Modelled regional labour force – Central Queensland SA4, October 2026

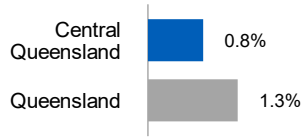
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Table 1 Labour force status, Central Queensland SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 25	Sep 26	Oct 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	129,400	130,400	130,400	1,000	0.8
Total unemployed	6,000	6,300	6,400	300	5.4
Total labour force	135,500	136,700	136,800	1,300	1.0
Not in the labour force	59,500	60,900	61,000	1,400	2.4
Total persons 15+	195,000	197,600	197,800	2,800	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.5	69.2	69.2	..	–0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	4.6	4.7	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 0.8%

Unemployment rate 4.7%

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

Participation rate 69.2%

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 Central Queensland SA4 in October 2026 was 130,400 persons, an increase of 1,000 employed persons, or 0.8% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Central Queensland SA4 in October 2026 was 4.7%, higher than the Queensland average of 4.2% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Central Queensland SA4 in October 2026 was 69.2%, 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.

Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Central Queensland SA4 and Queensland

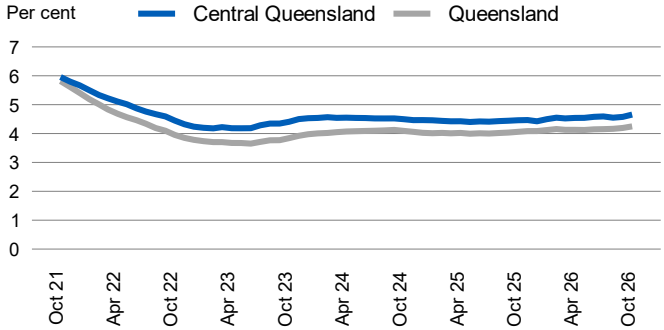
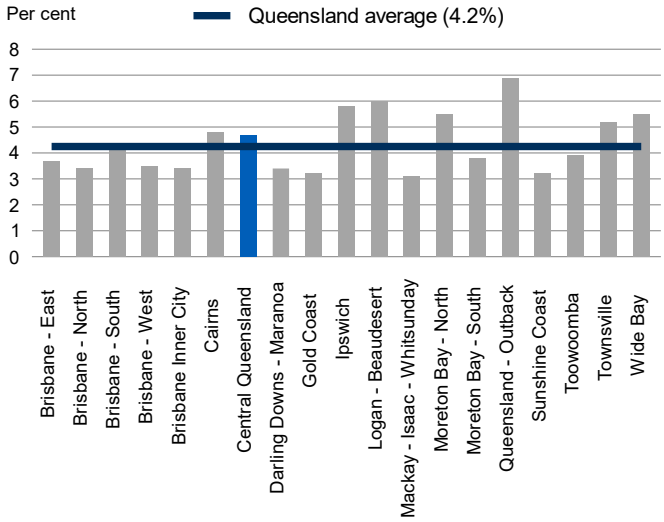


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2026



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