

# Modelled regional labour force – Gold Coast SA4, April 2026

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**Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4**

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Apr 25	Mar 26	Apr 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	390,300	396,700	397,000	6,700	1.7
Total unemployed	12,100	12,400	12,500	400	3.7
Total labour force	402,400	409,100	409,600	7,100	1.8
Not in the labour force	182,500	187,300	188,000	5,500	3.0
Total persons 15+	584,900	596,400	597,500	12,600	2.2
Participation rate (%)	68.8	68.6	68.5	..	-0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.1	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change) .....↑ 1.7%

Unemployment rate ..... 3.1%

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

Participation rate .....68.5%

## 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 Gold Coast SA4 in April 2026 was 397,000 persons, an increase of 6,700 employed persons, or 1.7% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in April 2026 was 3.1%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in April 2026 was 68.5%, a decrease of 0.3 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.

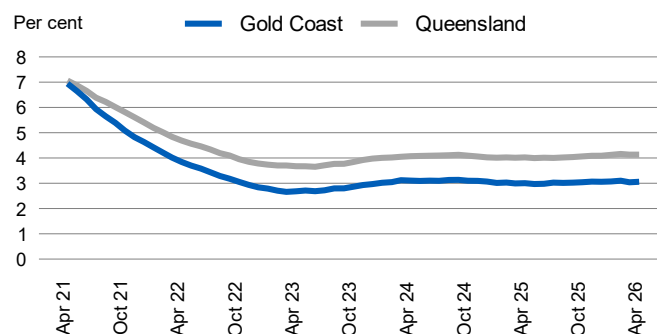
## Employment growth, annual



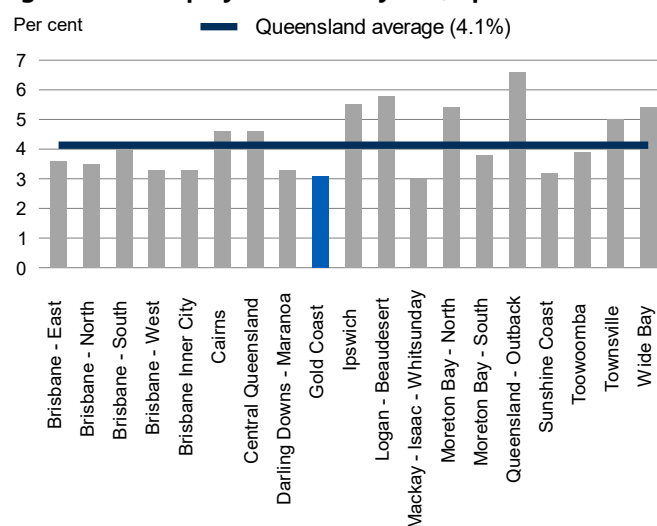
## Unemployment rate



**Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Gold Coast SA4 and Queensland**



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



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