Modelled regional labour force – Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4, October 2026

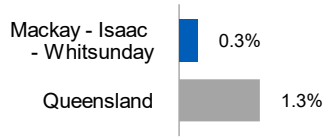
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Regional Labour Force,* released 26 November 2026, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4

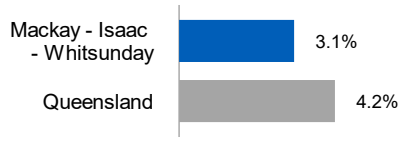
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 25	Sep 26	Oct 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	110,400	110,700	110,700	300	0.3
Total unemployed	3,300	3,500	3,500	200	7.2
Total labour force	113,600	114,200	114,200	500	0.5
Not in the labour force	43,700	45,000	45,200	1,500	3.5
Total persons 15+	157,300	159,200	159,400	2,000	1.3
Participation rate (%)	72.2	71.7	71.6	..	–0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	2.9	3.1	3.1	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 0.3%

Unemployment rate 3.1%

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

Participation rate 71.6%

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 Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in October 2026 was 110,700 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in October 2026 was 3.1%, lower than the Queensland average of 4.2% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 in October 2026 was 71.6%, a decrease of 0.6 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, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 and Queensland

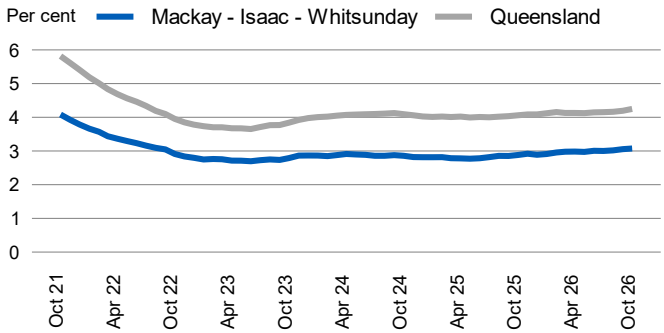
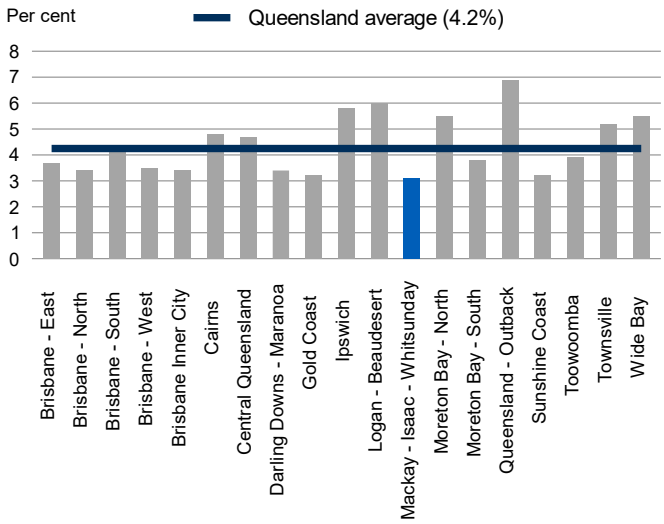


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2026



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