

Labour force – Townsville SA4, Jul 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jul 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	111,300	101,300	101,000	-10,300	-9.3
Total unemployed	10,600	10,900	10,900	300	2.9
Total labour force	121,800	112,200	111,800	-10,000	-8.2
Not in the labour force	61,600	73,400	74,000	12,400	20.1
Total persons 15+	183,400	185,600	185,800	2,400	1.3
Participation rate (%)	66.4	60.5	60.2	..	-6.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.7	9.7	9.7	..	1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 9.3%
 Unemployment rate 9.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.0 ppt
 Participation rate 60.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in July 2016 was 101,000 persons, a decrease of 10,300 employed persons, or 9.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in July 2016 was 9.7 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in July 2016 was 60.2 per cent, a decrease of 6.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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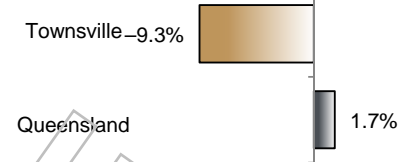
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

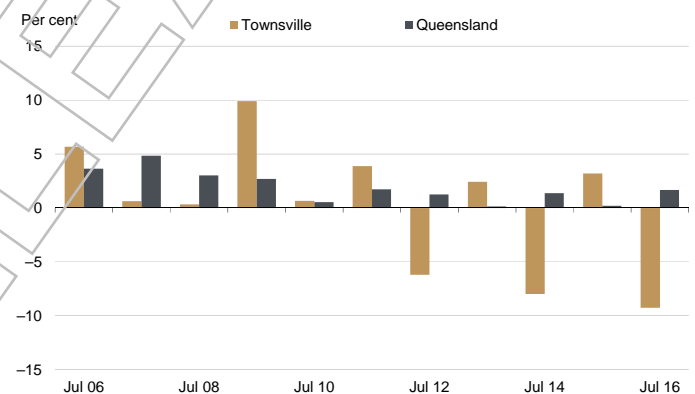
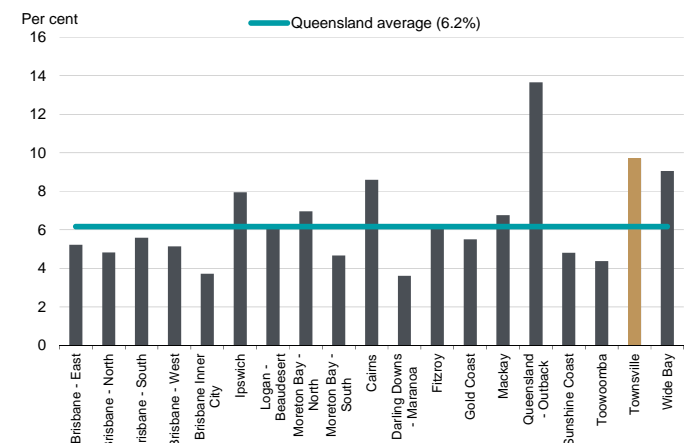


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, July 2016



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Jul 16

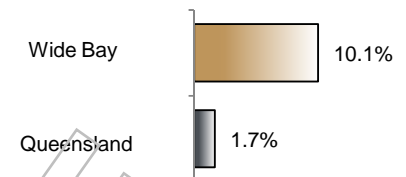
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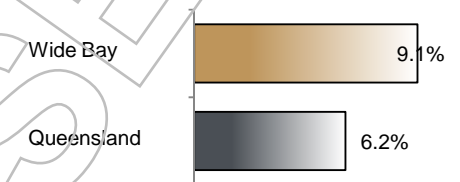
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jul 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	102,400	112,500	112,700	10,300	10.1
Total unemployed	12,900	11,100	11,200	-1,600	-12.8
Total labour force	115,200	123,600	123,900	8,700	7.6
Not in the labour force	122,300	116,600	116,500	-5,800	-4.7
Total persons 15+	237,600	240,200	240,500	2,900	1.2
Participation rate (%)	48.5	51.5	51.5	..	3.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	11.2	9.0	9.1	..	-2.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.1%
 Unemployment rate 9.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 51.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in July 2016 was 112,700 persons, an increase of 10,300 employed persons, or 10.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in July 2016 was 9.1 per cent, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in July 2016 was 51.5 per cent, an increase of 3.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

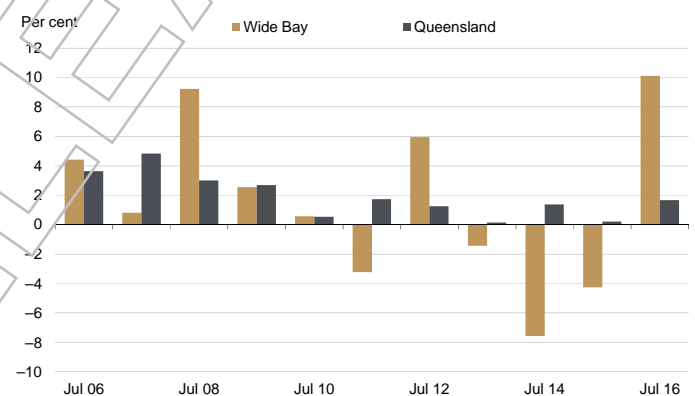
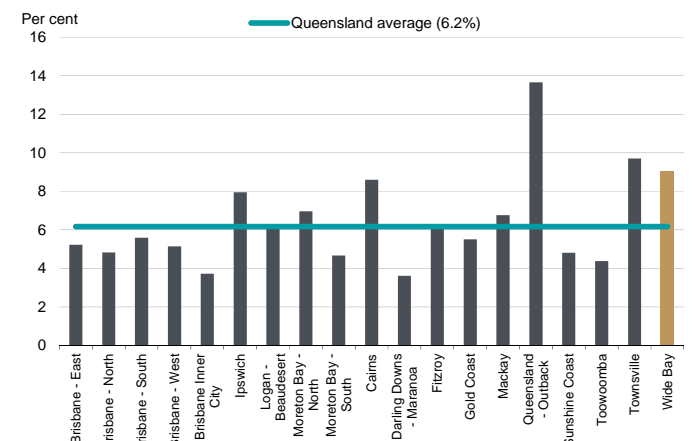


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, July 2016



Labour force – region summary, July 2016

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jul 16

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	123,700	1,700	1.4	5.2	0.2	69.3	0.2
Brisbane - North	113,500	-2,900	-2.5	4.8	-0.5	68.6	-3.0
Brisbane - South	197,500	7,100	3.7	5.6	0.0	71.9	1.7
Brisbane - West	96,100	5,500	6.1	5.1	-0.3	67.7	3.0
Brisbane Inner City	157,300	5,100	3.3	3.7	-0.9	75.7	1.0
Ipswich	148,300	2,900	2.0	8.0	0.9	64.8	0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	131,700	8,800	7.2	6.3	-2.7	56.2	1.5
Moreton Bay - North	111,300	300	0.3	7.0	-0.5	61.1	-1.3
Moreton Bay - South	103,100	3,600	3.6	4.7	0.5	72.3	1.2
Cairns	108,000	0	-0.0	8.6	0.6	60.2	-0.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	2,100	3.3	3.6	-0.3	66.4	1.4
Fitzroy	116,700	1,300	1.2	6.2	-0.6	69.1	-0.4
Gold Coast	309,700	12,800	4.3	5.5	-0.2	69.4	1.6
Mackay	94,600	-600	-0.7	6.8	-0.8	69.6	-2.1
Queensland - Outback	37,000	-14,500	-28.1	13.7	9.9	62.0	-16.1
Sunshine Coast	167,000	3,300	2.0	4.8	-2.0	62.7	-1.0
Toowoomba	69,200	2,200	3.3	4.4	-0.9	61.1	1.0
Townsville	101,000	-10,300	-9.3	9.7	1.0	60.2	-6.2
Wide Bay	112,700	10,300	10.1	9.1	-2.1	51.5	3.0
Queensland	2,363,600	38,700	1.7	6.2	-0.3	65.4	-0.0

(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

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- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during July 2016 with a growth of 12,800 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during July 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.6 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to July 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.7 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during July 2016 with 75.7% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.5%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jul 16

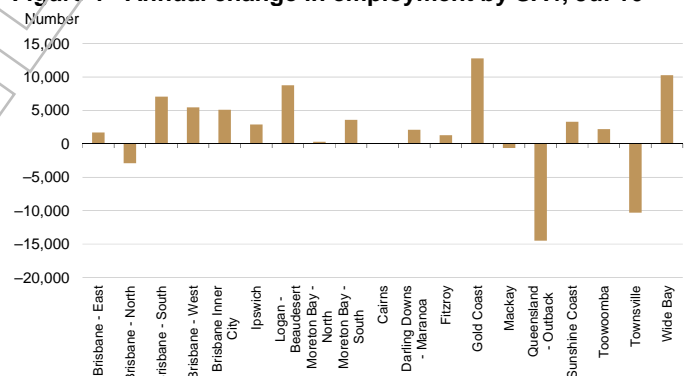
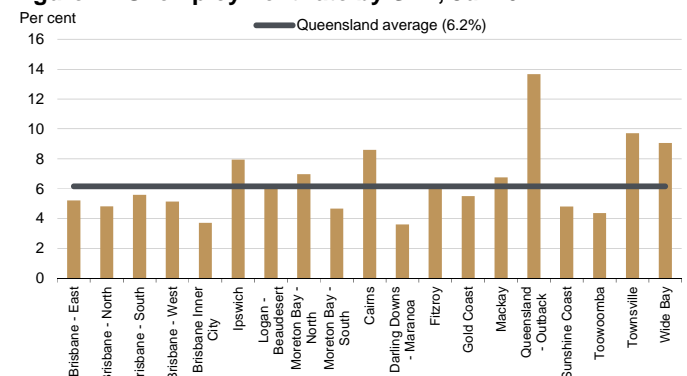


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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Jul 16

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Jul 16	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	123,700	2,400
Brisbane - North	118,400	113,500	-4,800
Brisbane - South	187,800	197,500	9,700
Brisbane - West	91,200	96,100	4,800
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	157,300	2,500
Ipswich	143,500	148,300	4,800
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	131,700	8,200
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	111,300	4,200
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	103,100	2,100
Cairns	107,900	108,000	100
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	65,200	-100
Fitzroy	117,700	116,700	-900
Gold Coast	291,100	309,700	18,600
Mackay	101,000	94,600	-6,400
Queensland - Outback	50,800	37,000	-13,800
Sunshine Coast	161,900	167,000	5,100
Toowoomba	67,200	69,200	2,000
Townsville	110,400	101,000	-9,400
Wide Bay	102,400	112,700	10,300
Queensland	2,324,200	2,363,600	39,400

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Jul 16

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Jun 16	Jul 16	Jun 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	1,700	4.5	5.2	5.2	0.1	0.7
Brisbane - North	-2,900	4.6	4.9	4.8	-0.1	0.3
Brisbane - South	7,100	6.3	5.5	5.6	0.1	-0.7
Brisbane - West	5,500	6.1	5.1	5.1	0.0	-1.0
Brisbane Inner City	5,100	3.8	3.9	3.7	-0.1	-0.1
Ipswich	2,900	8.6	8.0	8.0	-0.1	-0.7
Logan - Beaudesert	8,800	8.4	6.6	6.3	-0.3	-2.1
Moreton Bay - North	300	8.9	7.1	7.0	-0.1	-2.0
Moreton Bay - South	3,600	4.9	4.8	4.7	-0.1	-0.2
Cairns	0	7.9	8.6	8.6	0.0	0.7
Darling Downs - Maranoa	2,100	3.5	3.8	3.6	-0.1	0.1
Fitzroy	1,300	5.2	6.6	6.2	-0.4	1.0
Gold Coast	12,800	6.0	5.4	5.5	0.1	-0.5
Mackay	-600	5.6	6.8	6.8	-0.1	1.2
Queensland - Outback	-14,500	5.5	13.0	13.7	0.6	8.2
Sunshine Coast	3,300	7.3	4.9	4.8	-0.1	-2.5
Toowoomba	2,200	4.3	4.2	4.4	0.2	0.1
Townsville	-10,300	8.6	9.7	9.7	0.0	1.1
Wide Bay	10,300	10.1	9.0	9.1	0.1	-1.0
Queensland	38,700	6.4	6.2	6.2	0.0	-0.3

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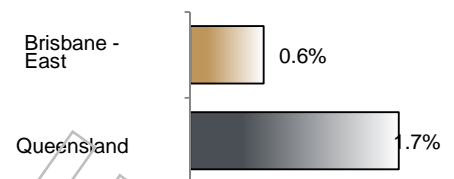
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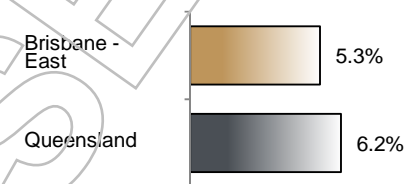
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	122,100	123,700	122,800	700	0.6
Total unemployed	6,500	6,800	6,900	400	5.5
Total labour force	128,600	130,500	129,700	1,100	0.8
Not in the labour force	57,300	57,800	58,800	1,400	2.5
Total persons 15+	186,000	188,200	188,500	2,500	1.3
Participation rate (%)	69.2	69.3	68.8	..	-0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	5.2	5.3	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.6%
 Unemployment rate 5.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in August 2016 was 122,800 persons, an increase of 700 employed persons, or 0.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in August 2016 was 5.3 per cent, an increase of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in August 2016 was 68.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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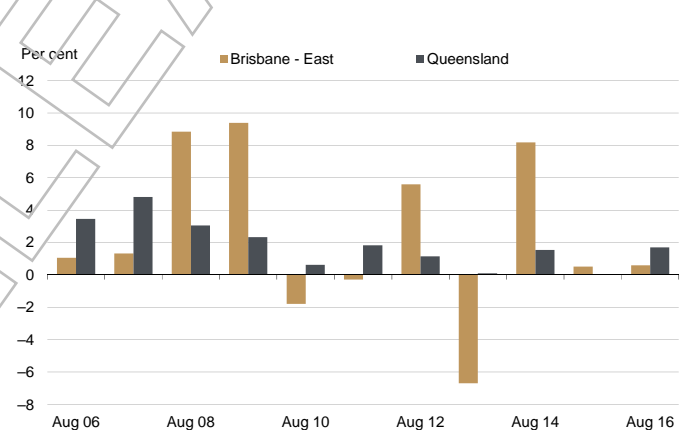
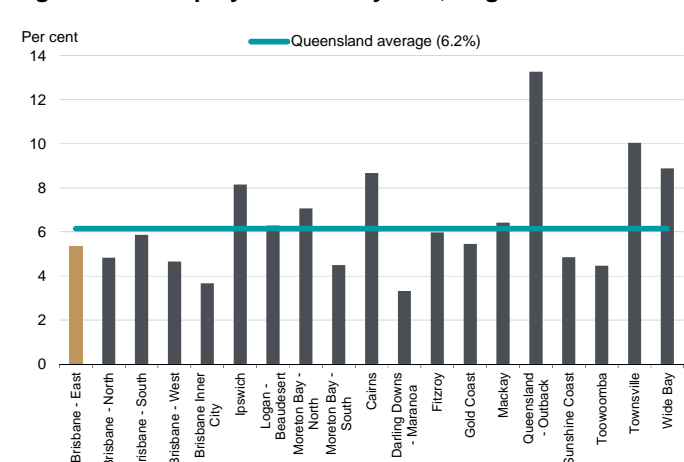


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Aug 16

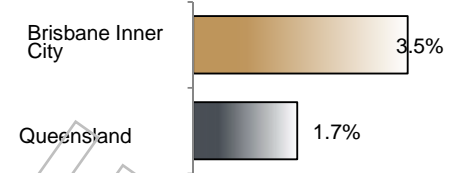
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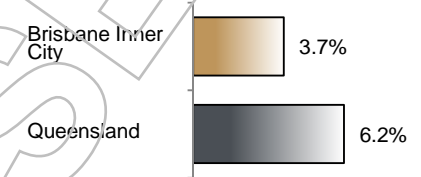
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	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	152,200	157,300	157,500	5,300	3.5
Total unemployed	7,600	6,100	6,000	-1,600	-21.1
Total labour force	159,800	163,400	163,500	3,700	2.3
Not in the labour force	54,100	52,600	52,700	-1,400	-2.7
Total persons 15+	213,900	215,900	216,200	2,300	1.1
Participation rate (%)	74.7	75.7	75.6	..	0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8	3.7	3.7	..	-1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.5%
 Unemployment rate 3.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 75.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in August 2016 was 157,500 persons, an increase of 5,300 employed persons, or 3.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in August 2016 was 3.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in August 2016 was 75.6 per cent, an increase of 0.9 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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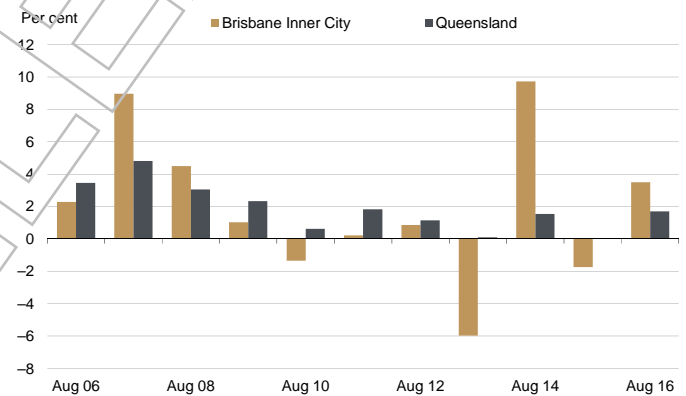
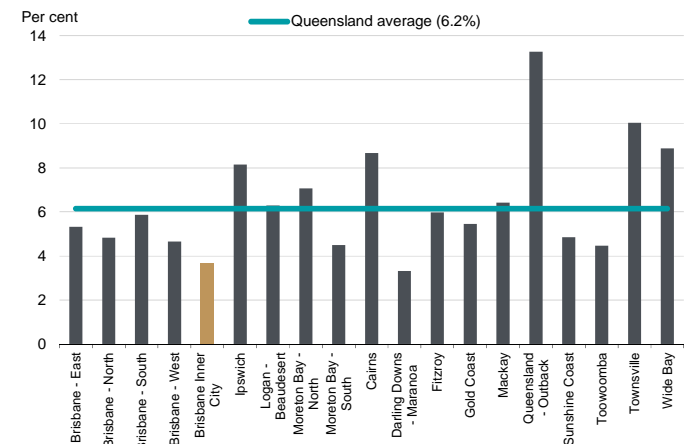


