

Regional youth unemployment, Feb 25

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 27 March 2025, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Feb 24	Feb 25	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	9.8	8.9	-0.9
Brisbane - North	9.4	10.4	1.0
Brisbane - South	7.5	6.6	-0.9
Brisbane - West	7.5	9.8	2.3
Brisbane Inner City	5.6	8.2	2.6
Ipswich	12.9	10.2	-2.7
Logan - Beaudesert	9.9	11.7	1.8
Moreton Bay - North	16.1	9.2	-6.9
Moreton Bay - South	12.4	12.9	0.5
Cairns ^(a)	9.1	n.p.	n.p.
Darling Downs - Maranoa	5.2	4.8	-0.4
Central Queensland	9.6	10.9	1.3
Gold Coast	8.9	6.7	-2.2
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday ^(a)	8.2	8.6	0.4
Queensland - Outback	7.6	12.9	5.3
Sunshine Coast	7.5	6.3	-1.3
Toowoomba	12.9	6.9	-6.0
Townsville ^(a)	8.5	n.p.	n.p.
Wide Bay	9.0	11.2	2.2
Queensland	9.2	9.0	-0.3

(a) The ABS has collapsed survey estimates for Townsville and Cairns SA4 regions into Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday, due to collection issues following flooding in these regions. All data in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 represents these three regions combined.

n.p. = not provided

Main findings

Note: Due to the high standard errors associated with regional labour force direct survey estimates, 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 of direct survey estimates.

Townsville and Cairns SA4s have no data due to collection issues following flooding in these regions. Data in Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 represents combined estimates for 3 regions: Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday, Townsville and Cairns SA4s. As such, the comparisons are made across 17 SA4s instead of the usual 19 SA4s.

- Darling Downs – Maranoa SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 17 SA4s during February 2025 with an unemployment rate of 4.8 per cent (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 17 SA4s during February 2025 with an unemployment rate of 12.9 per cent (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 17 SA4s over the year to February 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 6.9 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 17 SA4s over the year to February 2025 with an unemployment rate increase of 5.3 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2025

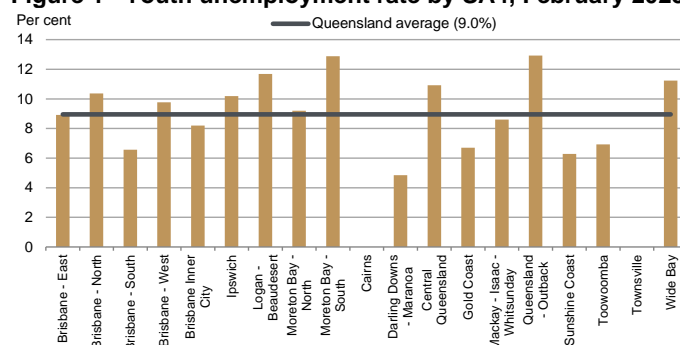
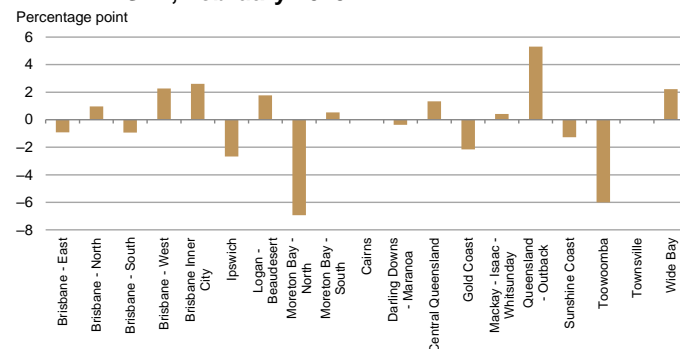


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, February 2025



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.