

Regional youth unemployment, May 2021

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	May 20	May 21	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	12.7	18.9	6.3
Brisbane - North	12.0	13.0	1.0
Brisbane - South	13.3	10.5	-2.8
Brisbane - West	15.9	15.3	-0.5
Brisbane Inner City	11.0	7.5	-3.5
Ipswich	19.9	17.8	-2.0
Logan - Beaudesert	19.7	17.8	-1.8
Moreton Bay - North	15.9	15.2	-0.7
Moreton Bay - South	12.6	15.2	2.6
Cairns	12.1	12.2	0.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	10.0	16.8	6.8
Central Queensland	15.2	8.7	-6.5
Gold Coast	13.6	12.9	-0.6
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	10.1	10.1	-0.0
Queensland - Outback	18.7	38.8	20.1
Sunshine Coast	13.6	16.6	3.0
Toowoomba	24.2	9.4	-14.7
Townsville	16.7	9.1	-7.6
Wide Bay	22.9	24.9	2.0
Queensland	15.0	14.4	-0.6

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 May 2021 with an unemployment rate of 7.5 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2021 with an unemployment rate of 38.8 per cent (Figure 1).
- Toowoomba SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2021 with an unemployment rate decrease of 14.7 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2021 with an unemployment rate increase of 20.1 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, May 2021

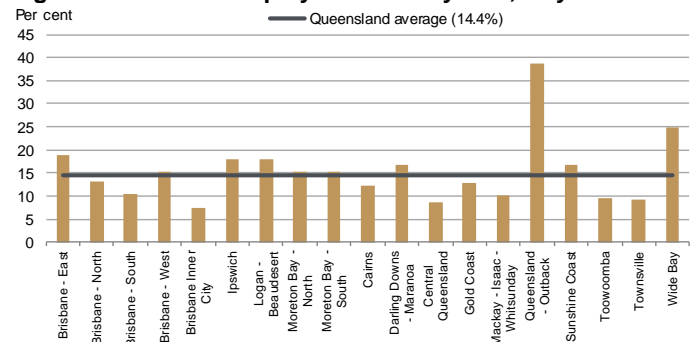
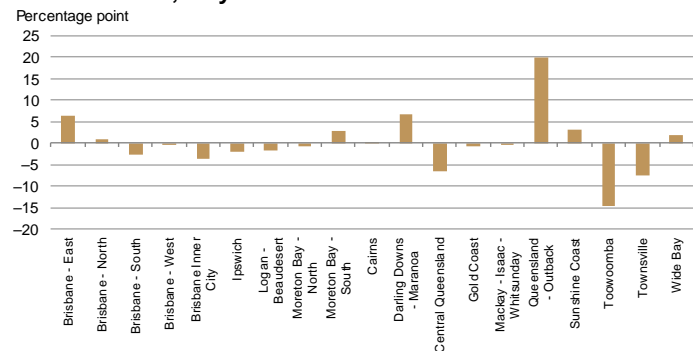


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, May 2021



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.