

Regional youth unemployment, February 2020

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Feb 19	Feb 20	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	9.0	7.0	-2.0
Brisbane - North	11.8	12.7	0.9
Brisbane - South	10.6	14.1	3.4
Brisbane - West	11.5	12.6	1.1
Brisbane Inner City	9.5	9.1	-0.4
Ipswich	11.5	19.7	8.2
Logan - Beaudesert	15.8	20.2	4.4
Moreton Bay - North	17.7	17.1	-0.6
Moreton Bay - South	16.2	12.3	-3.9
Cairns	10.9	10.8	-0.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	13.3	10.0	-3.3
Central Queensland	14.1	15.8	1.7
Gold Coast	8.1	13.5	5.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	7.3	11.8	4.5
Queensland - Outback	23.4	21.1	-2.3
Sunshine Coast	15.2	14.3	-0.9
Toowoomba	13.5	19.5	6.0
Townsville	17.4	18.0	0.6
Wide Bay	18.7	20.7	2.0
Queensland	12.5	14.6	2.1

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 February 2020 with an unemployment rate of 7.0 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2020 with an unemployment rate of 21.1 per cent (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - South SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2020 with an unemployment rate decrease of 3.9 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Ipswich SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2020 with an unemployment rate increase of 8.2 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2020

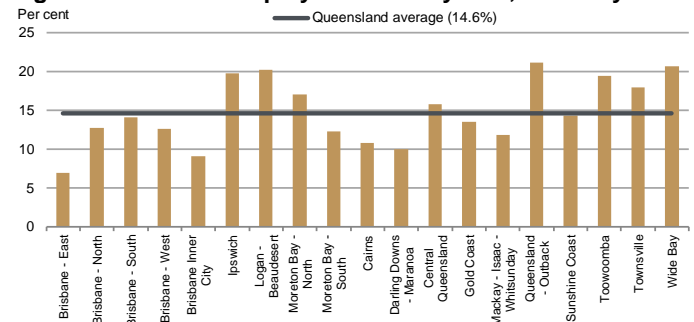
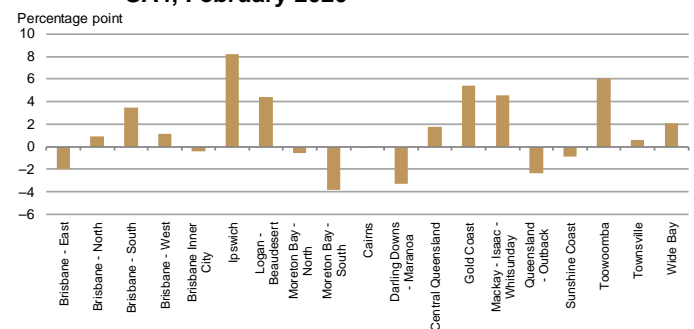


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2020



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.