 15+	108,200	109,000	109,100	900	0.8
Participation rate (%)	65.8	65.7	65.7	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.3	3.3	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 0.4%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 3.3%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change).....↑ 0.2 ppt  
 Participation rate .....65.7%

## 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 Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in March 2026 was 69,200 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in March 2026 was 3.3%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in March 2026 was 65.7%, a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

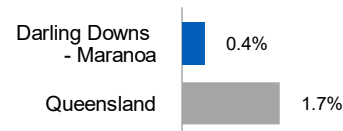
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

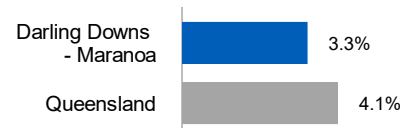
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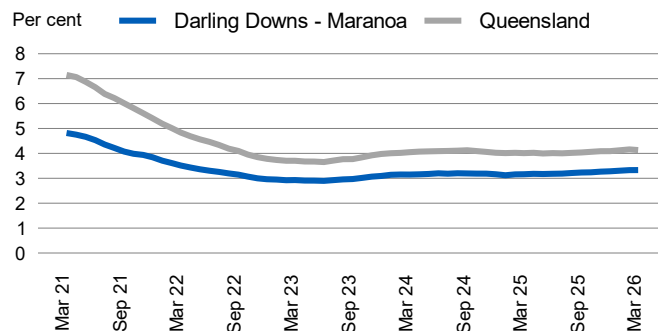
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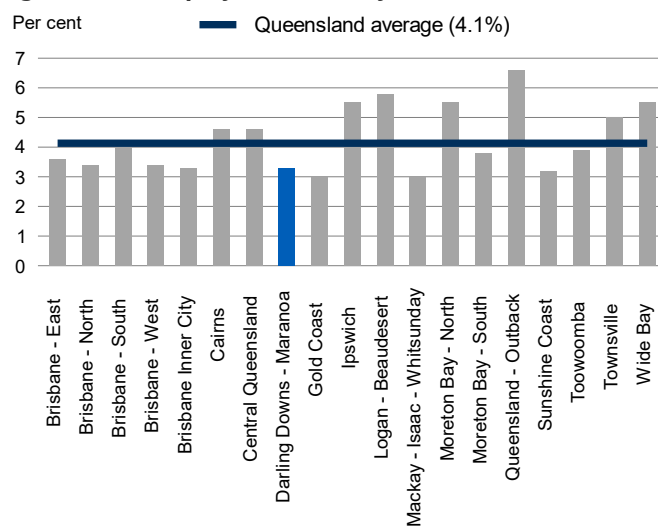
**Unemployment rate**



**Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 and Queensland**



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



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