

Regional youth unemployment, January 2021

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Jan 20	Jan 21	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	6.8	21.5	14.6
Brisbane - North	12.3	16.0	3.7
Brisbane - South	13.6	10.4	-3.2
Brisbane - West	12.8	17.0	4.2
Brisbane Inner City	8.8	10.1	1.3
Ipswich	19.6	17.9	-1.6
Logan - Beaudesert	20.0	18.5	-1.6
Moreton Bay - North	16.3	18.0	1.7
Moreton Bay - South	11.9	17.6	5.6
Cairns	10.2	11.9	1.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	9.3	16.2	6.9
Central Queensland	16.7	9.9	-6.7
Gold Coast	13.2	14.5	1.3
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	12.5	12.0	-0.5
Queensland - Outback	22.3	34.4	12.1
Sunshine Coast	14.6	16.1	1.5
Toowoomba	16.4	18.9	2.5
Townsville	18.0	10.4	-7.6
Wide Bay	19.9	27.3	7.4
Queensland	14.3	15.8	1.4

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.

- Central Queensland SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2021 with an unemployment rate of 9.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2021 with an unemployment rate of 34.4 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 January 2021 with an unemployment rate decrease of 7.6 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 January 2021 with an unemployment rate increase of 14.6 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, January 2021

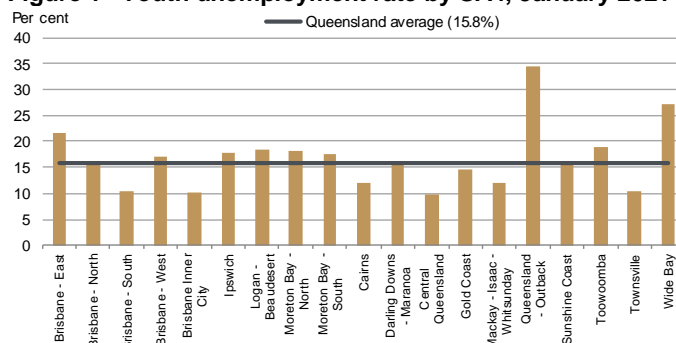
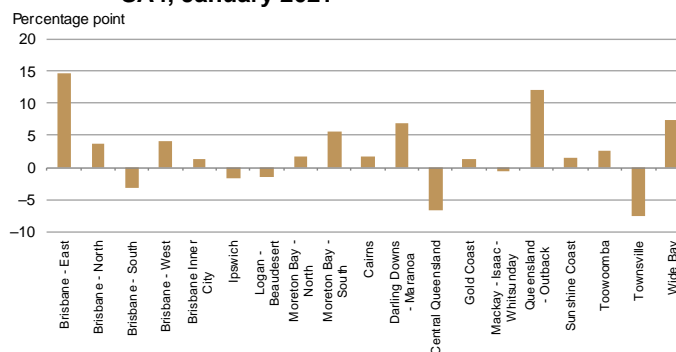


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, January 2021



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.