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Labour force – Brisbane - North SA4, Aug 16

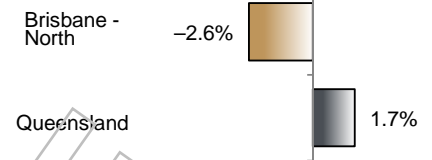
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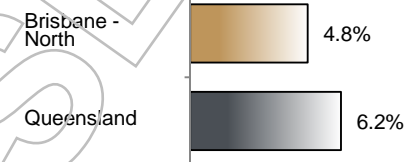
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	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	116,400	113,600	113,400	-3,000	-2.6
Total unemployed	6,600	5,800	5,800	-800	-12.4
Total labour force	122,900	119,300	119,100	-3,800	-3.1
Not in the labour force	49,000	54,600	55,000	6,000	12.1
Total persons 15+	171,900	173,900	174,100	2,100	1.2
Participation rate (%)	71.5	68.6	68.4	..	-3.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	4.8	4.8	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 2.6%
 Unemployment rate 4.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate 68.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - North SA4 in August 2016 was 113,400 persons, a decrease of 3,000 employed persons, or 2.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in August 2016 was 4.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in August 2016 was 68.4 per cent, a decrease of 3.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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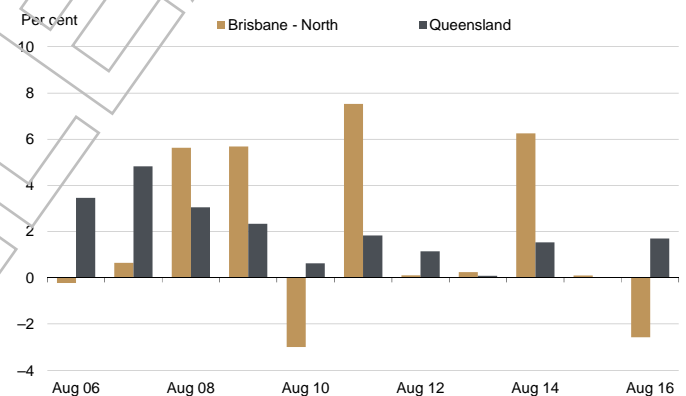
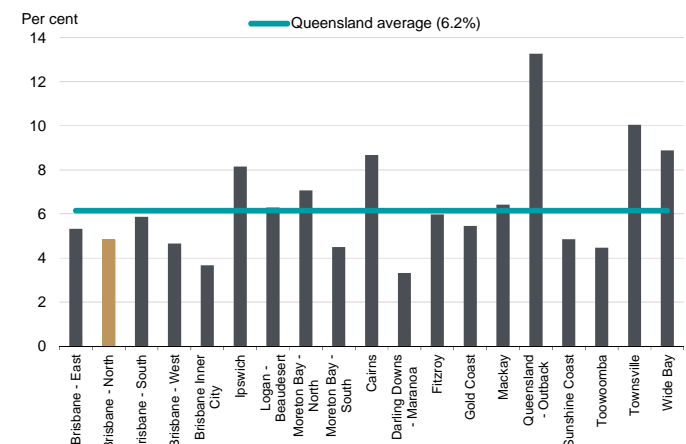


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Labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Aug 16

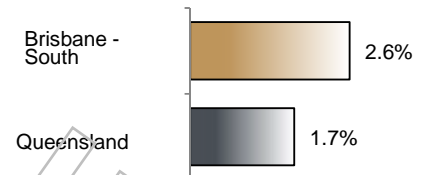
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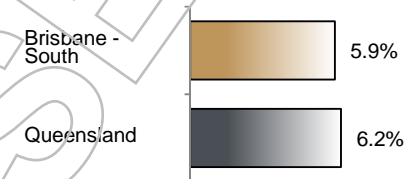
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	192,000	197,500	197,000	5,000	2.6
Total unemployed	10,800	11,700	12,300	1,400	13.4
Total labour force	202,800	209,200	209,300	6,400	3.2
Not in the labour force	84,600	81,700	82,000	-2,600	-3.1
Total persons 15+	287,400	290,900	291,300	3,800	1.3
Participation rate (%)	70.6	71.9	71.8	..	1.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	5.6	5.9	..	0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.6%
 Unemployment rate 5.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - South SA4 in August 2016 was 197,000 persons, an increase of 5,000 employed persons, or 2.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in August 2016 was 5.9 per cent, an increase of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in August 2016 was 71.8 per cent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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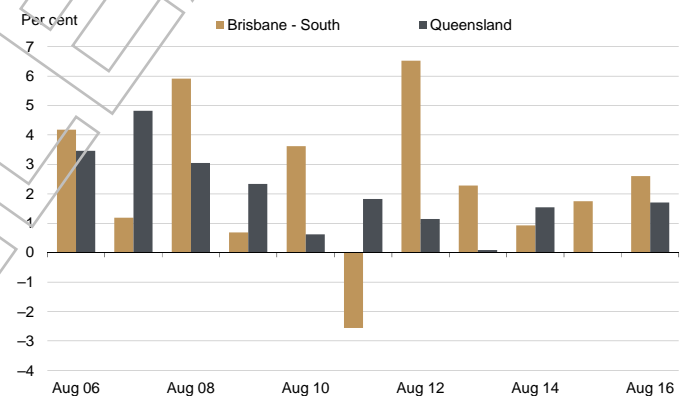
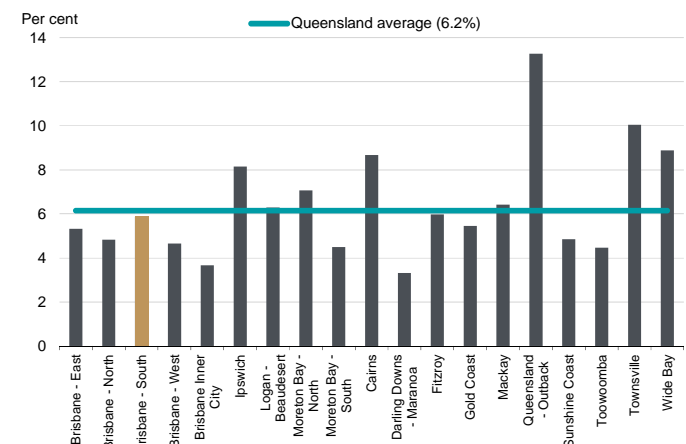


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Aug 16

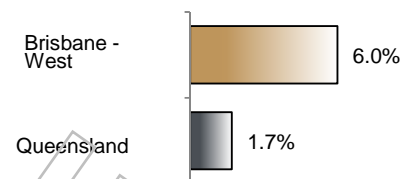
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - West SA4

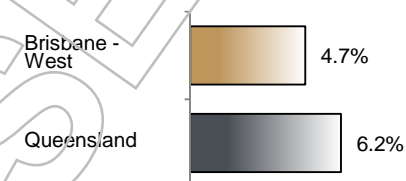
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	90,900	96,100	96,300	5,400	6.0
Total unemployed	6,000	5,200	4,700	-1,300	-21.4
Total labour force	96,900	101,300	101,000	4,100	4.3
Not in the labour force	51,900	48,300	48,600	-3,300	-6.3
Total persons 15+	148,800	149,600	149,700	900	0.6
Participation rate (%)	65.1	67.7	67.5	..	2.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	5.1	4.7	..	-1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 6.0%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in August 2016 was 96,300 persons, an increase of 5,400 employed persons, or 6.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in August 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in August 2016 was 67.5 per cent, an increase of 2.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - West SA4

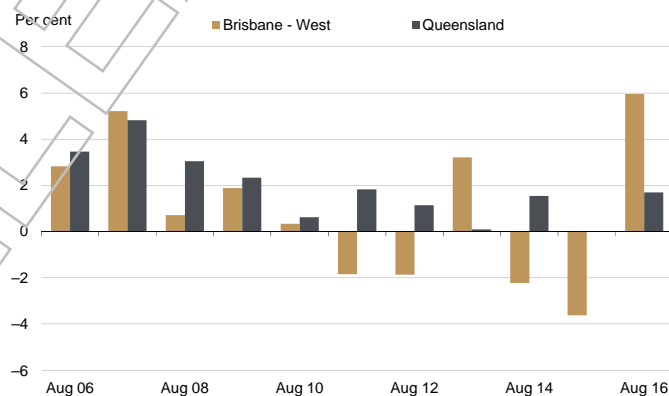
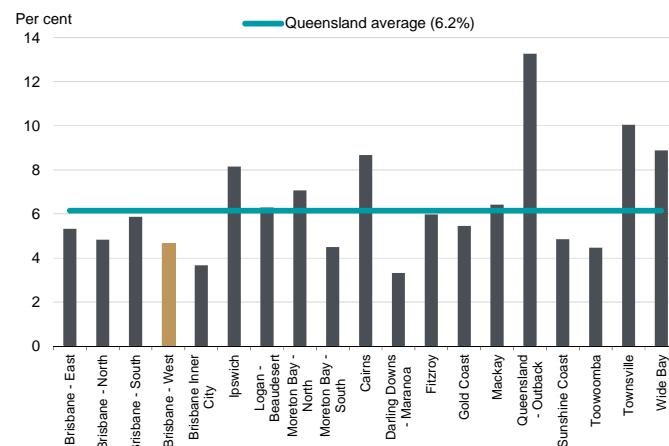


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Cairns SA4, Aug 16

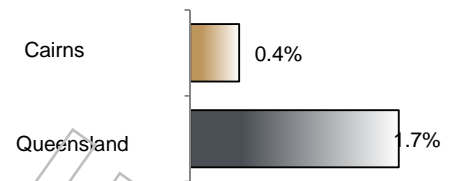
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

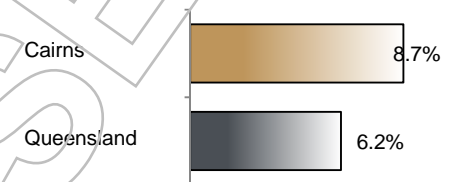
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,400	108,000	107,900	400	0.4
Total unemployed	9,400	10,200	10,300	800	8.8
Total labour force	116,900	118,100	118,100	1,300	1.1
Not in the labour force	77,100	78,200	78,400	1,300	1.7
Total persons 15+	194,000	196,300	196,500	2,600	1.3
Participation rate (%)	60.2	60.2	60.1	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.1	8.6	8.7	..	0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.4%
 Unemployment rate 8.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in August 2016 was 107,900 persons, an increase of 400 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in August 2016 was 8.7 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in August 2016 was 60.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4

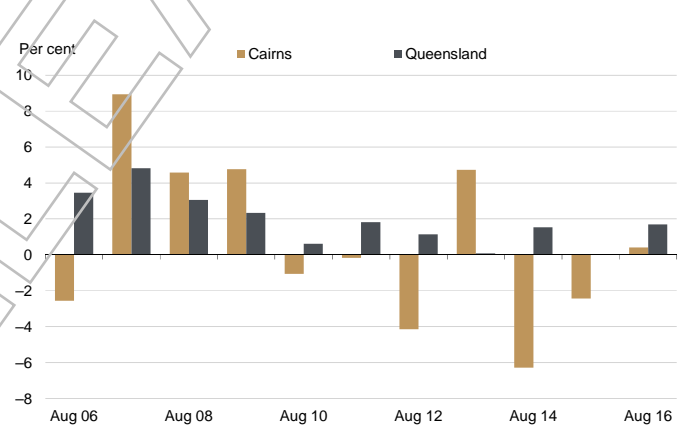
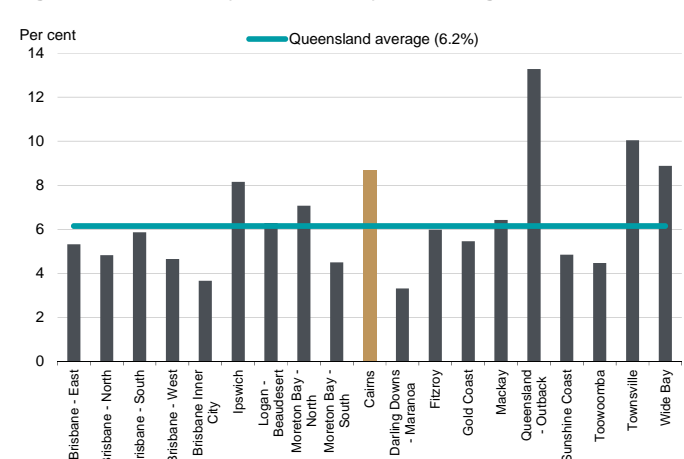


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Aug 16

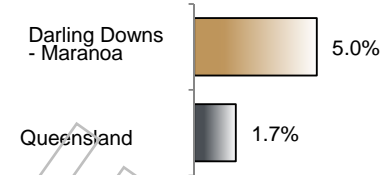
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Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

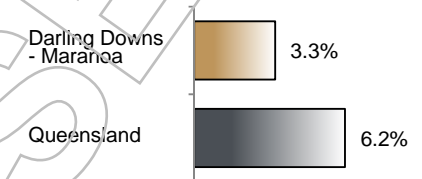
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	62,400	65,200	65,600	3,100	5.0
Total unemployed	2,700	2,400	2,300	-500	-16.8
Total labour force	65,100	67,600	67,800	2,700	4.1
Not in the labour force	36,000	34,300	34,100	-1,900	-5.3
Total persons 15+	101,200	101,900	102,000	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.4	66.4	66.5	..	2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	3.6	3.3	..	-0.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.0%
 Unemployment rate 3.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.8 ppt
 Participation rate 66.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in August 2016 was 65,600 persons, an increase of 3,100 employed persons, or 5.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in August 2016 was 3.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.8 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in August 2016 was 66.5 per cent, an increase of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

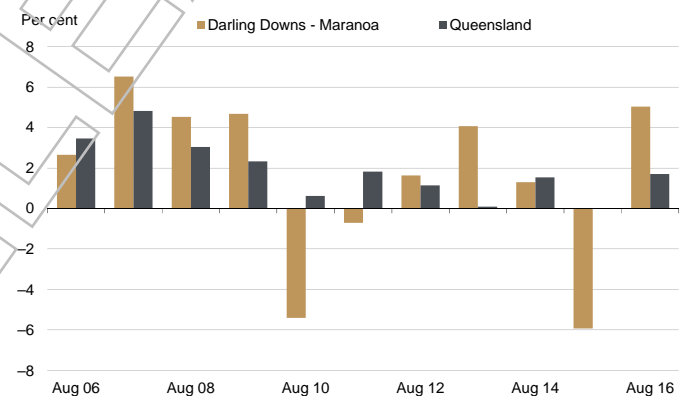
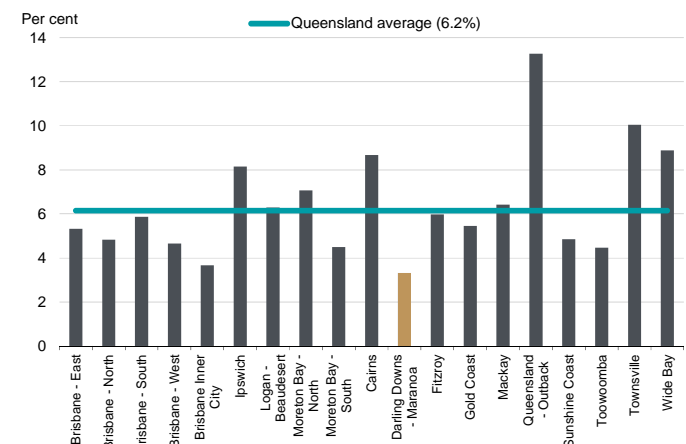


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Fitzroy SA4, Aug 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Fitzroy SA4

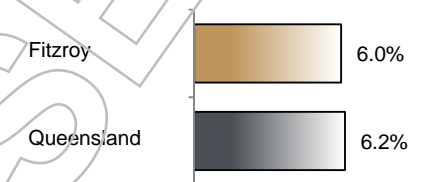
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	114,500	116,700	117,300	2,800	2.4
Total unemployed	8,900	7,700	7,500	-1,500	-16.5
Total labour force	123,500	124,500	124,800	1,300	1.1
Not in the labour force	54,900	55,700	55,600	700	1.2
Total persons 15+	178,400	180,200	180,400	2,000	1.1
Participation rate (%)	69.2	69.1	69.2	..	-0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.2	6.2	6.0	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.4%
 Unemployment rate 6.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.3 ppt
 Participation rate..... 69.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Fitzroy SA4 in August 2016 was 117,300 persons, an increase of 2,800 employed persons, or 2.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Fitzroy SA4 in August 2016 was 6.0 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Fitzroy SA4 in August 2016 was 69.2 per cent, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Fitzroy SA4

