

Regional youth unemployment, Mar 25

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	Mar 24	Mar 25	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	9.6	9.3	-0.3
Brisbane - North	10.7	9.6	-1.0
Brisbane - South	7.6	7.9	0.3
Brisbane - West	7.7	8.7	0.9
Brisbane Inner City	5.8	7.8	2.0
Ipswich	13.4	10.2	-3.2
Logan - Beaudesert	10.3	11.5	1.2
Moreton Bay - North	15.9	9.1	-6.8
Moreton Bay - South	12.4	12.6	0.2
Cairns	8.4	9.2	0.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	5.0	4.9	-0.0
Central Queensland	8.8	10.6	1.9
Gold Coast	9.5	6.2	-3.2
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	6.4	4.4	-2.0
Queensland - Outback	9.3	10.9	1.6
Sunshine Coast	7.5	6.2	-1.3
Toowoomba	11.9	7.3	-4.6
Townsville	8.8	10.7	2.0
Wide Bay	8.5	12.7	4.3
Queensland	9.3	8.9	-0.4

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.

The ABS has imputed sample responses in Moreton Bay - North and Townsville SA4 regions for March 2025 and Townsville SA4 for February 2025 due to recent natural disasters. The ABS recommends caution when using data from these impacted regions for analysis.

- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2025 with an unemployment rate of 4.4 per cent (Figure 1).
- Wide Bay SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during March 2025 with an unemployment rate of 12.7 per cent (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - North SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to March 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 6.8 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Wide Bay SA4 had the largest percentage point increase in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to March 2025 with an unemployment rate increase of 4.3 percentage points (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, March 2025

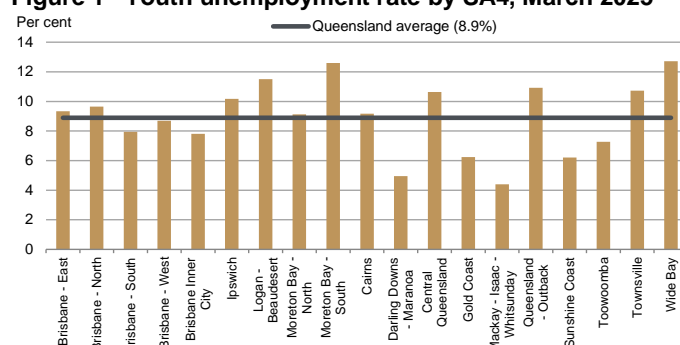
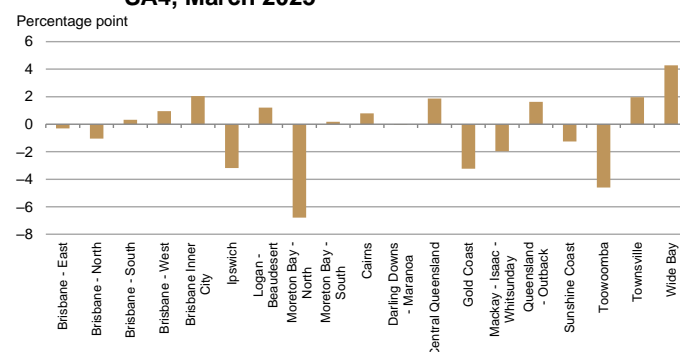


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, March 2025



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.