

Modelled regional youth unemployment, September 2025

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Table 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4

SA4	September 2024	September 2025	Annual change
	— % —		percentage point
Brisbane - East	9.9	9.2	-0.6
Brisbane - North	9.0	8.6	-0.4
Brisbane - South	9.5	8.9	-0.5
Brisbane - West	8.3	7.8	-0.5
Brisbane Inner City	6.9	6.5	-0.4
Cairns	11.2	10.9	-0.3
Central Queensland	9.8	9.4	-0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	7.6	7.6	-0.0
Gold Coast	7.1	6.8	-0.3
Ipswich	13.2	12.3	-0.9
Logan - Beaudesert	13.6	12.9	-0.8
Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday	6.0	5.8	-0.1
Moreton Bay - North	13.2	12.2	-1.1
Moreton Bay - South	9.9	9.4	-0.5
Queensland - Outback	17.0	16.6	-0.3
Sunshine Coast	7.6	7.3	-0.3
Toowoomba	9.3	9.2	-0.1
Townsville	10.7	10.4	-0.3
Wide Bay	13.9	13.1	-0.8
Queensland (a)	9.8	9.3	-0.5
Queensland (b)	9.6	9.1	-0.5

(a) 12-month moving average of modelled estimate – data for Queensland are provided for reference purposes only.
(b) 12-month moving average of direct survey estimate – reporting of the Queensland youth unemployment estimate should use 12-month moving averages of direct survey estimates.

Main findings

Note: Unless otherwise specified, all data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages of modelled estimates due to seasonal variation and noise associated with regional labour force modelled estimates.

The modelled regional labour force estimates enhance the direct survey estimates of regional labour market data using administrative data and statistical modelling.

- Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4 had the lowest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2025 with an unemployment rate of 5.8% (Figure 1).
- Queensland - Outback SA4 had the highest youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2025 with an unemployment rate of 16.6% (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 September 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.1 percentage points (Figure 2).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the smallest percentage point decrease in the youth unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2025 with an unemployment rate decrease of 0.0 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.
Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.

Figure 1 Youth unemployment rate by SA4, September 2025

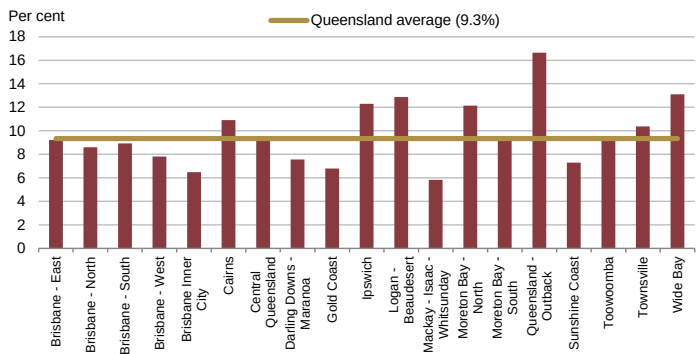
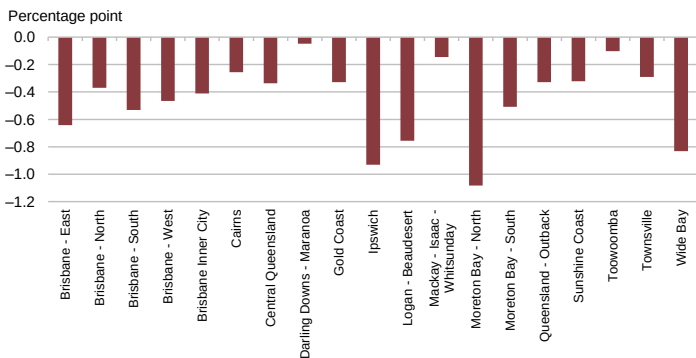


Figure 2 Annual change in youth unemployment rate by SA4, September 2025



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