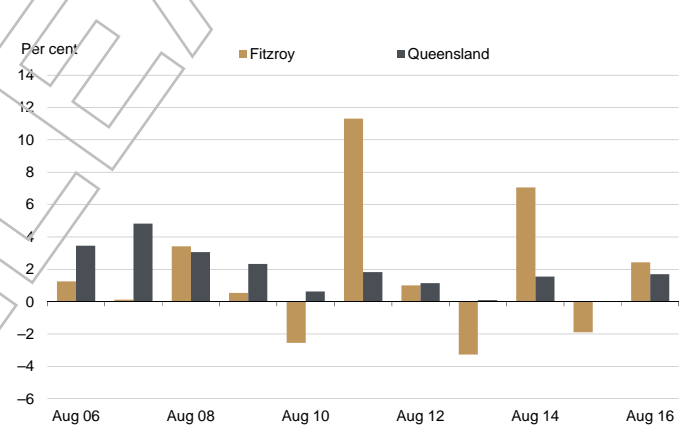
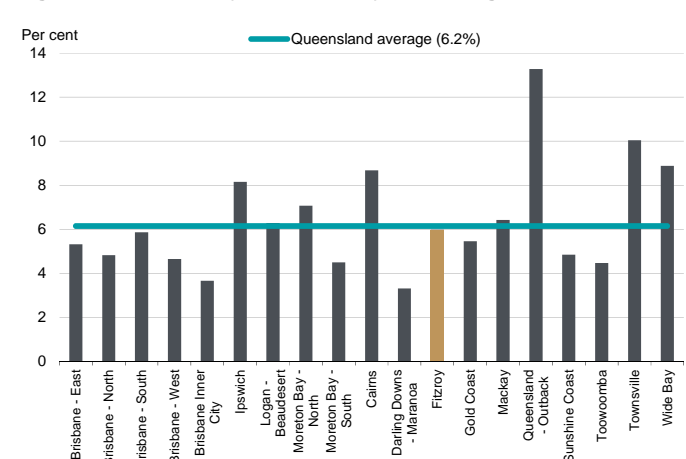


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Aug 16

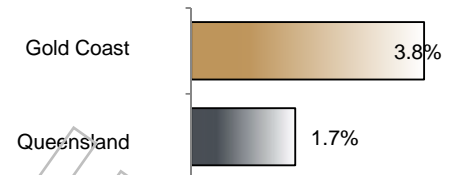
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Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

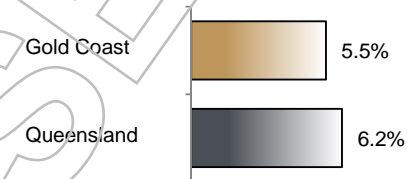
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	298,100	309,700	309,300	11,200	3.8
Total unemployed	17,800	18,100	17,900	0	0.1
Total labour force	315,900	327,800	327,200	11,200	3.6
Not in the labour force	149,400	144,500	145,800	-3,600	-2.4
Total persons 15+	465,300	472,300	473,000	7,700	1.6
Participation rate (%)	67.9	69.4	69.2	..	1.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.6	5.5	5.5	..	-0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate 69.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in August 2016 was 309,300 persons, an increase of 11,200 employed persons, or 3.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in August 2016 was 5.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in August 2016 was 69.2 per cent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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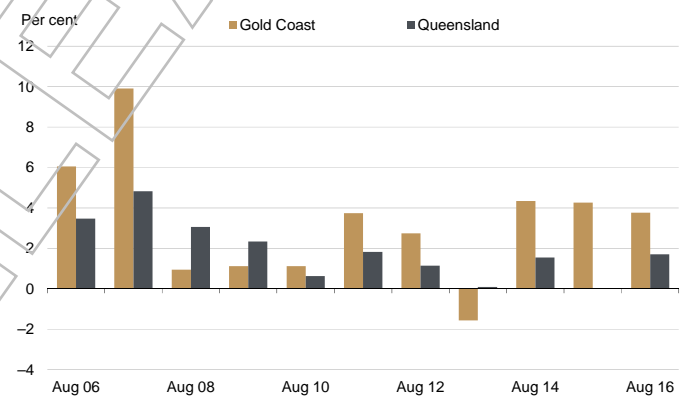
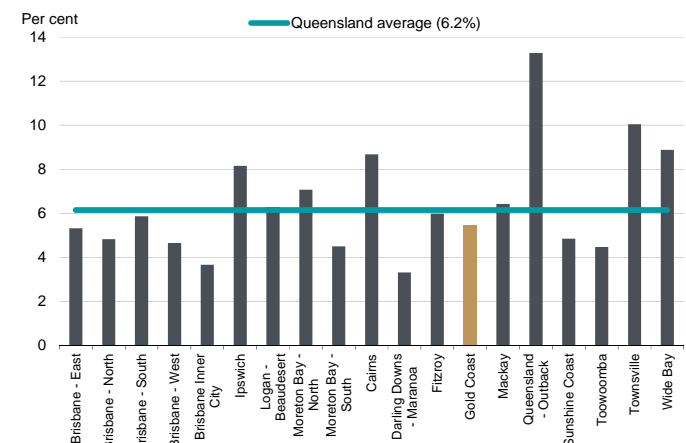


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Ipswich SA4, Aug 16

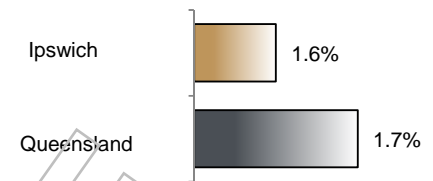
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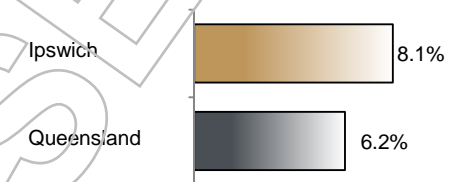
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	146,100	148,300	148,300	2,300	1.6
Total unemployed	10,600	12,800	13,200	2,500	23.9
Total labour force	156,700	161,100	161,500	4,800	3.1
Not in the labour force	87,300	87,600	87,700	400	0.4
Total persons 15+	244,000	248,700	249,200	5,200	2.1
Participation rate (%)	64.2	64.8	64.8	..	0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	8.0	8.1	..	1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.6%
 Unemployment rate 8.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 64.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in August 2016 was 148,300 persons, an increase of 2,300 employed persons, or 1.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in August 2016 was 8.1 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in August 2016 was 64.8 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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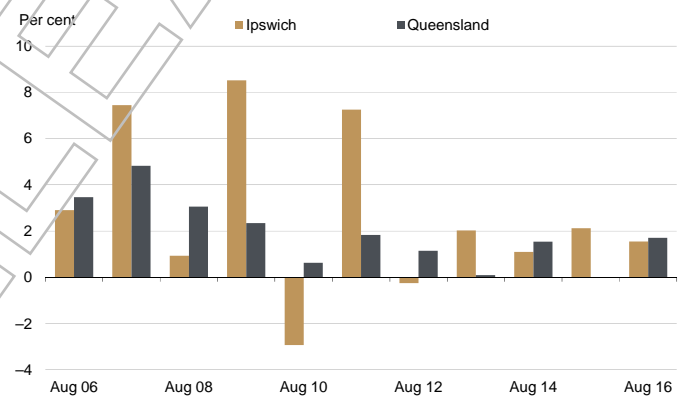
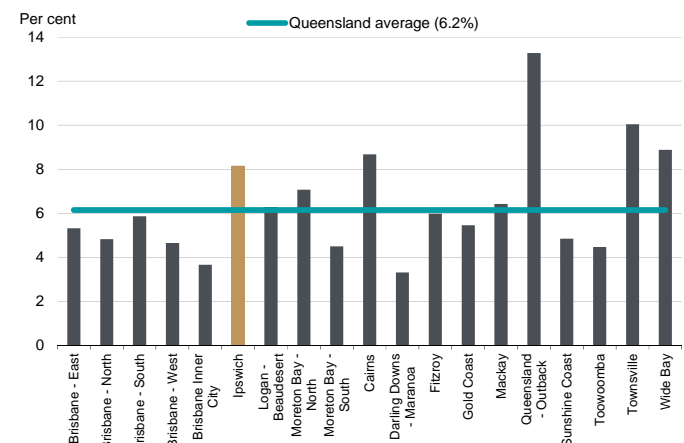


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Logan - Beaudesert SA4, Aug 16

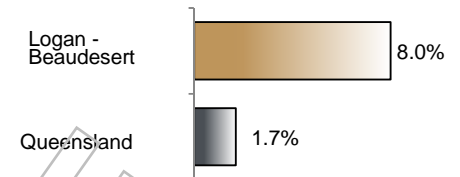
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Table 1 Labour force status, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

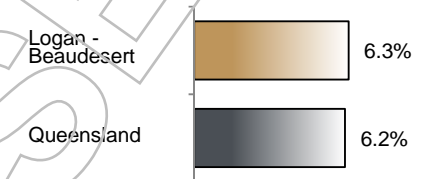
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	122,700	131,700	132,600	9,900	8.0
Total unemployed	11,700	8,800	8,900	-2,800	-24.0
Total labour force	134,400	140,500	141,500	7,100	5.3
Not in the labour force	112,200	109,300	108,600	-3,600	-3.2
Total persons 15+	246,600	249,800	250,100	3,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	54.5	56.2	56.6	..	2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.7	6.3	6.3	..	-2.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 8.0%
 Unemployment rate 6.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 56.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in August 2016 was 132,600 persons, an increase of 9,900 employed persons, or 8.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in August 2016 was 6.3 per cent, a decrease of 2.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in August 2016 was 56.6 per cent, an increase of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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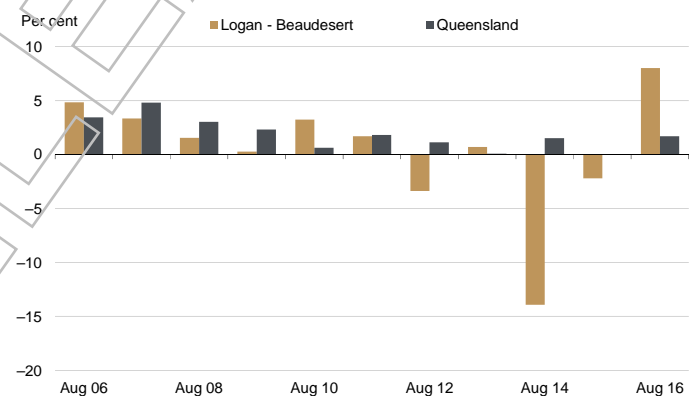
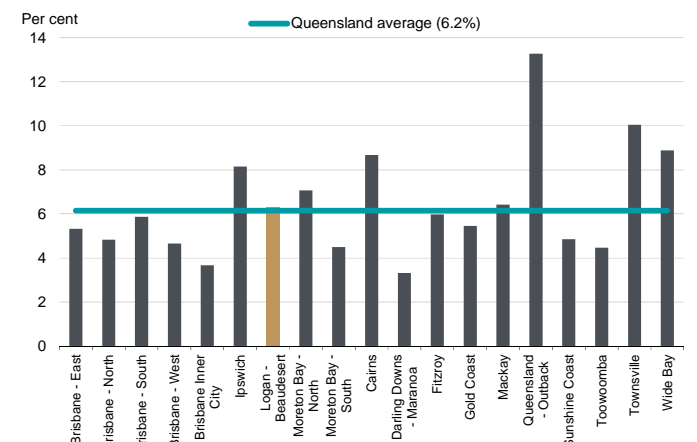


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Mackay SA4, Aug 16

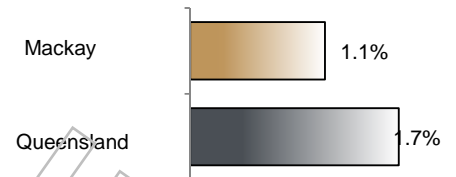
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Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay SA4

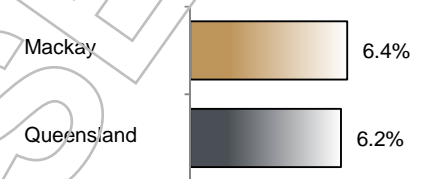
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	94,400	94,600	95,400	1,000	1.1
Total unemployed	8,000	6,900	6,500	-1,400	-17.8
Total labour force	102,400	101,500	102,000	-400	-0.4
Not in the labour force	41,600	44,300	44,000	2,300	5.6
Total persons 15+	144,000	145,800	145,900	1,900	1.4
Participation rate (%)	71.1	69.6	69.9	..	-1.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	6.8	6.4	..	-1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 69.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Mackay SA4 in August 2016 was 95,400 persons, an increase of 1,000 employed persons, or 1.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in August 2016 was 6.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in August 2016 was 69.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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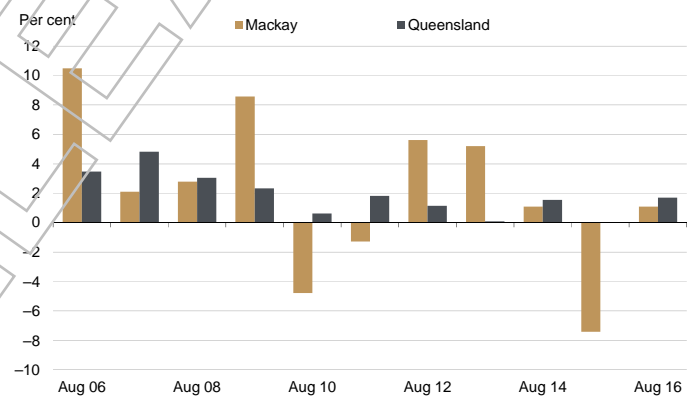
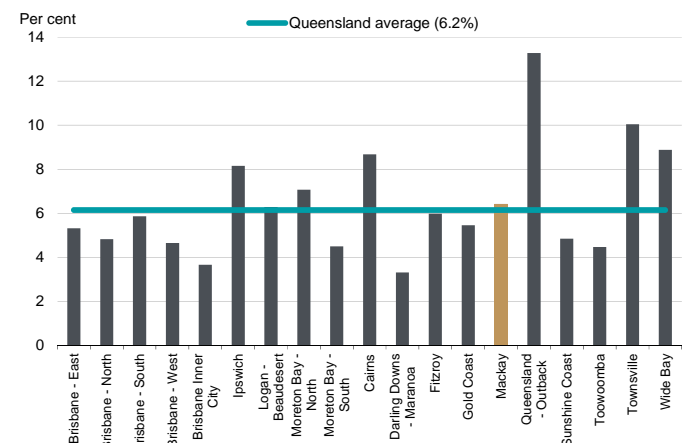


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, Aug 16

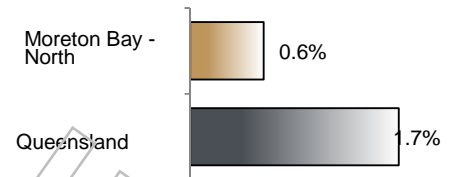
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Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - North SA4

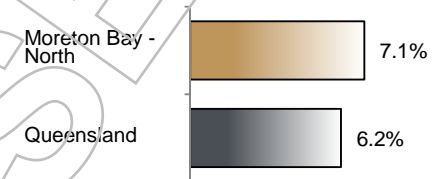
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	111,000	111,300	111,700	700	0.6
Total unemployed	8,800	8,300	8,500	-300	-3.1
Total labour force	119,700	119,600	120,200	400	0.3
Not in the labour force	72,600	76,300	76,000	3,400	4.7
Total persons 15+	192,400	195,900	196,200	3,800	2.0
Participation rate (%)	62.2	61.1	61.2	..	-1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.3	7.0	7.1	..	-0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.6%
 Unemployment rate 7.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate..... 61.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in August 2016 was 111,700 persons, an increase of 700 employed persons, or 0.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in August 2016 was 7.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in August 2016 was 61.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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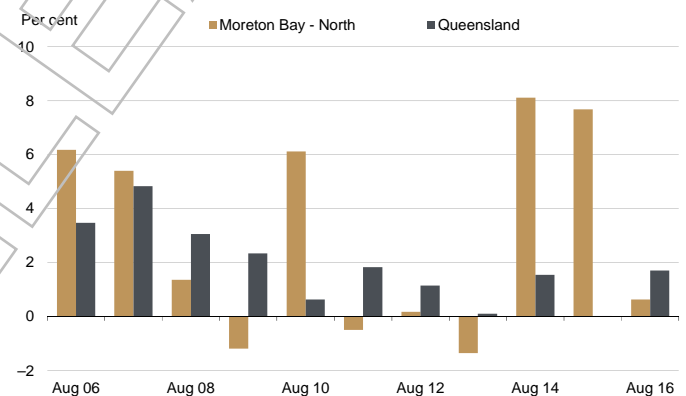
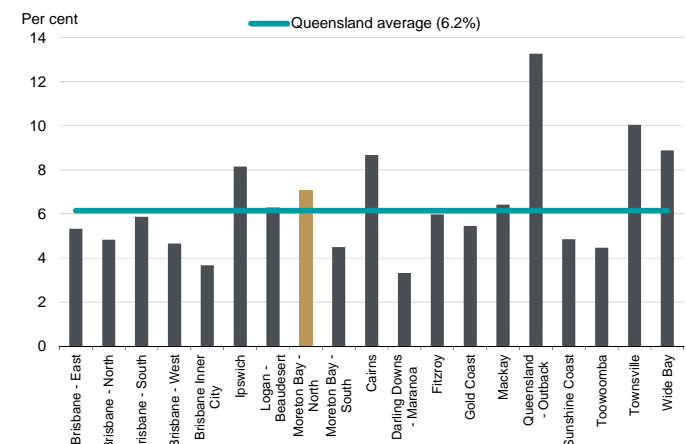


