Modelled regional labour force – Toowoomba SA4, October 2026

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

Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 25	Sep 26	Oct 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	87,200	88,100	88,100	900	1.0
Total unemployed	3,400	3,500	3,600	200	5.9
Total labour force	90,600	91,700	91,700	1,100	1.2
Not in the labour force	51,400	52,100	52,200	900	1.7
Total persons 15+	142,000	143,800	143,900	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	63.8	63.8	63.7	..	–0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	3.9	3.9	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 1.0%

Unemployment rate 3.9%

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

Participation rate 63.7%

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 October 2026 was 88,100 persons, an increase of 900 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in October 2026 was 3.9%, 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 October 2026 was 63.7%, 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.

Figure 1 Unemployment rate, Toowoomba SA4 and Queensland

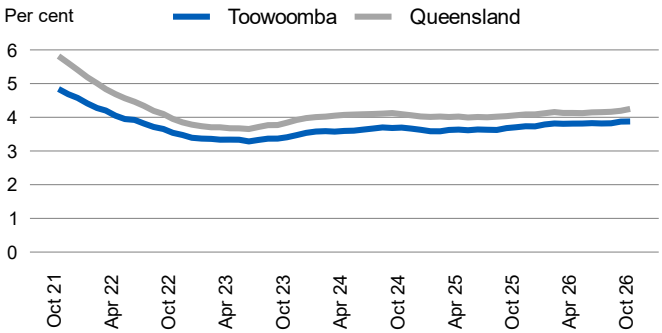
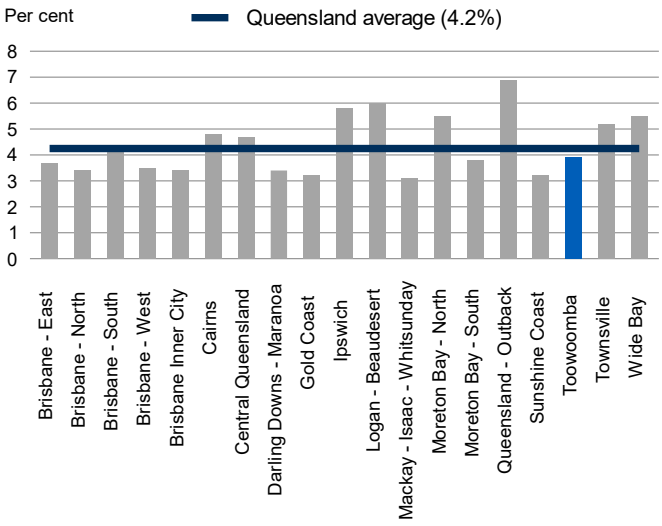


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2026



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