

Regional youth unemployment, June 2025

Source: ABS, *Labour force, Australia, detailed*, released 24 July 2025, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	June 2024	June 2025	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	9.2	10.0	0.8
Brisbane - North	11.0	8.1	-2.9
Brisbane - South	7.4	7.8	0.4
Brisbane - West	8.7	6.7	-2.0
Brisbane Inner City	6.9	7.7	0.8
Ipswich	13.0	10.6	-2.5
Logan - Beaudesert	12.4	11.2	-1.2
Moreton Bay - North	15.1	9.0	-6.0
Moreton Bay - South	11.0	14.4	3.3
Cairns	7.3	9.4	2.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	4.1	5.6	1.5
Central Queensland	9.2	8.5	-0.7
Gold Coast	8.9	5.9	-3.0
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	7.2	4.9	-2.3
Queensland - Outback	11.1	11.3	0.3
Sunshine Coast	7.4	6.8	-0.6
Toowoomba	11.2	8.4	-2.8
Townsville	8.5	13.3	4.8
Wide Bay	7.4	12.4	5.0
Queensland	9.4	8.9	-0.4

Main findings

Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of regional labour force direct survey estimates.

The ABS and QGSO recommend using 12-month averages to address high standard errors and reduce data volatility.

The ABS has imputed sample responses in Townsville SA4 for February 2025, March 2025 and April 2025 and Moreton Bay - North SA4 for March 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 June 2025 with an unemployment rate of 4.9% (Figure 1).
- Moreton Bay - South SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during June 2025 with an unemployment rate of 14.4% (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 June 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 6.0 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 June 2025 with an unemployment rate increase of 5.0 percentage points (Figure 2).

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 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.

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, June 2025

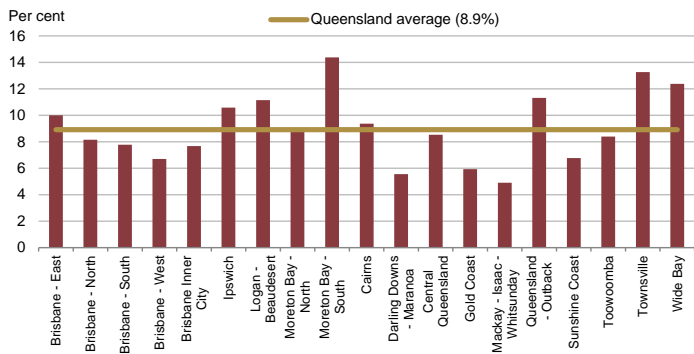
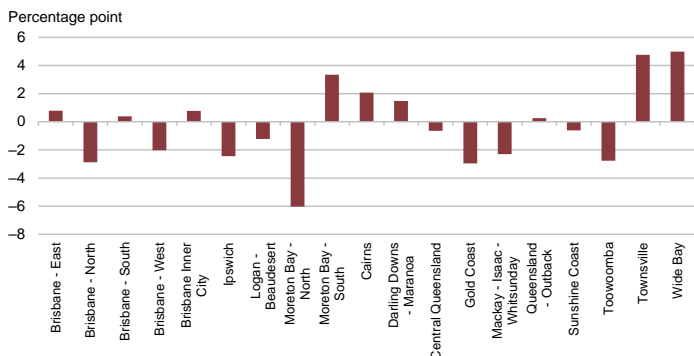


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, June 2025



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