

# Regional youth unemployment, Feb 23

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 23 March 2023, 10:30 am (AEST)

**Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4**

SA4	Feb 22	Feb 23	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	7.7	6.6	-1.1
Brisbane - North	10.4	6.6	-3.9
Brisbane - South	7.7	4.6	-3.2
Brisbane - West	14.5	9.5	-5.0
Brisbane Inner City	4.8	4.3	-0.5
Ipswich	14.2	13.4	-0.8
Logan - Beaudesert	15.7	14.1	-1.6
Moreton Bay - North	10.4	9.4	-1.1
Moreton Bay - South	9.3	7.2	-2.1
Cairns	11.4	10.0	-1.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	10.7	10.4	-0.3
Central Queensland	7.7	6.6	-1.1
Gold Coast	9.1	4.5	-4.5
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	3.7	5.5	1.8
Queensland - Outback	33.3	26.3	-7.0
Sunshine Coast	13.5	6.0	-7.6
Toowoomba	10.8	7.1	-3.6
Townsville	5.6	3.9	-1.8
Wide Bay	16.3	13.6	-2.6
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

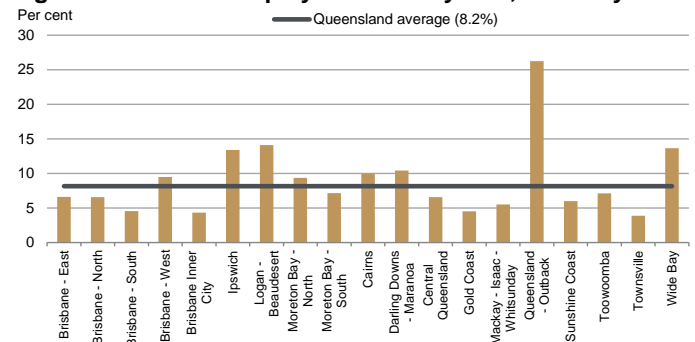
## Main findings

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.

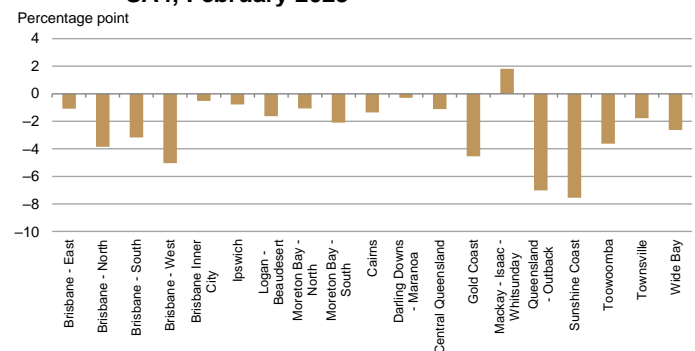
All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages.

- Townsville SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2023 with an unemployment rate of 3.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during February 2023 with an unemployment rate of 26.3 per cent (Figure 1).
- Sunshine Coast SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2023 with an unemployment rate decrease of 7.6 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to February 2023 with an unemployment rate increase of 1.8 percentage points (Figure 2).

**Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2023**



**Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2023**



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

Youth refers to persons aged 15 to 24 years.

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2011 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.