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 Inner City SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2020 with an unemployment rate of 10.1 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2020 with an unemployment rate of 27.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Townsville SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2020 with an unemployment rate decrease of 7.5 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Brisbane - East SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2020 with an unemployment rate increase of 14.9 percentage points (Figure 2).