Modelled regional labour force – Townsville SA4, October 2026

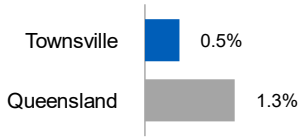
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Regional Labour Force,* released 26 November 2026, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 25	Sep 26	Oct 26		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	125,600	126,100	126,200	600	0.5
Total unemployed	6,500	6,800	6,900	400	5.5
Total labour force	132,100	132,900	133,000	1,000	0.7
Not in the labour force	66,400	67,600	67,600	1,200	1.8
Total persons 15+	198,500	200,500	200,700	2,200	1.1
Participation rate (%)	66.5	66.3	66.3	..	–0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	5.1	5.2	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change).....↑ 0.5%

Unemployment rate 5.2%

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

Participation rate 66.3%

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 Townsville SA4 in October 2026 was 126,200 persons, an increase of 600 employed persons, or 0.5% over the year (Table 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2026 was 5.2%, higher than the Queensland average of 4.2% (Figure 1). The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2026 was 66.3%, a decrease of 0.2 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, Townsville SA4 and Queensland

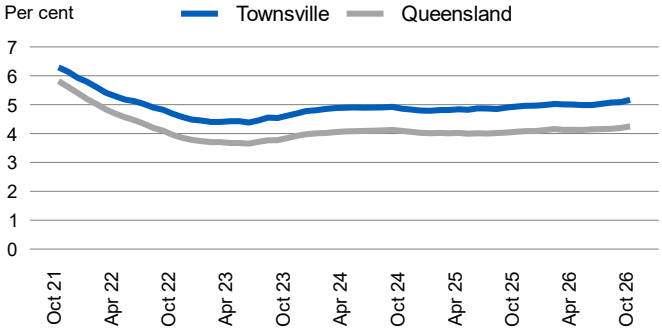
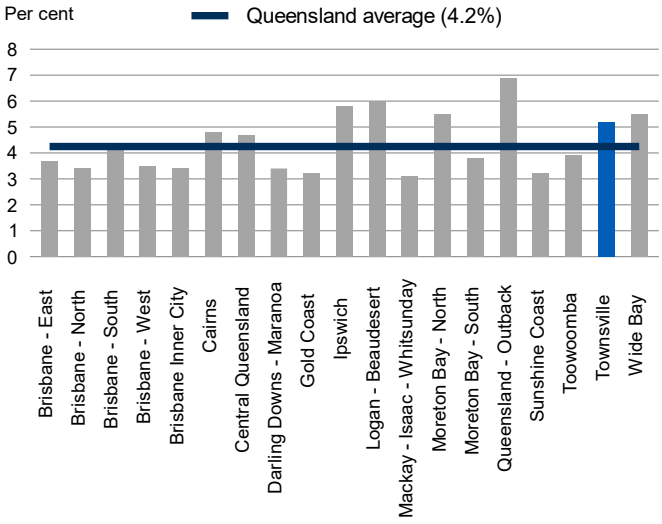


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2026



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