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - South SA4, Aug 16

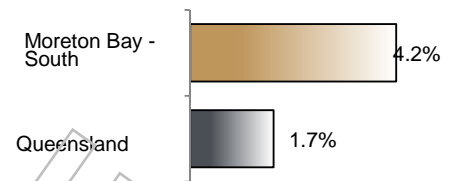
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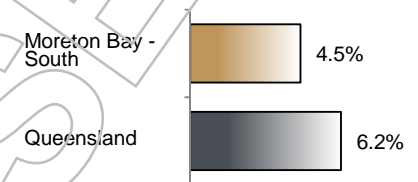
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	99,100	103,100	103,300	4,200	4.2
Total unemployed	4,300	5,100	4,900	600	13.8
Total labour force	103,400	108,200	108,200	4,800	4.6
Not in the labour force	43,100	41,500	41,800	-1,300	-3.0
Total persons 15+	146,500	149,700	150,000	3,500	2.4
Participation rate (%)	70.6	72.3	72.1	..	1.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	4.7	4.5	..	0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.2%
 Unemployment rate 4.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 72.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in August 2016 was 103,300 persons, an increase of 4,200 employed persons, or 4.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in August 2016 was 4.5 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in August 2016 was 72.1 per cent, an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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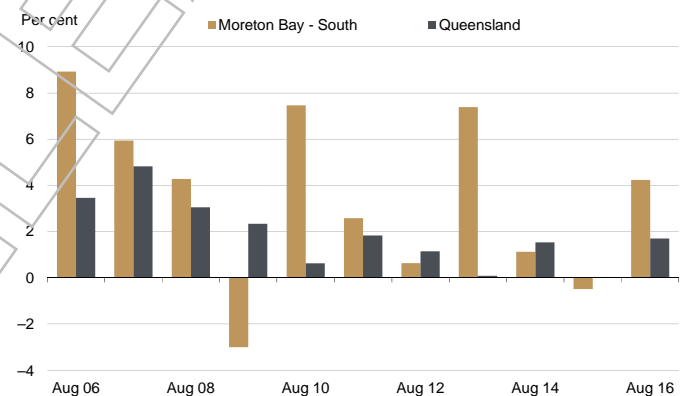
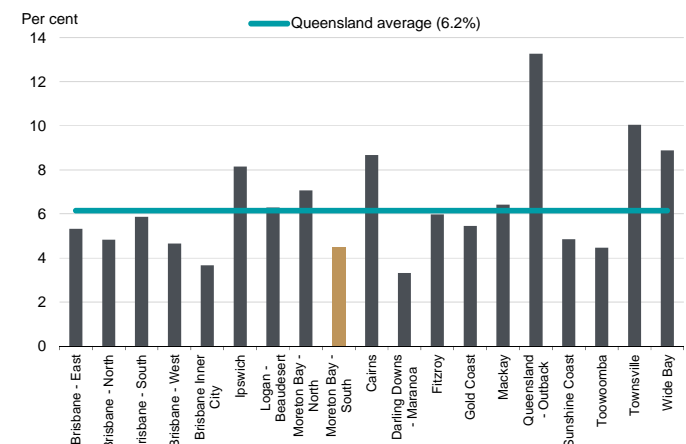


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Aug 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 September 2016, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	50,000	37,000	37,100	-13,000	-26.0
Total unemployed	2,400	5,900	5,700	3,300	138.9
Total labour force	52,400	42,900	42,700	-9,700	-18.5
Not in the labour force	16,100	26,200	26,400	10,300	64.0
Total persons 15+	68,500	69,100	69,100	600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	76.5	62.0	61.8	..	-14.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	13.7	13.3	..	8.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 26.0%
 Unemployment rate 13.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 8.7 ppt
 Participation rate 61.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Queensland - Outback SA4 in August 2016 was 37,100 persons, a decrease of 13,000 employed persons, or 26.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in August 2016 was 13.3 per cent, an increase of 8.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in August 2016 was 61.8 per cent, a decrease of 14.7 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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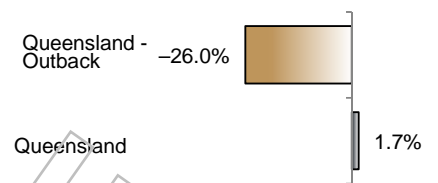
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

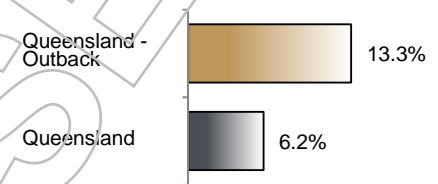


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland - Outback SA4

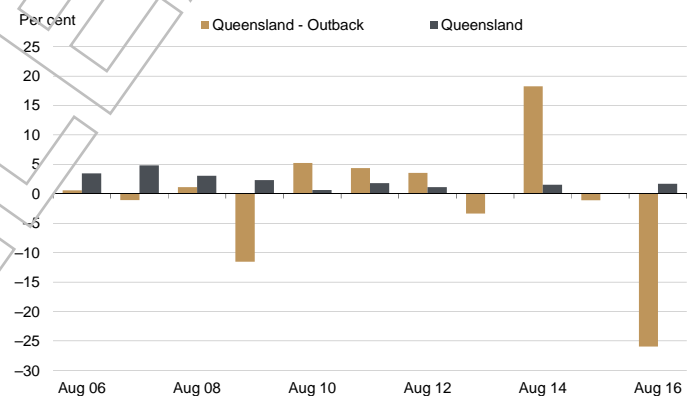
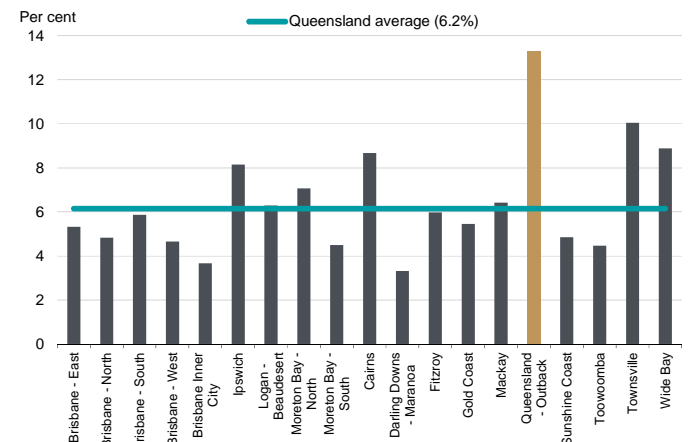


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Aug 16

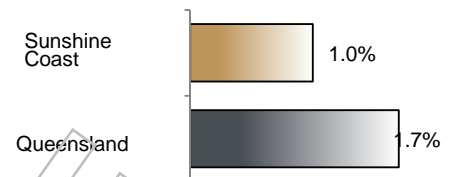
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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

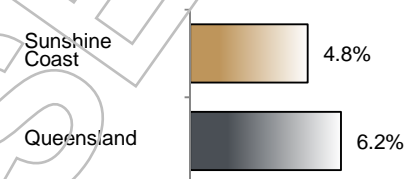
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	164,200	167,000	166,000	1,700	1.0
Total unemployed	11,700	8,400	8,500	-3,200	-27.6
Total labour force	175,900	175,500	174,400	-1,500	-0.9
Not in the labour force	100,400	104,500	106,000	5,500	5.5
Total persons 15+	276,400	280,000	280,400	4,000	1.5
Participation rate (%)	63.7	62.7	62.2	..	-1.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	4.8	4.8	..	-1.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.0%
 Unemployment rate 4.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.8 ppt
 Participation rate 62.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Sunshine Coast SA4 in August 2016 was 166,000 persons, an increase of 1,700 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in August 2016 was 4.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in August 2016 was 62.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

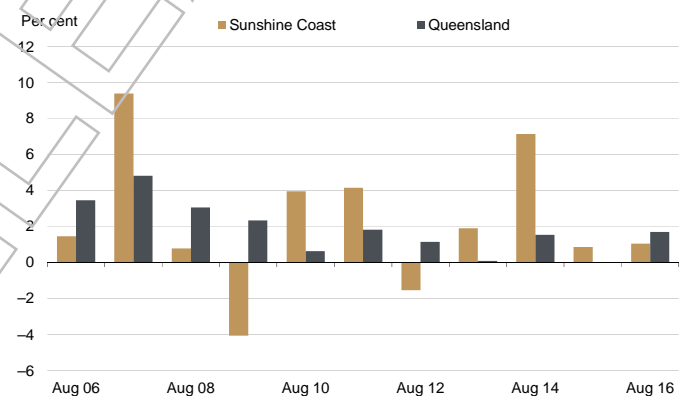
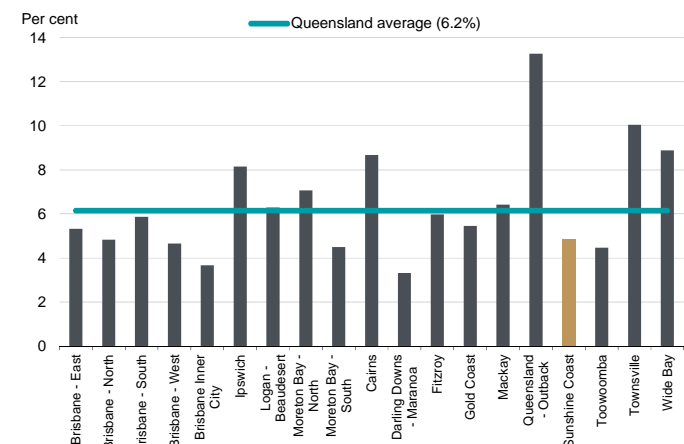


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Aug 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 September 2016, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	67,300	69,200	69,000	1,700	2.6
Total unemployed	3,600	3,200	3,200	-400	-10.8
Total labour force	70,900	72,300	72,200	1,400	1.9
Not in the labour force	46,800	46,100	46,300	-400	-0.9
Total persons 15+	117,600	118,500	118,600	900	0.8
Participation rate (%)	60.3	61.1	60.9	..	0.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	4.4	4.5	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.6%
 Unemployment rate 4.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in August 2016 was 69,000 persons, an increase of 1,700 employed persons, or 2.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in August 2016 was 4.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in August 2016 was 60.9 per cent, an increase of 0.7 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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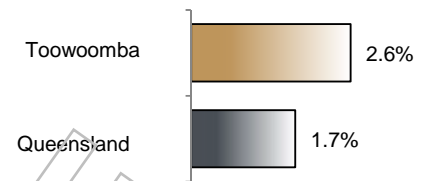
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

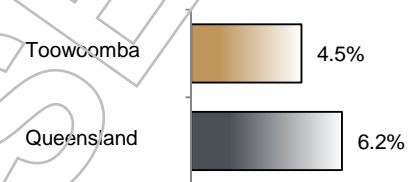


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Toowoomba SA4

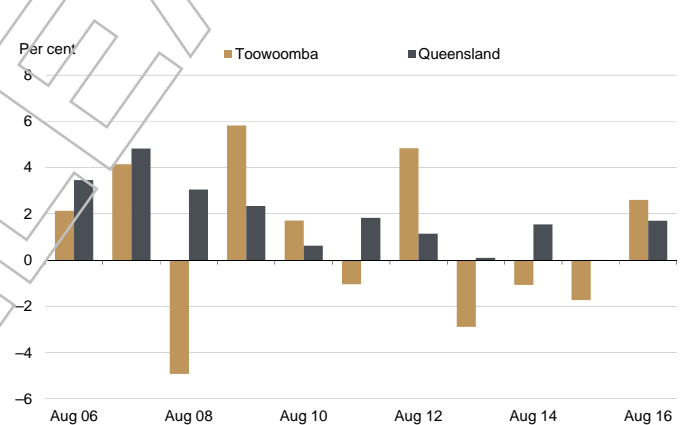
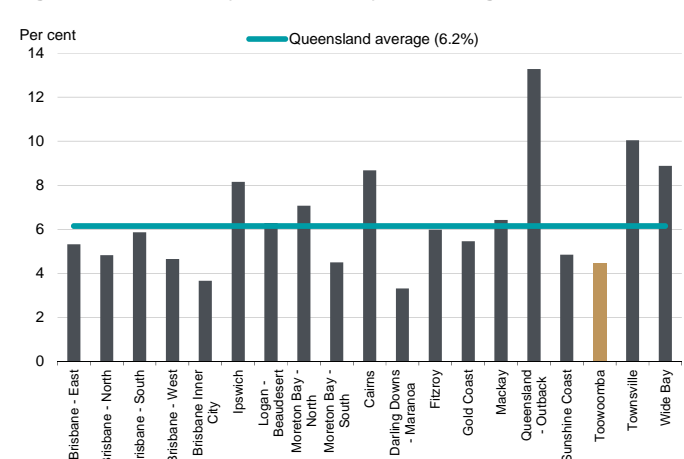


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Townsville SA4, Aug 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 September 2016, 11:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	110,200	100,900	100,300	-9,900	-8.9
Total unemployed	10,500	10,900	11,200	700	6.5
Total labour force	120,700	111,800	111,500	-9,200	-7.6
Not in the labour force	62,900	73,900	74,400	11,500	18.3
Total persons 15+	183,600	185,700	186,000	2,400	1.3
Participation rate (%)	65.7	60.2	60.0	..	-5.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.7	9.7	10.0	..	1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 8.9%
 Unemployment rate 10.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.3 ppt
 Participation rate 60.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in August 2016 was 100,300 persons, a decrease of 9,900 employed persons, or 8.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in August 2016 was 10.0 per cent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in August 2016 was 60.0 per cent, a decrease of 5.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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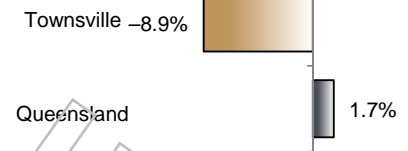
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

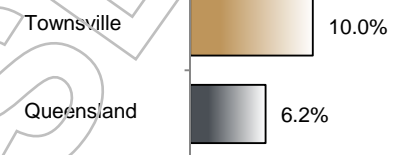


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

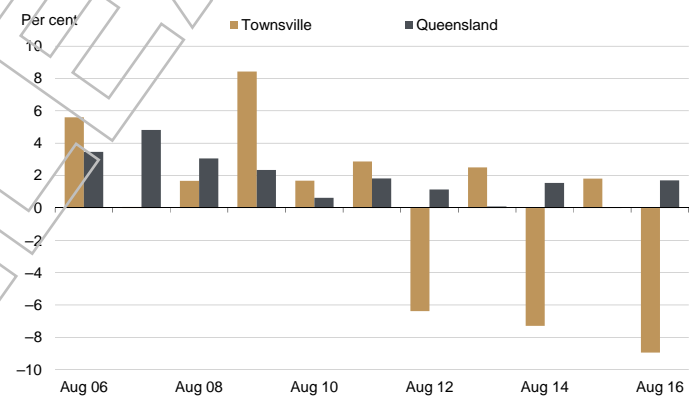
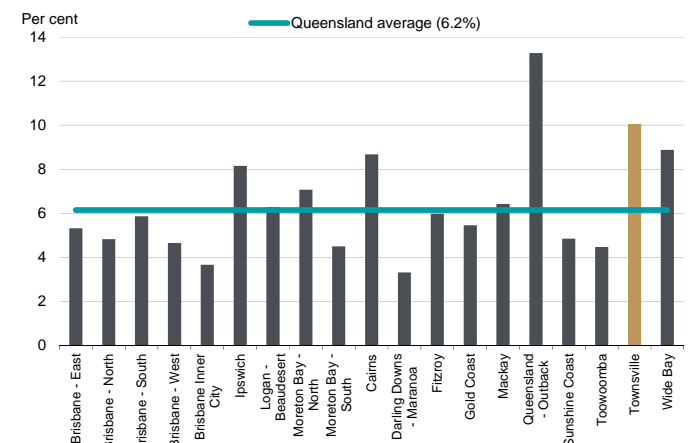


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Aug 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Aug 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	103,500	112,700	113,300	9,800	9.5
Total unemployed	13,100	11,200	11,000	-2,100	-15.7
Total labour force	116,600	123,900	124,300	7,800	6.7
Not in the labour force	121,200	116,500	116,400	-4,800	-4.0
Total persons 15+	237,800	240,500	240,700	3,000	1.2
Participation rate (%)	49.0	51.5	51.6	..	2.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	11.2	9.1	8.9	..	-2.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 9.5%
 Unemployment rate 8.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 51.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in August 2016 was 113,300 persons, an increase of 9,800 employed persons, or 9.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in August 2016 was 8.9 per cent, a decrease of 2.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in August 2016 was 51.6 per cent, an increase of 2.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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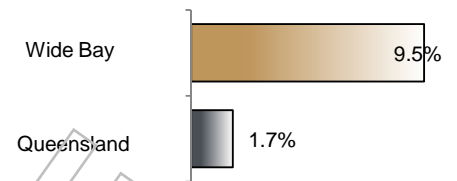
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

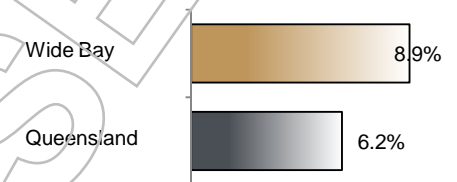


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

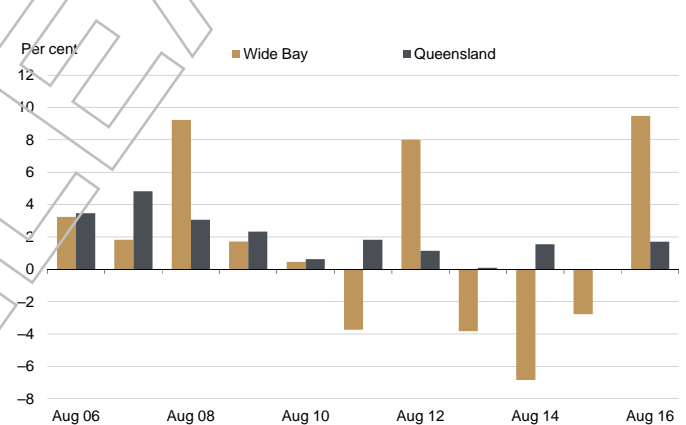
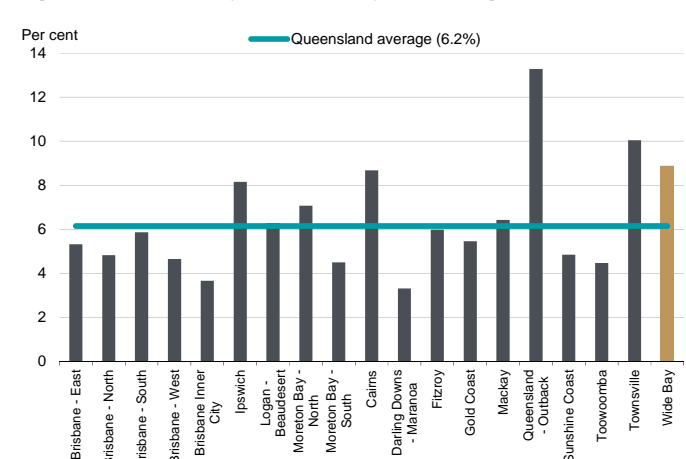


