

# Modelled regional labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, May 2026

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

	Year ending			Annual change	
	May 25	Apr 26	May 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	221,400	225,100	225,400	4,000	1.8
Total unemployed	7,100	7,500	7,400	400	5.2
Total labour force	228,400	232,600	232,800	4,400	1.9
Not in the labour force	136,400	139,200	139,600	3,200	2.3
Total persons 15+	364,800	371,800	372,400	7,600	2.1
Participation rate (%)	62.6	62.6	62.5	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.1	3.2	3.2	..	0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

## Key data

Employment (annual change) .....↑ 1.8%

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 May 2026 was 225,400 persons, an increase of 4,000 employed persons, or 1.8% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in May 2026 was 3.2%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.1% (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 May 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)

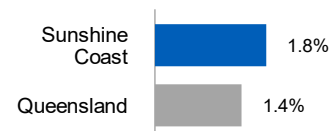
Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

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.

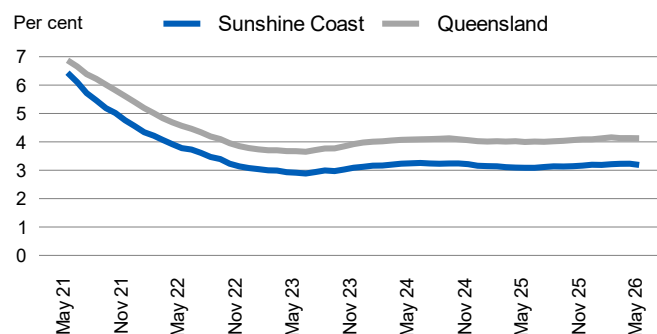
## Employment growth, annual



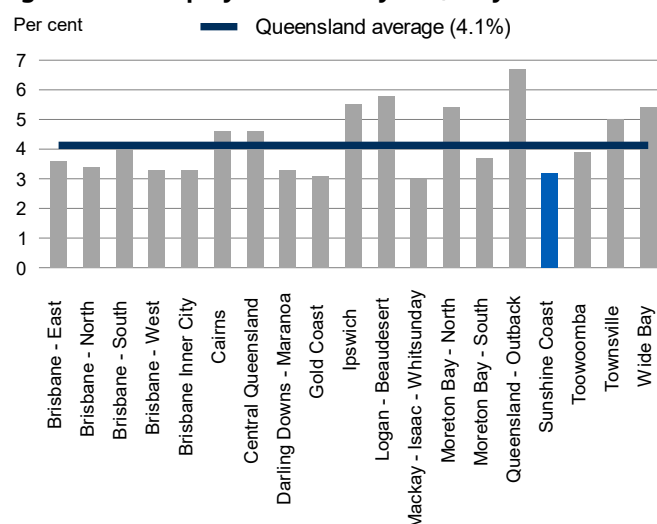
## Unemployment rate



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



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



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