

Modelled regional labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, May 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Labour Force, Australia*, released 25 June 2026, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 25	Apr 26	May 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	68,900	68,900	68,900	0	0.0
Total unemployed	2,300	2,400	2,400	100	5.3
Total labour force	71,100	71,300	71,300	100	0.2
Not in the labour force	37,200	37,800	37,900	700	1.8
Total persons 15+	108,400	109,100	109,200	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	65.6	65.3	65.3	..	-0.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	3.3	3.3	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... 0.0%
 Unemployment rate 3.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change)..... ↑ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate 65.3%

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 May 2026 was 68,900 persons, unchanged over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in May 2026 was 3.3%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in May 2026 was 65.3%, a decrease of 0.4 of a percentage point over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

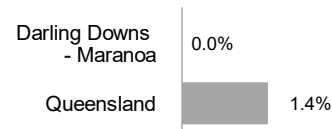
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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

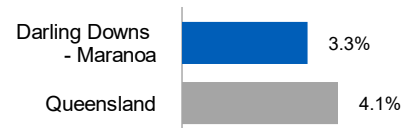


Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 and Queensland

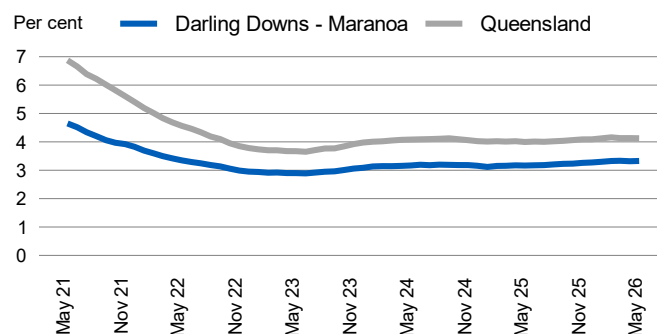
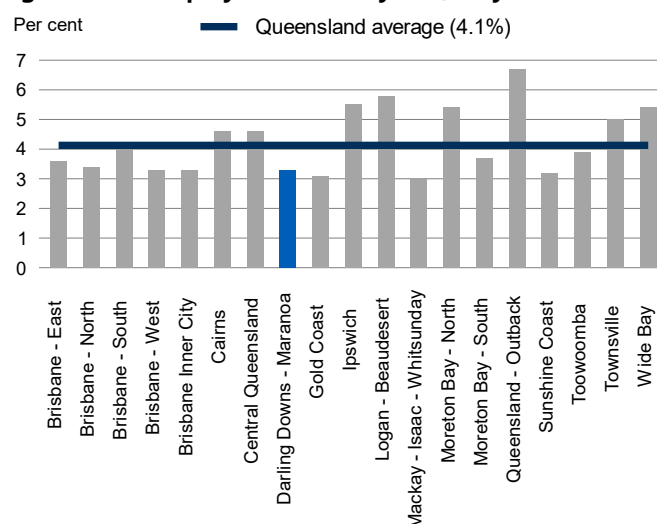


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 2026



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