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, August 2016



Labour force – region summary, August 2016

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Aug 16

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change	Annual change %	Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	122,800	700	0.6	5.3	0.2	68.8	-0.3
Brisbane - North	113,400	-3,000	-2.6	4.8	-0.5	68.4	-3.1
Brisbane - South	197,000	5,000	2.6	5.9	0.5	71.8	1.3
Brisbane - West	96,300	5,400	6.0	4.7	-1.5	67.5	2.4
Brisbane Inner City	157,500	5,300	3.5	3.7	-1.1	75.6	0.9
Ipswich	148,300	2,300	1.6	8.1	1.4	64.8	0.6
Logan - Beaudesert	132,600	9,900	8.0	6.3	-2.4	56.6	2.1
Moreton Bay - North	111,700	700	0.6	7.1	-0.3	61.2	-1.0
Moreton Bay - South	103,300	4,200	4.2	4.5	0.4	72.1	1.6
Cairns	107,900	400	0.4	8.7	0.6	60.1	-0.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,600	3,100	5.0	3.3	-0.9	66.5	2.1
Fitzroy	117,300	2,800	2.4	6.0	-1.3	69.2	-0.0
Gold Coast	309,300	11,200	3.8	5.5	-0.2	69.2	1.3
Mackay	95,400	1,000	1.1	6.4	-1.4	69.9	-1.2
Queensland - Outback	37,100	-13,000	-26.0	13.3	8.7	61.8	-14.7
Sunshine Coast	166,000	1,700	1.0	4.8	-1.8	62.2	-1.5
Toowoomba	69,000	1,700	2.6	4.5	-0.6	60.9	0.7
Townsville	100,300	-9,900	-8.9	10.0	1.3	60.0	-5.8
Wide Bay	113,300	9,800	9.5	8.9	-2.4	51.6	2.6
Queensland	2,364,000	39,500	1.7	6.2	-0.3	65.3	-0.0

(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

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- Gold Coast SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during August 2016 with a growth of 11,200 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.3 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to August 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.4 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during August 2016 with 75.6% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.6%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Aug 16

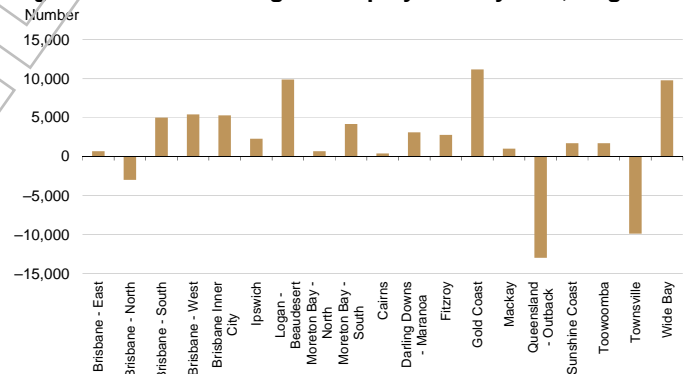
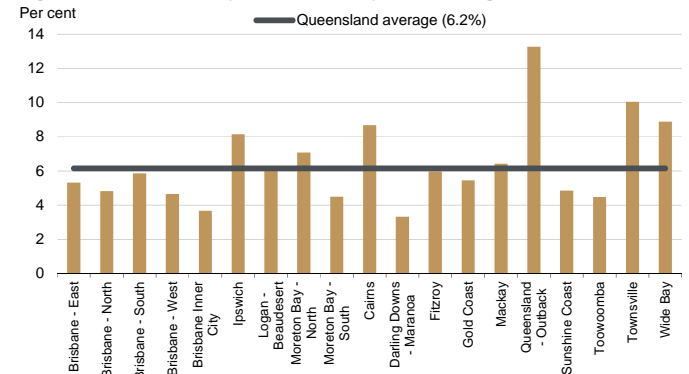


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Aug 16



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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Aug 16

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Aug 16	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	122,800	1,600
Brisbane - North	118,400	113,400	-5,000
Brisbane - South	187,800	197,000	9,200
Brisbane - West	91,200	96,300	5,100
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	157,500	2,700
Ipswich	143,500	148,300	4,900
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	132,600	9,000
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	111,700	4,600
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	103,300	2,300
Cairns	107,900	107,900	0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	65,600	400
Fitzroy	117,700	117,300	-400
Gold Coast	291,100	309,300	18,200
Mackay	101,000	95,400	-5,600
Queensland - Outback	50,800	37,100	-13,800
Sunshine Coast	161,900	166,000	4,100
Toowoomba	67,200	69,000	1,800
Townsville	110,400	100,300	-10,100
Wide Bay	102,400	113,300	10,900
Queensland	2,324,100	2,364,000	39,900

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Aug 16

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Jul 16	Aug 16	Jul 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	700	4.5	5.2	5.3	0.1	0.8
Brisbane - North	-3,000	4.6	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.3
Brisbane - South	5,000	6.3	5.6	5.9	0.3	-0.5
Brisbane - West	5,400	6.1	5.1	4.7	-0.5	-1.4
Brisbane Inner City	5,300	3.8	3.7	3.7	-0.1	-0.1
Ipswich	2,300	8.6	8.0	8.1	0.2	-0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	9,900	8.4	6.3	6.3	0.0	-2.1
Moreton Bay - North	700	8.9	7.0	7.1	0.1	-1.9
Moreton Bay - South	4,200	4.9	4.7	4.5	-0.2	-0.4
Cairns	400	7.9	8.6	8.7	0.1	0.8
Darling Downs - Maranoa	3,100	3.5	3.6	3.3	-0.3	-0.2
Fitzroy	2,800	5.2	6.2	6.0	-0.2	0.8
Gold Coast	11,200	6.0	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.6
Mackay	1,000	5.6	6.8	6.4	-0.3	0.9
Queensland - Outback	-13,000	5.5	13.7	13.3	-0.4	7.8
Sunshine Coast	1,700	7.3	4.8	4.8	0.0	-2.5
Toowoomba	1,700	4.3	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.2
Townsville	-9,900	8.6	9.7	10.0	0.3	1.5
Wide Bay	9,500	10.1	9.1	8.9	-0.2	-1.2
Queensland	39,500	6.4	6.2	6.2	0.0	-0.3

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Labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, Sep 16

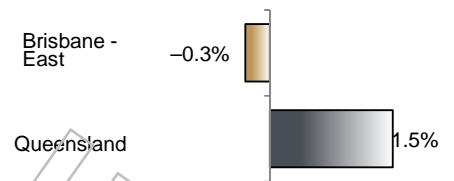
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - East SA4

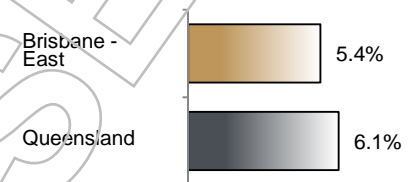
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	122,400	122,800	122,000	-400	-0.3
Total unemployed	6,500	6,900	6,900	400	6.9
Total labour force	128,800	129,700	128,900	0	0.0
Not in the labour force	57,300	58,800	59,800	2,500	4.4
Total persons 15+	186,200	188,500	188,700	2,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.2	68.8	68.3	..	-0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.0	5.3	5.4	..	0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 0.3%
 Unemployment rate 5.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate 68.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in September 2016 was 122,000 persons, a decrease of 400 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in September 2016 was 5.4 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in September 2016 was 68.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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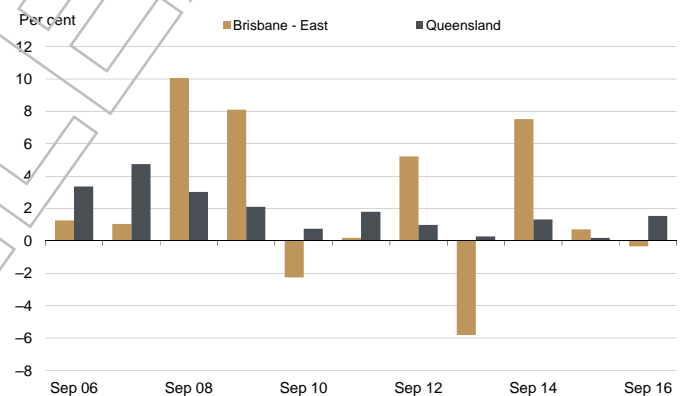
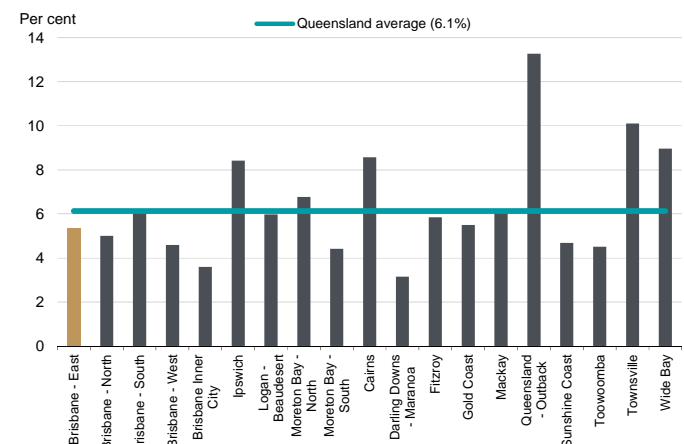


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane Inner City SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	152,000	157,500	158,300	6,300	4.1
Total unemployed	7,500	6,000	5,900	-1,600	-21.6
Total labour force	159,500	163,500	164,200	4,700	2.9
Not in the labour force	54,500	52,700	52,100	-2,400	-4.3
Total persons 15+	214,000	216,200	216,400	2,300	1.1
Participation rate (%)	74.5	75.6	75.9	..	1.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	3.7	3.6	..	-1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.1%
 Unemployment rate 3.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 75.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in September 2016 was 158,300 persons, an increase of 6,300 employed persons, or 4.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in September 2016 was 3.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in September 2016 was 75.9 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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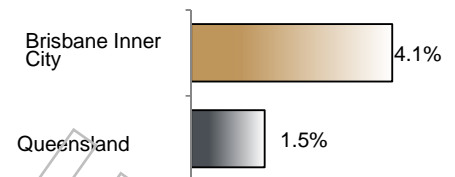
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

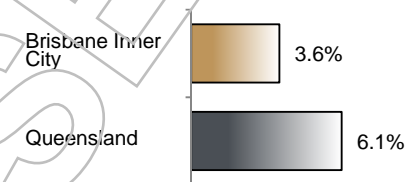


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane Inner City SA4

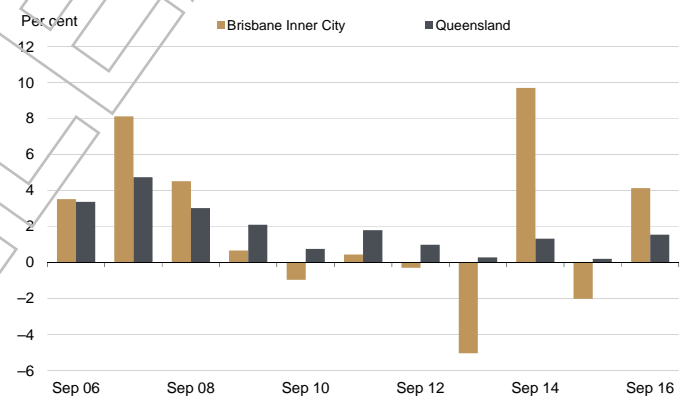
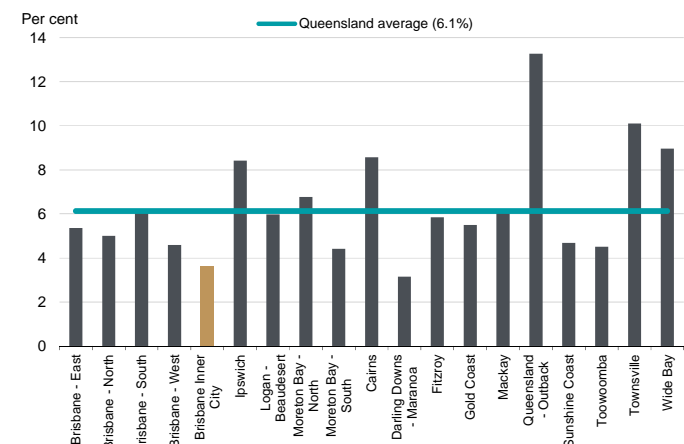


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - North SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - North SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	116,500	113,400	113,100	-3,400	-2.9
Total unemployed	6,500	5,800	6,000	-500	-8.2
Total labour force	123,000	119,100	119,100	-3,900	-3.2
Not in the labour force	49,100	55,000	55,200	6,100	12.3
Total persons 15+	172,100	174,100	174,300	2,200	1.3
Participation rate (%)	71.5	68.4	68.3	..	-3.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	4.8	5.0	..	-0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 2.9%
 Unemployment rate 5.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate 68.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - North SA4 in September 2016 was 113,100 persons, a decrease of 3,400 employed persons, or 2.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in September 2016 was 5.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in September 2016 was 68.3 per cent, a decrease of 3.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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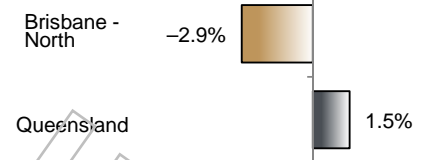
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

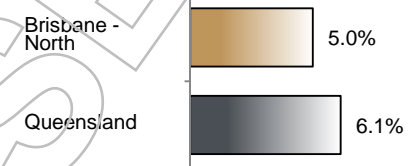


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - North SA4

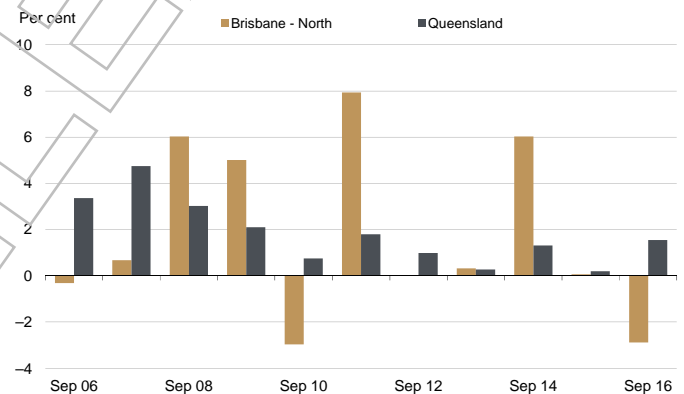
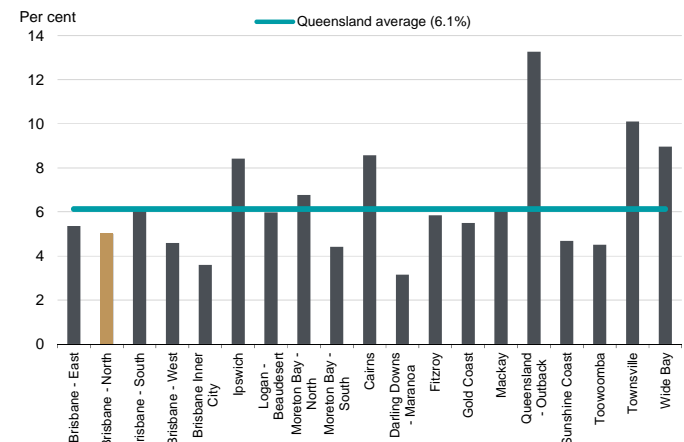


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Sep 16

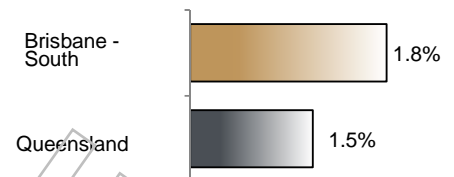
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - South SA4

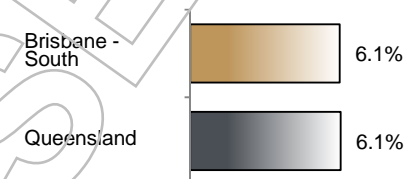
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	193,500	197,000	196,900	3,400	1.8
Total unemployed	10,600	12,300	12,700	2,200	20.5
Total labour force	204,100	209,300	209,600	5,600	2.7
Not in the labour force	83,700	82,000	82,000	-1,700	-2.0
Total persons 15+	287,700	291,300	291,600	3,900	1.3
Participation rate (%)	70.9	71.8	71.9	..	1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	5.9	6.1	..	0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.8%
 Unemployment rate 6.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.9 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - South SA4 in September 2016 was 196,900 persons, an increase of 3,400 employed persons, or 1.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in September 2016 was 6.1 per cent, an increase of 0.9 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in September 2016 was 71.9 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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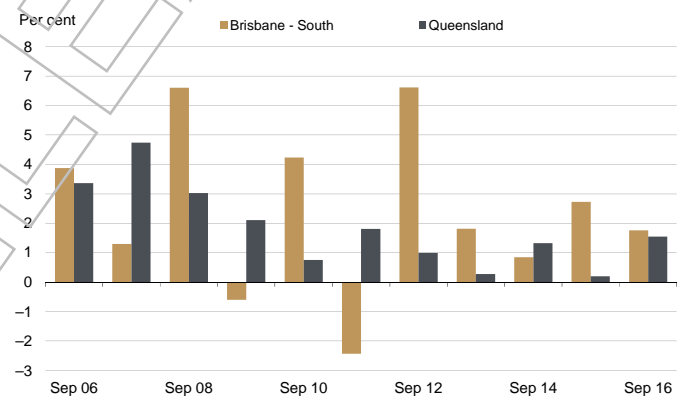
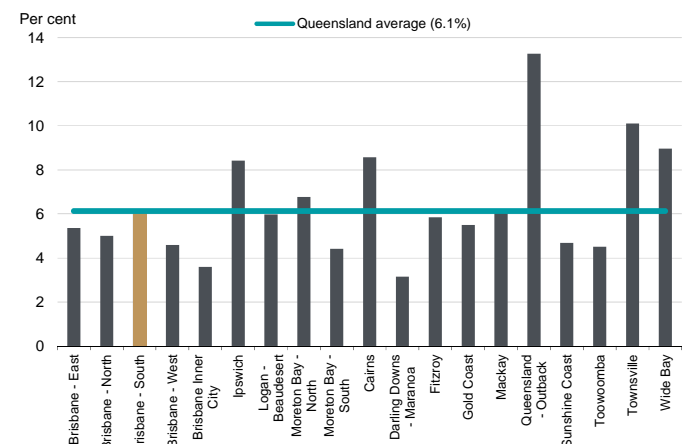


