

Regional labour force – region summary, May 2017

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, May 17

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	117,700	-6,600	-5.3	6.9	1.7	66.4	-3.5
Brisbane - North	115,100	1,700	1.5	5.1	0.0	68.9	0.1
Brisbane - South	193,700	-3,800	-1.9	6.7	1.4	70.5	-1.4
Brisbane - West	93,500	-2,800	-2.9	5.0	-0.1	65.4	-2.5
Brisbane Inner City	155,700	800	0.5	4.0	-0.0	74.4	-0.5
Ipswich	152,200	3,300	2.2	7.4	-0.7	64.9	-0.4
Logan - Beaudesert	143,200	14,400	11.1	5.8	-0.9	60.1	4.7
Moreton Bay - North	109,100	-1,200	-1.1	6.7	-0.4	58.7	-2.1
Moreton Bay - South	102,000	-1,000	-1.0	4.5	-0.4	69.9	-2.8
Cairns	113,500	5,600	5.2	6.6	-1.9	61.2	0.9
Darling Downs - Maranoa	62,400	-1,900	-2.9	3.8	-0.1	63.2	-2.5
Fitzroy	115,100	-900	-0.7	7.1	0.7	68.1	-0.8
Gold Coast	302,100	-7,500	-2.4	5.2	-0.2	66.5	-3.0
Mackay	100,300	6,800	7.3	5.5	-1.5	71.9	2.8
Queensland - Outback	35,700	-2,400	-6.2	13.2	1.5	59.0	-3.4
Sunshine Coast	158,400	-10,200	-6.1	5.0	0.0	58.8	-4.8
Toowoomba	72,800	2,900	4.2	5.6	1.2	64.6	2.8
Townsville	100,800	-1,400	-1.3	10.1	0.9	59.7	-1.0
Wide Bay	113,300	700	0.7	9.0	0.3	51.2	-0.2
Queensland	2,356,600	-3,400	-0.1	6.2	0.1	64.4	-1.0

(a) Participation rate refers to the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of persons aged 15 years and over.

Main findings

Note: All data in this brief are based on 12-month moving averages. This approach is supported by ABS advice on analysis of regional labour force estimates (see Table 16(b) of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001)).

- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during May 2017 with a growth of 14,400 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2017 with an unemployment rate of 3.8 per cent (Figure 2).
- Cairns SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to May 2017 with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.9 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during May 2017 with 74.4% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.2%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, May 17

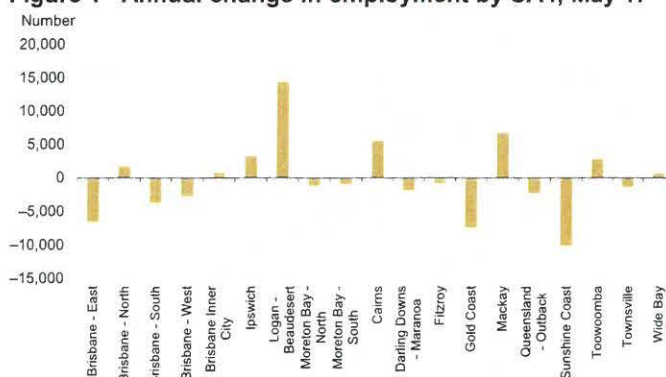
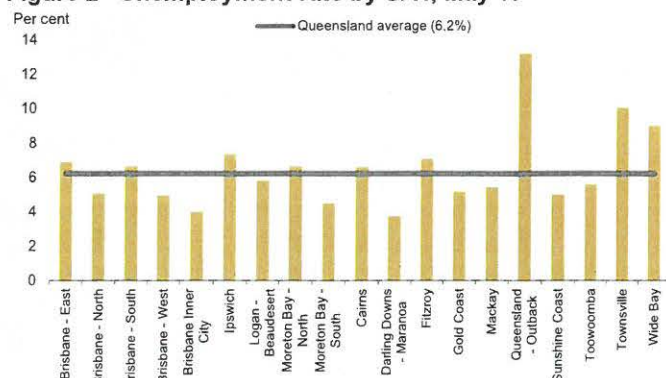


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, May 17



Notes (Refer to website for more detailed notes):

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.

Totals may differ due to rounding. Figures are rounded to nearest 100 persons. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.