

Regional youth unemployment, December 2019

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Dec 18	Dec 19	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	9.5	6.2	-3.3
Brisbane - North	11.8	11.9	0.1
Brisbane - South	13.1	13.2	0.1
Brisbane - West	11.3	12.6	1.3
Brisbane Inner City	9.3	9.7	0.4
Ipswich	13.5	18.2	4.7
Logan - Beaudesert	16.0	18.9	3.0
Moreton Bay - North	18.8	16.6	-2.2
Moreton Bay - South	16.1	12.8	-3.3
Cairns	13.4	9.1	-4.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	12.8	8.6	-4.2
Central Queensland	13.5	17.5	3.9
Gold Coast	7.7	13.1	5.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	7.0	11.8	4.7
Queensland - Outback	25.8	24.9	-0.9
Sunshine Coast	14.7	14.7	0.0
Toowoomba	12.2	15.6	3.4
Townsville	17.3	18.5	1.2
Wide Bay	19.8	19.1	-0.7
Queensland	12.8	14.1	1.3

Main findings

Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages. This approach is supported by ABS advice on analysis of regional labour force estimates (see Table 16(b) of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001)).

- Brisbane - East SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2019 with an unemployment rate of 6.2 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2019 with an unemployment rate of 24.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Cairns SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2019 with an unemployment rate decrease of 4.3 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2019 with an unemployment rate increase of 5.4 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2019

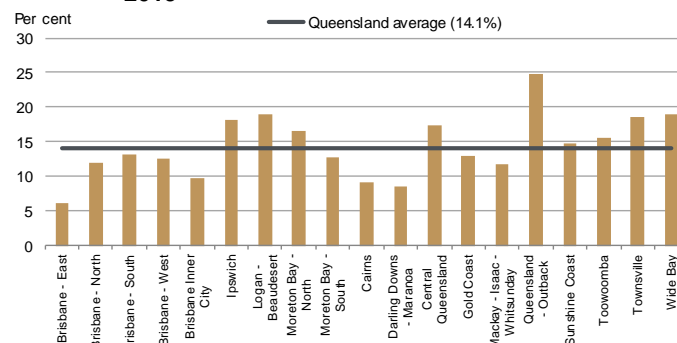
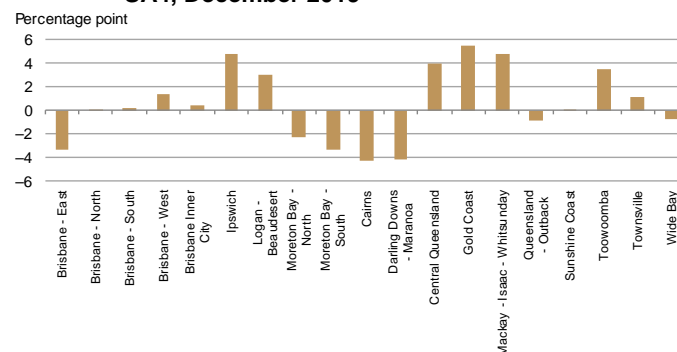


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, December 2019



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

Youth refers to persons aged 15 to 24 years.

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2016 edition)

Data for Queensland as a whole are provided for reference purposes only.

The labour force statistics presented in this brief are on a sample basis and will include a sampling error.

Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.