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Sep 16

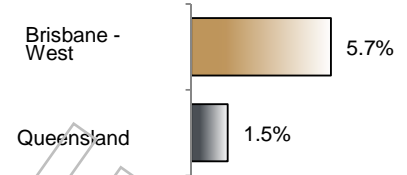
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - West SA4

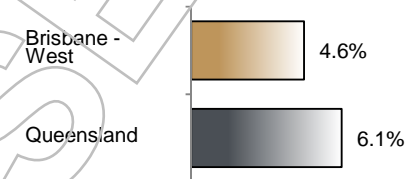
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	91,500	96,300	96,700	5,200	5.7
Total unemployed	6,000	4,700	4,700	-1,300	-22.2
Total labour force	97,500	101,000	101,400	3,900	4.0
Not in the labour force	51,300	48,600	48,400	-3,000	-5.8
Total persons 15+	148,800	149,700	149,700	900	0.6
Participation rate (%)	65.5	67.5	67.7	..	2.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	4.7	4.6	..	-1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.7%
 Unemployment rate 4.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.7%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in September 2016 was 96,700 persons, an increase of 5,200 employed persons, or 5.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in September 2016 was 4.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in September 2016 was 67.7 per cent, an increase of 2.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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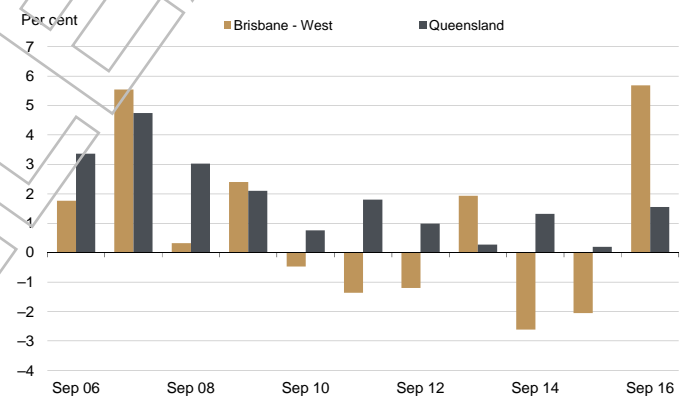
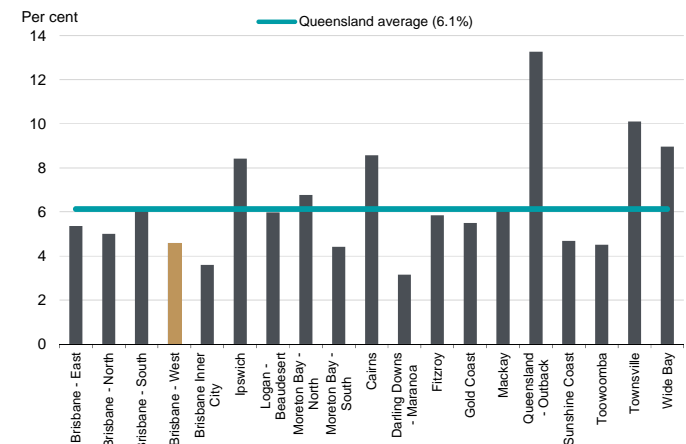


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Labour force – Cairns SA4, Sep 16

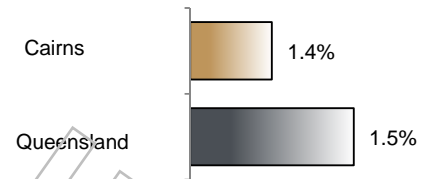
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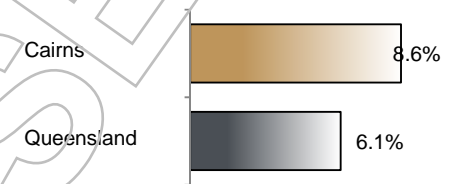
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	107,100	107,900	108,600	1,500	1.4
Total unemployed	9,500	10,300	10,200	600	6.6
Total labour force	116,600	118,100	118,800	2,200	1.9
Not in the labour force	77,500	78,400	78,000	400	0.6
Total persons 15+	194,200	196,500	196,800	2,600	1.3
Participation rate (%)	60.1	60.1	60.4	..	0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	8.7	8.6	..	0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.4%
 Unemployment rate 8.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in September 2016 was 108,600 persons, an increase of 1,500 employed persons, or 1.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2016 was 8.6 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in September 2016 was 60.4 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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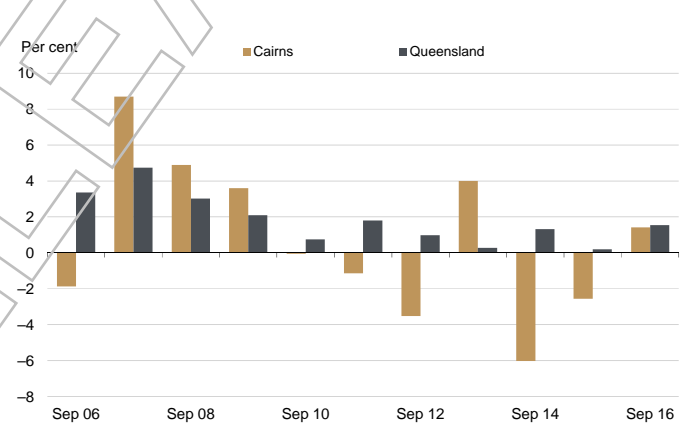
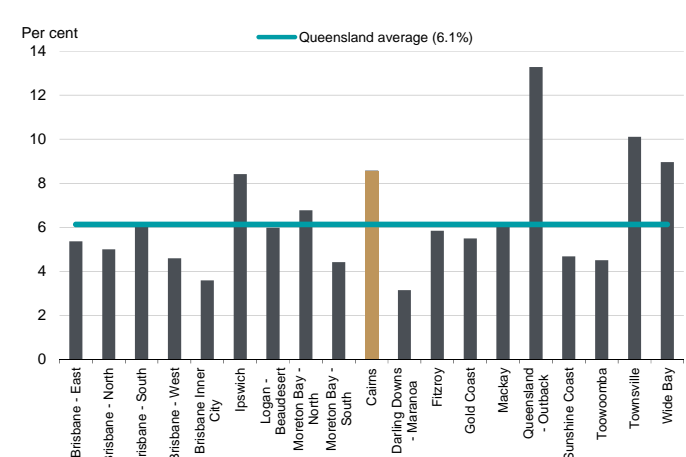


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Sep 16

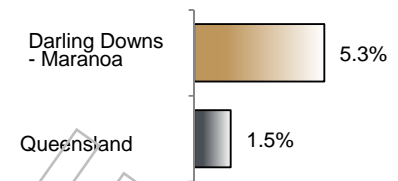
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Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

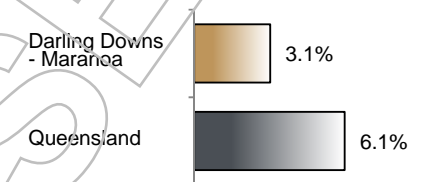
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	62,300	65,600	65,600	3,300	5.3
Total unemployed	2,600	2,300	2,100	-500	-18.0
Total labour force	64,900	67,800	67,800	2,800	4.4
Not in the labour force	36,300	34,100	34,300	-2,000	-5.6
Total persons 15+	101,200	102,000	102,000	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.1	66.5	66.4	..	2.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	3.3	3.1	..	-0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.3%
 Unemployment rate 3.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.9 ppt
 Participation rate 66.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in September 2016 was 65,600 persons, an increase of 3,300 employed persons, or 5.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in September 2016 was 3.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in September 2016 was 66.4 per cent, an increase of 2.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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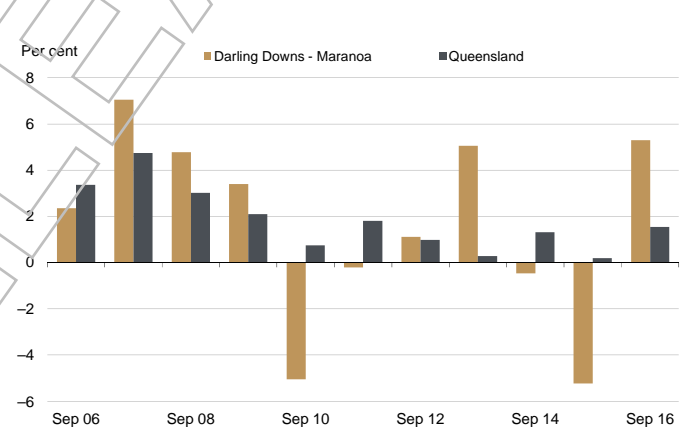
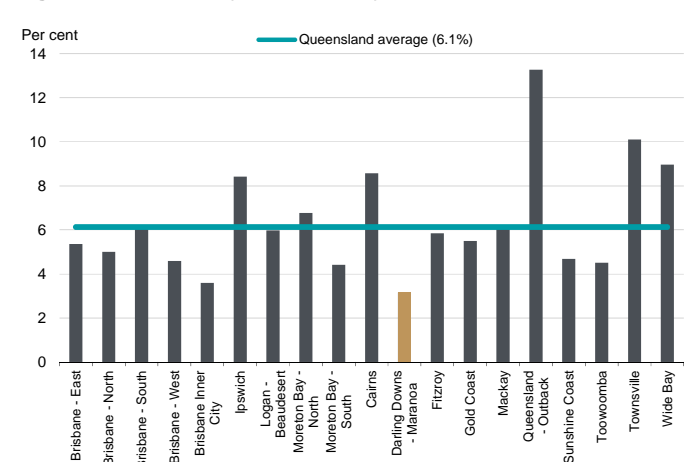


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Fitzroy SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Fitzroy SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	113,500	117,300	118,000	4,500	4.0
Total unemployed	9,400	7,500	7,300	-2,000	-21.8
Total labour force	122,900	124,800	125,400	2,500	2.0
Not in the labour force	55,700	55,600	55,200	-500	-0.9
Total persons 15+	178,500	180,400	180,500	2,000	1.1
Participation rate (%)	68.8	69.2	69.4	..	0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	6.0	5.8	..	-1.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.0%
 Unemployment rate 5.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.8 ppt
 Participation rate..... 69.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Fitzroy SA4 in September 2016 was 118,000 persons, an increase of 4,500 employed persons, or 4.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Fitzroy SA4 in September 2016 was 5.8 per cent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Fitzroy SA4 in September 2016 was 69.4 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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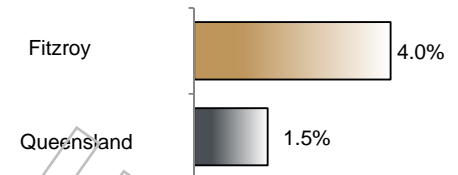
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

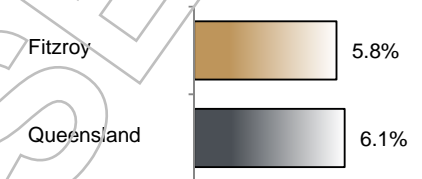


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Fitzroy SA4

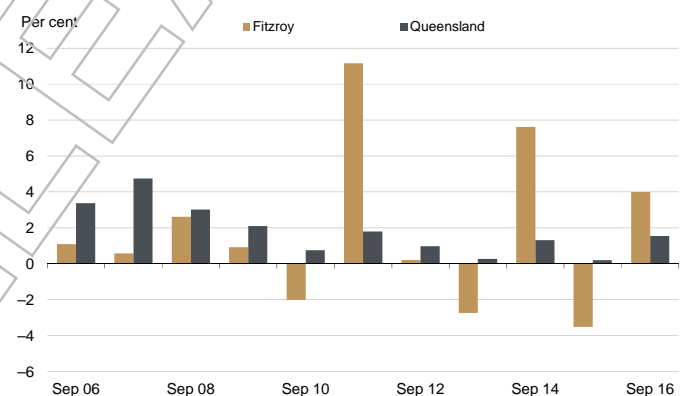
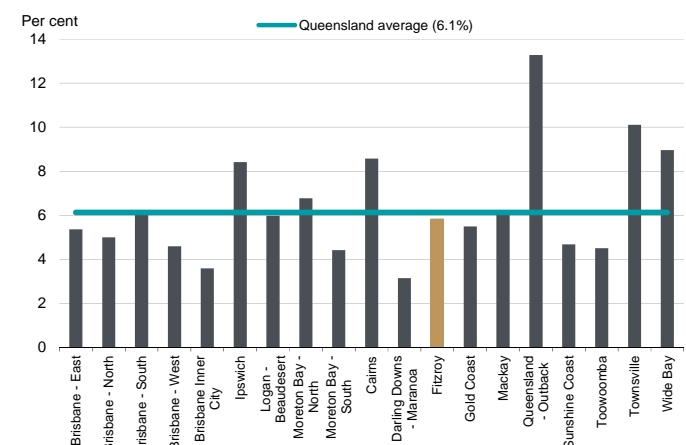


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Sep 16

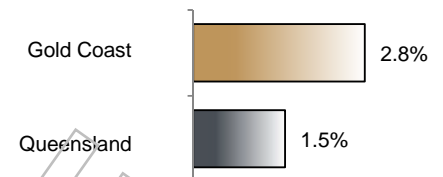
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Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

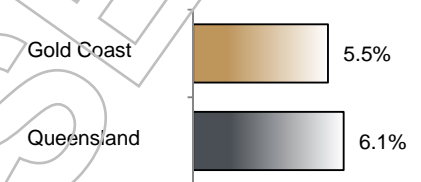
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	299,500	309,300	308,000	8,500	2.8
Total unemployed	17,800	17,900	17,900	100	0.8
Total labour force	317,300	327,200	325,900	8,600	2.7
Not in the labour force	148,700	145,800	147,800	-900	-0.6
Total persons 15+	466,000	473,000	473,700	7,700	1.7
Participation rate (%)	68.1	69.2	68.8	..	0.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.6	5.5	5.5	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in September 2016 was 308,000 persons, an increase of 8,500 employed persons, or 2.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in September 2016 was 5.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in September 2016 was 68.8 per cent, an increase of 0.7 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Gold Coast SA4

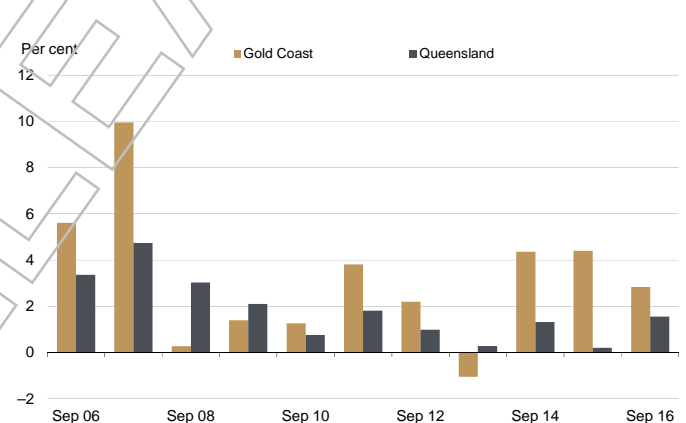
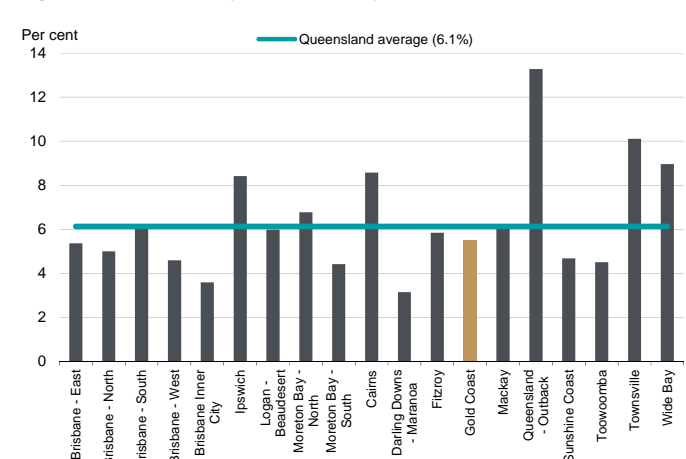


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Ipswich SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Ipswich SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	146,600	148,300	148,200	1,600	1.1
Total unemployed	10,400	13,200	13,600	3,200	31.0
Total labour force	157,000	161,500	161,800	4,800	3.1
Not in the labour force	87,400	87,700	87,800	400	0.4
Total persons 15+	244,400	249,200	249,600	5,200	2.1
Participation rate (%)	64.2	64.8	64.8	..	0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	8.1	8.4	..	1.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.1%
 Unemployment rate 8.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.8 ppt
 Participation rate..... 64.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in September 2016 was 148,200 persons, an increase of 1,600 employed persons, or 1.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in September 2016 was 8.4 per cent, an increase of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in September 2016 was 64.8 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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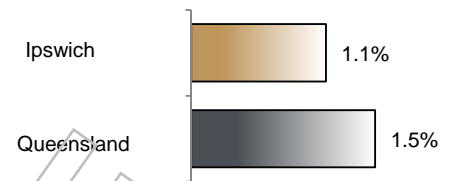
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

