

Regional youth unemployment, September 2020

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Sep 19	Sep 20	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	5.9	20.6	14.7
Brisbane - North	12.3	15.0	2.7
Brisbane - South	14.1	9.7	-4.4
Brisbane - West	13.0	16.1	3.1
Brisbane Inner City	10.1	10.1	0.0
Ipswich	14.6	19.5	4.9
Logan - Beaudesert	17.5	19.1	1.5
Moreton Bay - North	17.5	15.6	-1.9
Moreton Bay - South	15.0	14.4	-0.7
Cairns	9.6	12.8	3.2
Darling Downs - Maranoa	9.5	16.9	7.4
Central Queensland	17.2	11.9	-5.3
Gold Coast	12.5	13.6	1.1
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	13.4	11.1	-2.3
Queensland - Outback	23.8	19.5	-4.3
Sunshine Coast	13.7	15.9	2.2
Toowoomba	12.2	27.2	15.0
Townsville	17.3	13.2	-4.0
Wide Bay	18.6	27.9	9.3
Queensland	13.7	15.5	1.8

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.

- Brisbane - South SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2020 with an unemployment rate of 9.7 per cent (Figure 1).
- Wide Bay SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2020 with an unemployment rate of 27.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Central Queensland SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 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 September 2020 with an unemployment rate increase of 15.0 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, September 2020

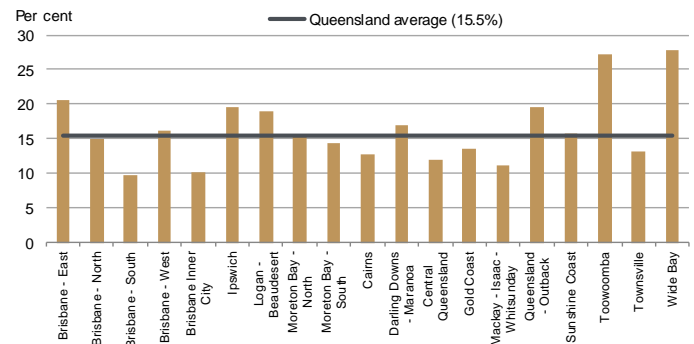
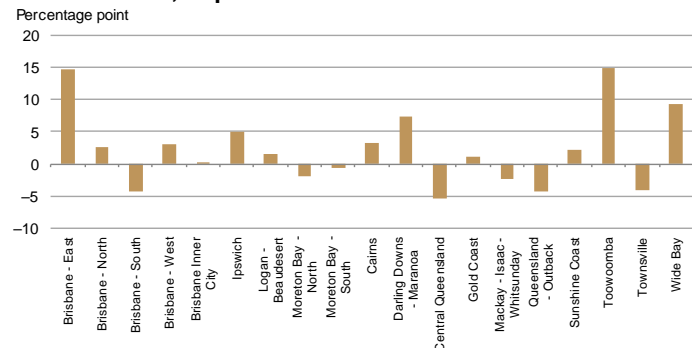


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, September 2020



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.