

# Regional youth unemployment, May 2020

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**Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4**

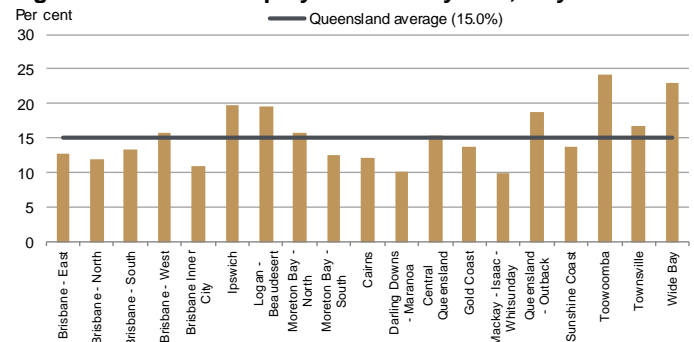
SA4	May 19	May 20	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	8.0	12.7	4.7
Brisbane - North	13.1	12.0	-1.0
Brisbane - South	11.8	13.3	1.5
Brisbane - West	11.5	15.9	4.3
Brisbane Inner City	9.8	11.0	1.1
Ipswich	11.4	19.9	8.4
Logan - Beaudesert	17.2	19.6	2.4
Moreton Bay - North	17.8	15.8	-2.0
Moreton Bay - South	15.0	12.6	-2.4
Cairns	9.1	12.1	3.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	12.7	10.1	-2.5
Central Queensland	13.0	15.4	2.4
Gold Coast	9.8	13.7	4.0
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	10.9	10.1	-0.9
Queensland - Outback	24.1	18.8	-5.3
Sunshine Coast	14.4	13.7	-0.7
Toowoomba	10.8	24.2	13.3
Townsville	16.9	16.8	-0.1
Wide Bay	18.2	23.0	4.8
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## Main findings

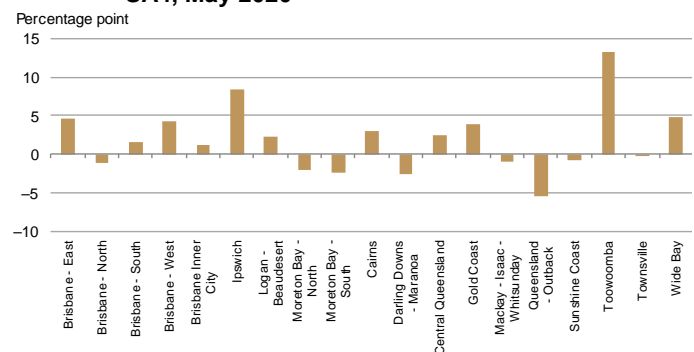
Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force survey data, the ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to reduce the volatility of the underlying original data. This volatility means it can be difficult to detect real world phenomena, such as those caused by the social distancing measures introduced to combat COVID-19, in the data. **As a result, it is not recommended regional labour force data be used to assess the impact of COVID-19.**

- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2020 with an unemployment rate of 10.1 per cent (Figure 1).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2020 with an unemployment rate of 24.2 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2020 with an unemployment rate decrease of 5.3 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2020 with an unemployment rate increase of 13.3 percentage points (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, May 2020**



**Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, May 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.