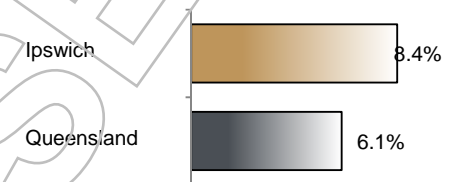


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Ipswich SA4

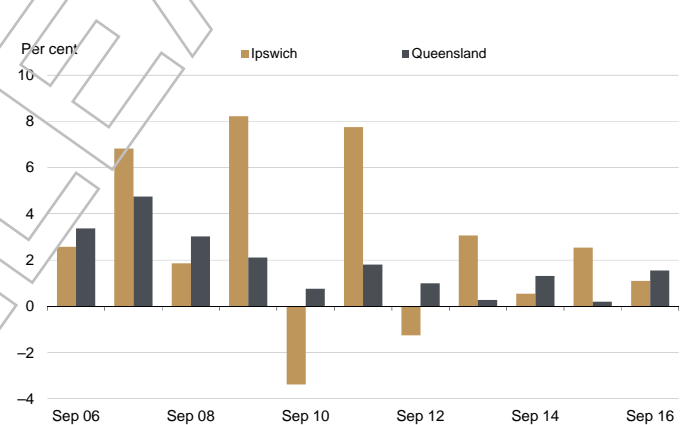
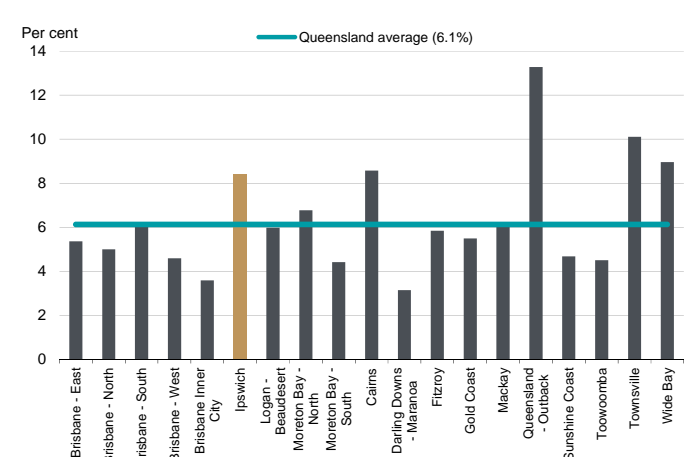


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Logan - Beaudesert SA4, Sep 16

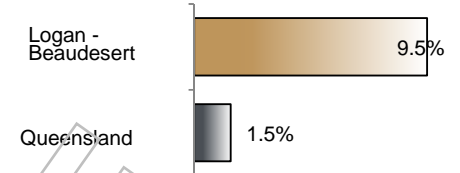
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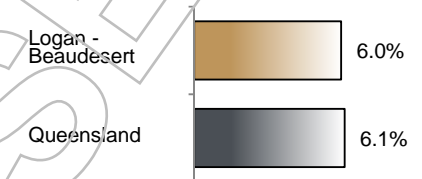
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	122,100	132,600	133,700	11,600	9.5
Total unemployed	11,800	8,900	8,500	-3,200	-27.6
Total labour force	133,800	141,500	142,200	8,300	6.2
Not in the labour force	113,100	108,600	108,200	-4,800	-4.3
Total persons 15+	246,900	250,100	250,400	3,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	54.2	56.6	56.8	..	2.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.8	6.3	6.0	..	-2.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 9.5%
 Unemployment rate 6.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.8 ppt
 Participation rate..... 56.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in September 2016 was 133,700 persons, an increase of 11,600 employed persons, or 9.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in September 2016 was 6.0 per cent, a decrease of 2.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in September 2016 was 56.8 per cent, an increase of 2.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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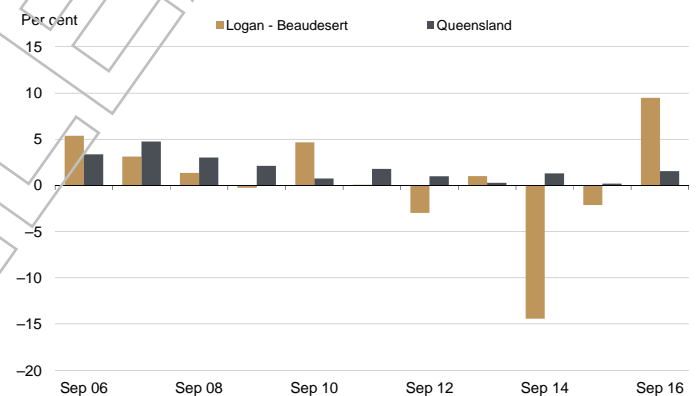
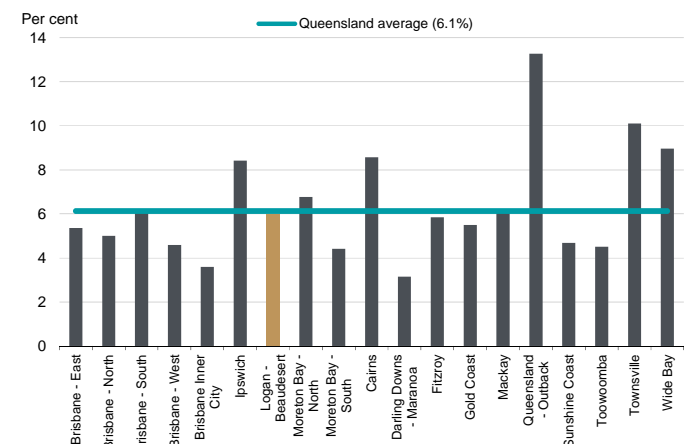


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Mackay SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	94,000	95,400	96,000	2,100	2.2
Total unemployed	7,900	6,500	6,300	-1,600	-20.4
Total labour force	101,900	102,000	102,400	400	0.4
Not in the labour force	42,200	44,000	43,800	1,500	3.6
Total persons 15+	144,100	145,900	146,100	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	70.7	69.9	70.0	..	-0.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	6.4	6.2	..	-1.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.2%
 Unemployment rate 6.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Mackay SA4 in September 2016 was 96,000 persons, an increase of 2,100 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in September 2016 was 6.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in September 2016 was 70.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

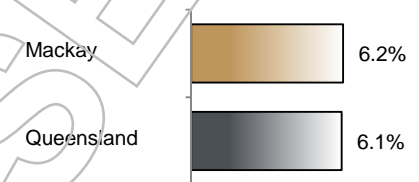


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Mackay SA4

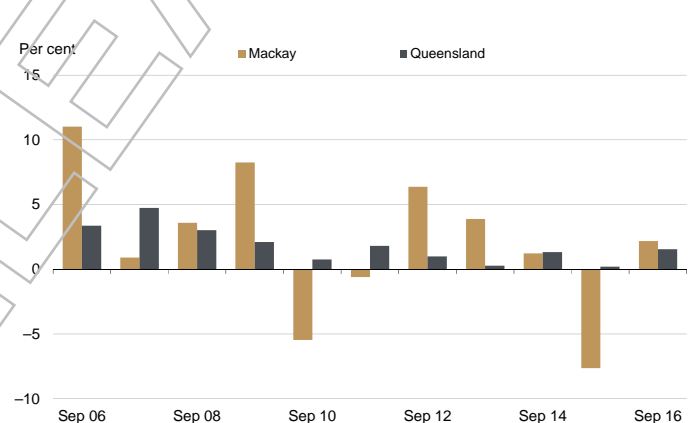
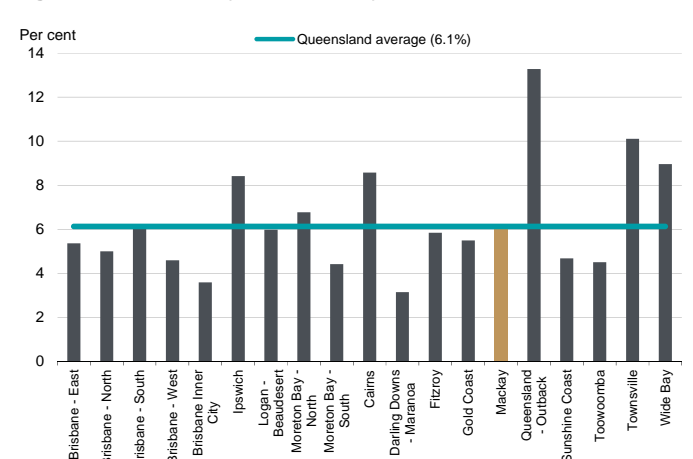


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, Sep 16

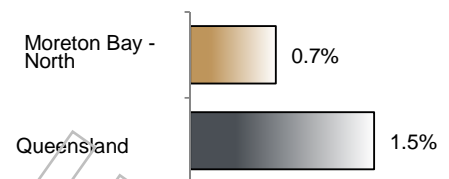
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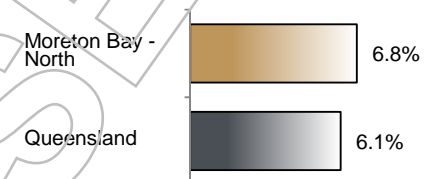
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	111,200	111,700	112,000	800	0.7
Total unemployed	8,900	8,500	8,100	-700	-8.4
Total labour force	120,100	120,200	120,100	100	0.1
Not in the labour force	72,600	76,000	76,400	3,800	5.2
Total persons 15+	192,700	196,200	196,500	3,800	2.0
Participation rate (%)	62.3	61.2	61.1	..	-1.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.4	7.1	6.8	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.7%
 Unemployment rate 6.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 61.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in September 2016 was 112,000 persons, an increase of 800 employed persons, or 0.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in September 2016 was 6.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in September 2016 was 61.1 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Moreton Bay - North SA4

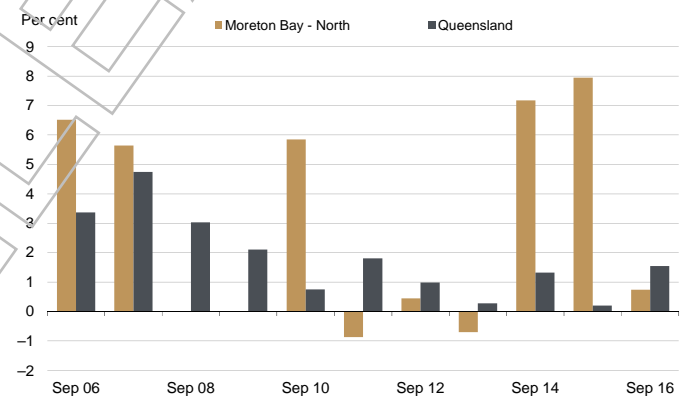
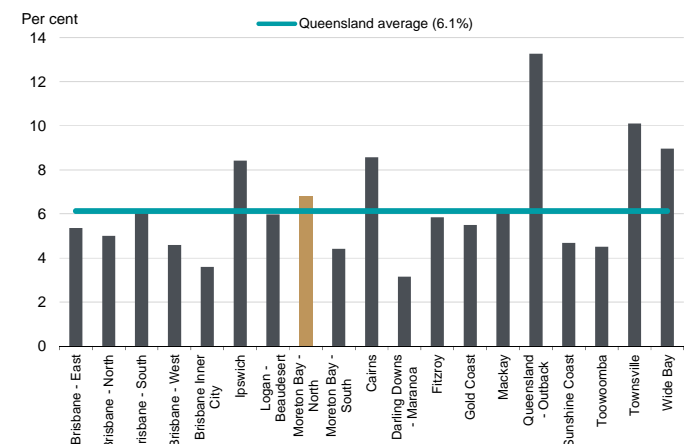


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - South SA4, Sep 16

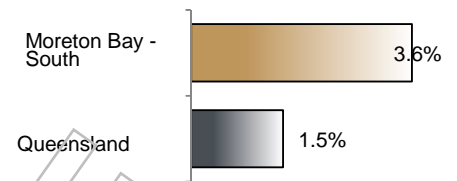
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Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - South SA4

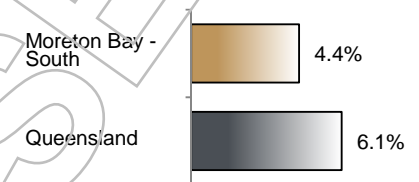
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	99,300	103,300	102,900	3,600	3.6
Total unemployed	4,300	4,900	4,800	400	10.2
Total labour force	103,600	108,200	107,700	4,100	3.9
Not in the labour force	43,100	41,800	42,600	-500	-1.3
Total persons 15+	146,700	150,000	150,300	3,500	2.4
Participation rate (%)	70.6	72.1	71.7	..	1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	4.5	4.4	..	0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.6%
 Unemployment rate 4.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.7%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in September 2016 was 102,900 persons, an increase of 3,600 employed persons, or 3.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in September 2016 was 4.4 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in September 2016 was 71.7 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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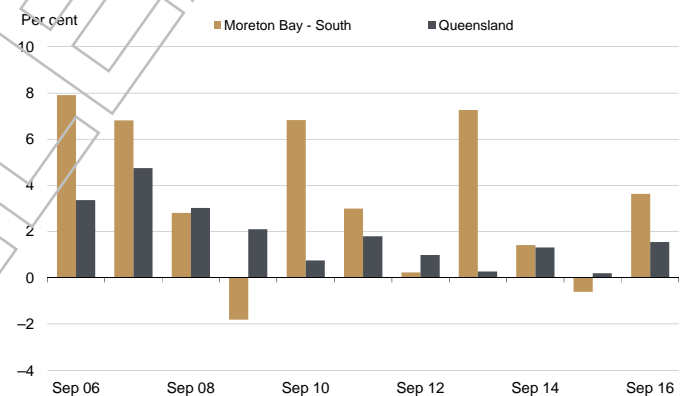
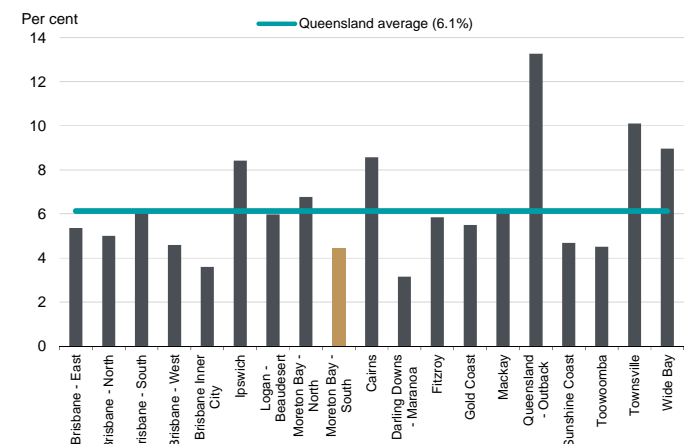


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Sep 16

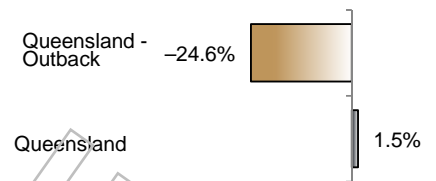
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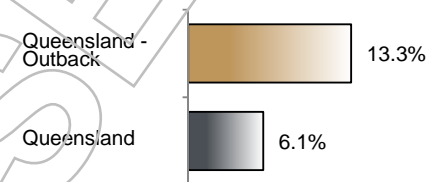
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	49,100	37,100	37,000	-12,100	-24.6
Total unemployed	2,700	5,700	5,700	2,900	107.3
Total labour force	51,800	42,700	42,700	-9,100	-17.6
Not in the labour force	16,800	26,400	26,500	9,800	58.2
Total persons 15+	68,600	69,100	69,200	600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	75.6	61.8	61.7	..	-13.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	13.3	13.3	..	8.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 24.6%
 Unemployment rate 13.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 8.0 ppt
 Participation rate 61.7%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Queensland - Outback SA4 in September 2016 was 37,000 persons, a decrease of 12,100 employed persons, or 24.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in September 2016 was 13.3 per cent, an increase of 8.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in September 2016 was 61.7 per cent, a decrease of 13.9 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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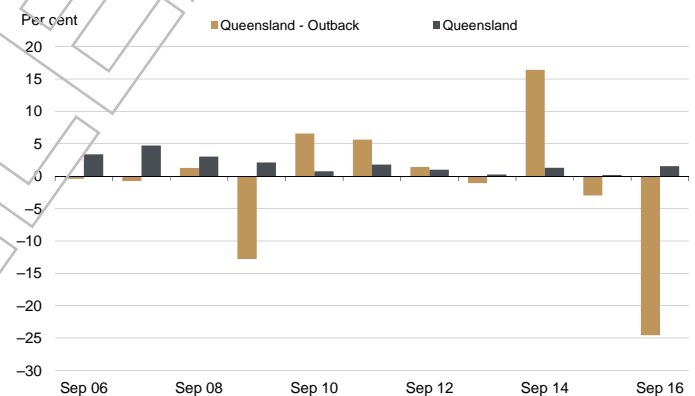
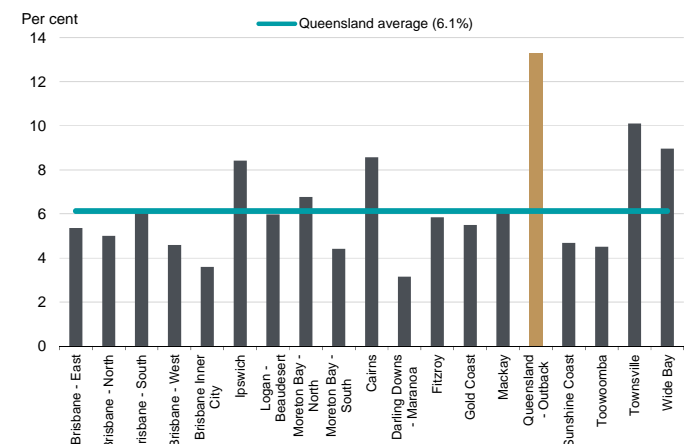


