

Modelled regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, August 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Labour Force, Australia*, released 24 September 2026, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 25	Jul 26	Aug 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	86,800	87,600	87,700	900	1.0
Total unemployed	3,300	3,500	3,500	200	7.0
Total labour force	90,100	91,100	91,200	1,100	1.3
Not in the labour force	51,500	52,400	52,400	900	1.7
Total persons 15+	141,600	143,400	143,600	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.5	63.5	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	3.8	3.8	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 1.0%

Unemployment rate3.8%

Unemployment rate (annual change).....↑ 0.2 ppt

Participation rate63.5%

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 Toowoomba SA4 in August 2026 was 87,700 persons, an increase of 900 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in August 2026 was 3.8%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.2% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in August 2026 was 63.5%, 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, Toowoomba SA4 and Queensland

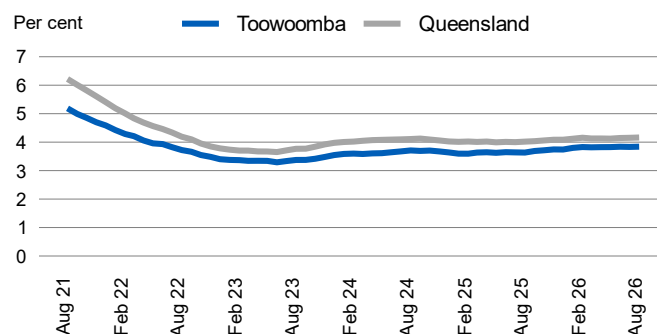
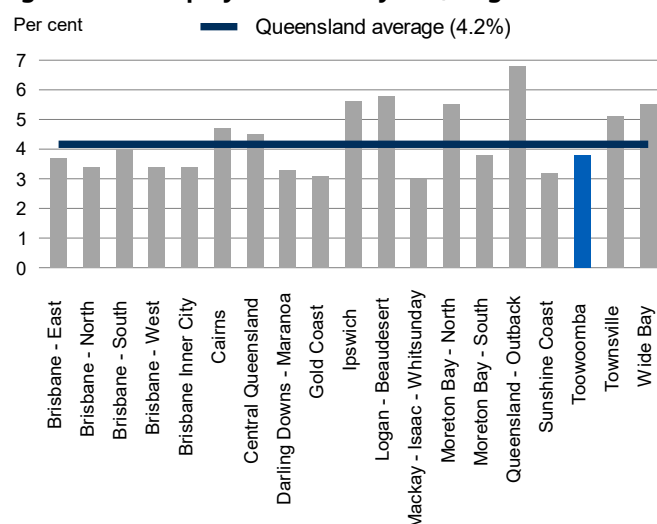


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2026



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