

Regional youth unemployment, June 2020

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Jun 19	Jun 20	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	7.4	15.9	8.6
Brisbane - North	13.4	11.8	-1.6
Brisbane - South	12.7	12.6	-0.0
Brisbane - West	11.2	17.3	6.1
Brisbane Inner City	10.6	10.2	-0.5
Ipswich	12.4	20.0	7.7
Logan - Beaudesert	17.3	19.8	2.5
Moreton Bay - North	16.9	15.8	-1.1
Moreton Bay - South	15.1	13.7	-1.4
Cairns	9.0	13.1	4.2
Darling Downs - Maranoa	11.7	11.3	-0.4
Central Queensland	14.0	14.5	0.6
Gold Coast	10.8	13.2	2.4
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	12.8	10.1	-2.7
Queensland - Outback	25.1	17.3	-7.8
Sunshine Coast	14.4	13.2	-1.3
Toowoomba	11.4	25.4	14.1
Townsville	16.2	17.0	0.7
Wide Bay	18.4	24.2	5.8
Queensland	13.1	15.2	2.1

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.**

All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during June 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 June 2020 with an unemployment rate of 25.4 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 June 2020 with an unemployment rate decrease of 7.8 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 June 2020 with an unemployment rate increase of 14.1 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, June 2020

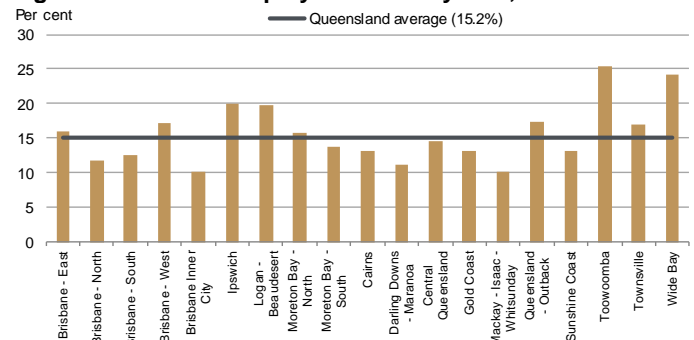
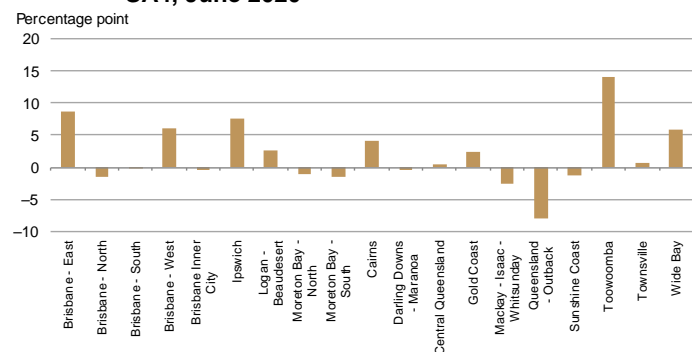


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, June 2020



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.