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	164,500	166,000	164,300	-200	-0.1
Total unemployed	11,700	8,500	8,100	-3,700	-31.2
Total labour force	176,300	174,400	172,400	-3,900	-2.2
Not in the labour force	100,400	106,000	108,300	7,900	7.9
Total persons 15+	276,700	280,400	280,700	4,000	1.5
Participation rate (%)	63.7	62.2	61.4	..	-2.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	4.8	4.7	..	-2.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 0.1%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.0 ppt
 Participation rate 61.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Sunshine Coast SA4 in September 2016 was 164,300 persons, a decrease of 200 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in September 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 2.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in September 2016 was 61.4 per cent, a decrease of 2.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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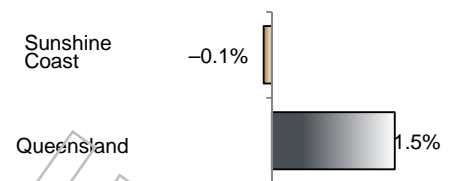
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

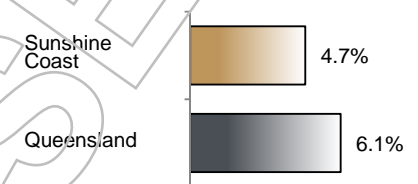


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

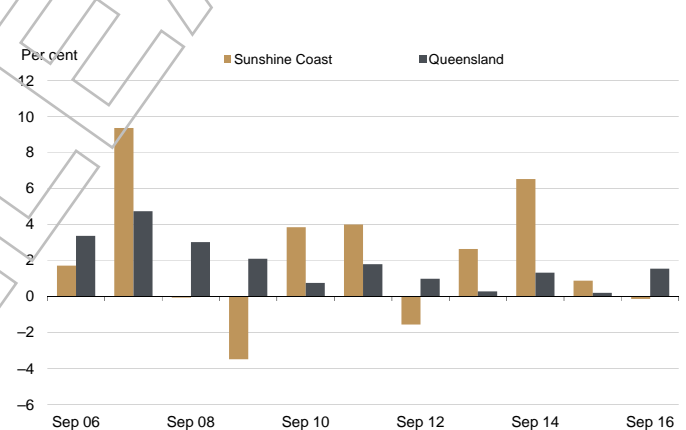
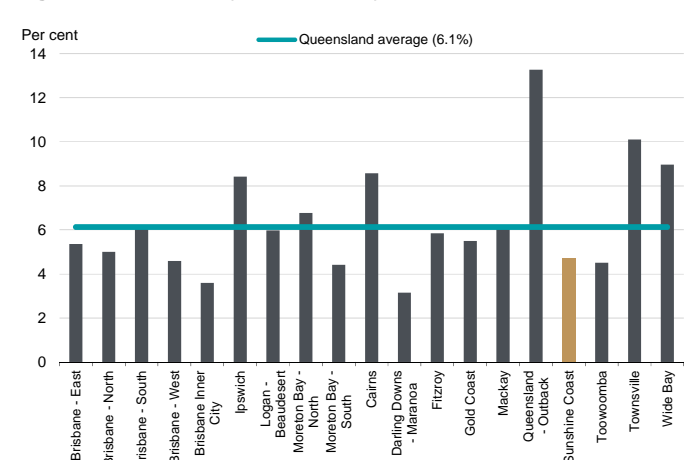


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Sep 16

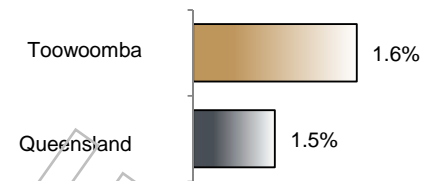
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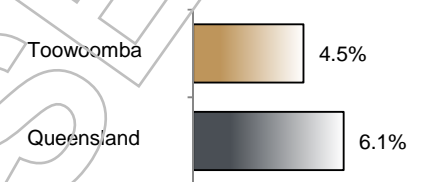
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	67,800	69,000	68,800	1,100	1.6
Total unemployed	3,600	3,200	3,300	-400	-10.6
Total labour force	71,400	72,200	72,100	700	1.0
Not in the labour force	46,300	46,300	46,600	300	0.6
Total persons 15+	117,700	118,600	118,700	900	0.8
Participation rate (%)	60.7	60.9	60.8	..	0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	4.5	4.5	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.6%
 Unemployment rate 4.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in September 2016 was 68,800 persons, an increase of 1,100 employed persons, or 1.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in September 2016 was 4.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in September 2016 was 60.8 per cent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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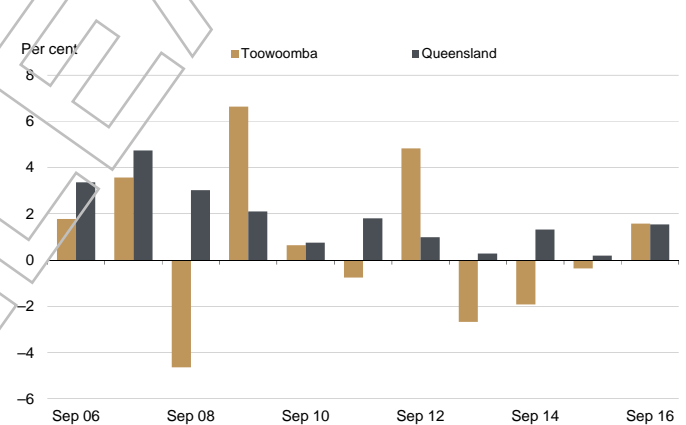
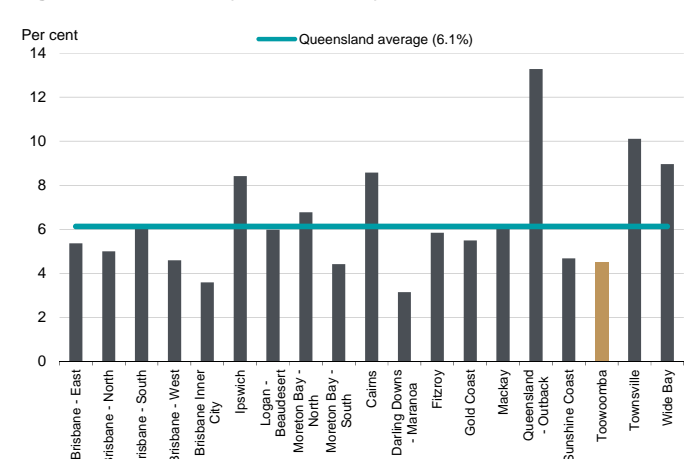


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Townsville SA4, Sep 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Sep 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	109,600	100,300	99,700	-9,900	-9.1
Total unemployed	10,100	11,200	11,200	1,100	11.1
Total labour force	119,700	111,500	110,900	-8,800	-7.3
Not in the labour force	64,100	74,400	75,300	11,200	17.5
Total persons 15+	183,800	186,000	186,200	2,400	1.3
Participation rate (%)	65.1	60.0	59.6	..	-5.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	10.0	10.1	..	1.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 9.1%
 Unemployment rate 10.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.7 ppt
 Participation rate..... 59.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in September 2016 was 99,700 persons, a decrease of 9,900 employed persons, or 9.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in September 2016 was 10.1 per cent, an increase of 1.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in September 2016 was 59.6 per cent, a decrease of 5.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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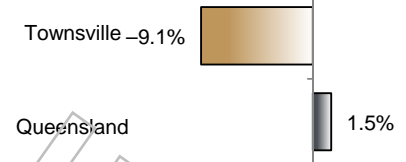
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

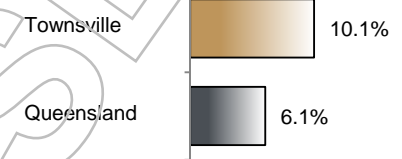


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

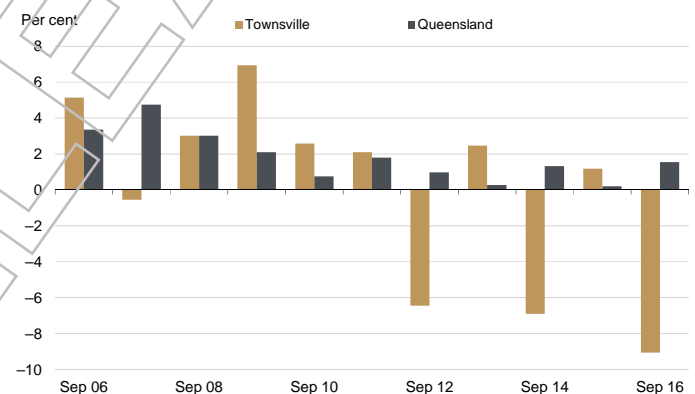
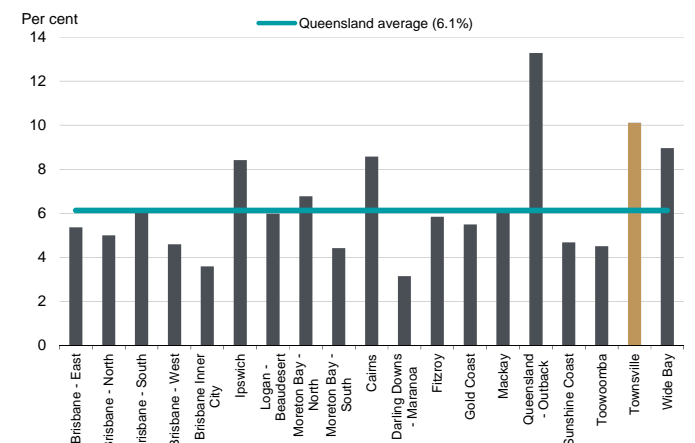


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Sep 16

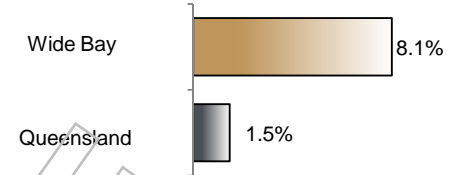
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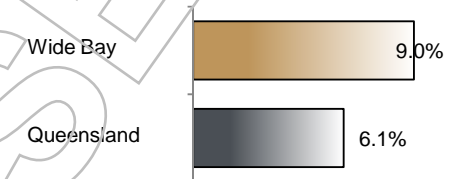
	Year ending			Annual change	
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	— persons —				
Total employed	105,000	113,300	113,500	8,500	8.1
Total unemployed	13,200	11,000	11,200	-2,000	-15.0
Total labour force	118,200	124,300	124,700	6,600	5.5
Not in the labour force	119,800	116,400	116,300	-3,600	-3.0
Total persons 15+	238,000	240,700	241,000	3,000	1.3
Participation rate (%)	49.7	51.6	51.8	..	2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	11.1	8.9	9.0	..	-2.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 8.1%
 Unemployment rate 9.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 51.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in September 2016 was 113,500 persons, an increase of 8,500 employed persons, or 8.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in September 2016 was 9.0 per cent, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in September 2016 was 51.8 per cent, an increase of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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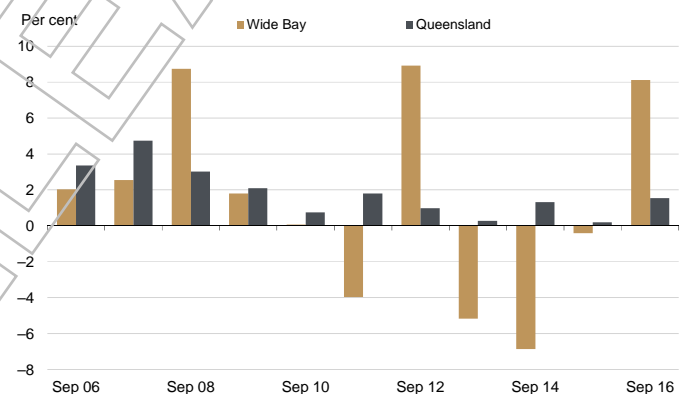
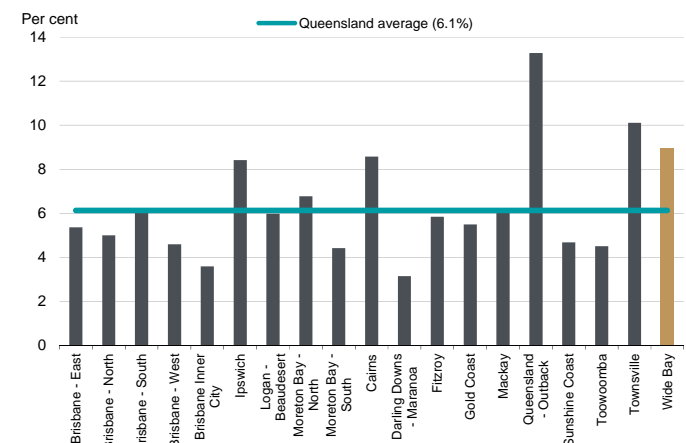


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, September 2016



Labour force – region summary, September 2016

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Sep 16

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	122,000	-400	-0.3	5.4	0.3	68.3	-0.9
Brisbane - North	113,100	-3,400	-2.9	5.0	-0.3	68.3	-3.1
Brisbane - South	196,900	3,400	1.8	6.1	0.9	71.9	1.0
Brisbane - West	96,700	5,200	5.7	4.6	-1.5	67.7	2.2
Brisbane Inner City	158,300	6,300	4.1	3.6	-1.1	75.9	1.4
Ipswich	148,200	1,600	1.1	8.4	1.8	64.8	0.6
Logan - Beaudesert	133,700	11,600	9.5	6.0	-2.8	56.8	2.6
Moreton Bay - North	112,000	800	0.7	6.8	-0.6	61.1	-1.2
Moreton Bay - South	102,900	3,600	3.6	4.4	0.3	71.7	1.0
Cairns	108,600	1,500	1.4	8.6	0.4	60.4	0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,600	3,300	5.3	3.1	-0.9	66.4	2.3
Fitzroy	118,000	4,500	4.0	5.8	-1.8	69.4	0.6
Gold Coast	308,000	8,500	2.8	5.5	-0.1	68.8	0.7
Mackay	96,000	2,100	2.2	6.2	-1.6	70.0	-0.7
Queensland - Outback	37,000	-12,100	-24.6	13.3	8.0	61.7	-13.9
Sunshine Coast	164,300	-200	-0.1	4.7	-2.0	61.4	-2.3
Toowoomba	68,800	1,100	1.6	4.5	-0.6	60.8	0.1
Townsville	99,700	-9,900	-9.1	10.1	1.7	59.6	-5.6
Wide Bay	113,500	8,500	8.1	9.0	-2.2	51.8	2.1
Queensland	2,363,500	36,000	1.5	6.1	-0.3	65.2	-0.1

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

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- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with a growth of 11,600 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to September 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.8 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during September 2016 with 75.9% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.8%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Sep 16

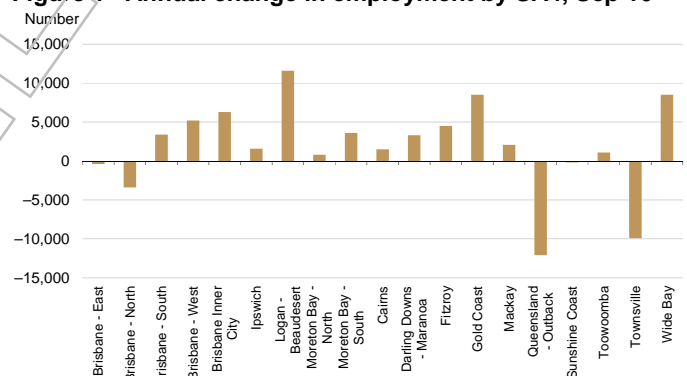
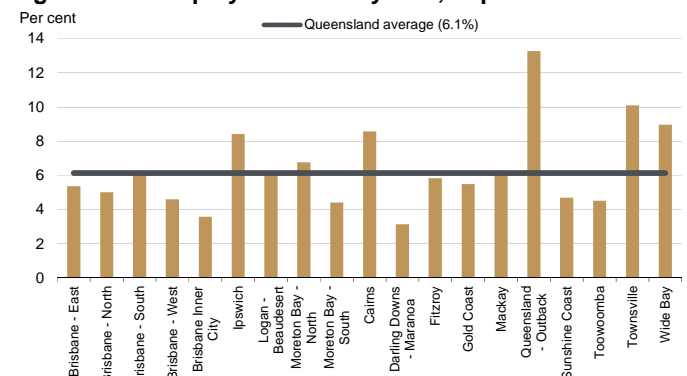


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Sep 16



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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Sep 16

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Sep 16	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	122,000	700
Brisbane - North	118,400	113,100	-5,200
Brisbane - South	187,800	196,900	9,100
Brisbane - West	91,200	96,700	5,500
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	158,300	3,500
Ipswich	143,500	148,200	4,700
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	133,700	10,100
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	112,000	4,900
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	102,900	2,000
Cairns	107,900	108,600	700
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	65,600	400
Fitzroy	117,700	118,000	400
Gold Coast	291,100	308,000	16,900
Mackay	101,000	96,000	-5,000
Queensland - Outback	50,800	37,000	-13,800
Sunshine Coast	161,900	164,300	2,400
Toowoomba	67,200	68,800	1,700
Townsville	110,400	99,700	-10,700
Wide Bay	102,400	113,500	11,100
Queensland	2,324,100	2,363,500	39,400

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Sep 16

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	Aug 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	-400	4.5	5.3	5.4	0.0	0.8
Brisbane - North	-3,400	4.6	4.8	5.0	0.2	0.4
Brisbane - South	3,400	6.3	5.9	6.1	0.2	-0.3
Brisbane - West	5,200	6.1	4.7	4.6	-0.1	-1.5
Brisbane Inner City	6,300	3.8	3.7	3.6	-0.1	-0.2
Ipswich	1,600	8.6	8.1	8.4	0.3	-0.2
Logan - Beaudesert	11,600	8.4	6.3	6.0	-0.3	-2.4
Moreton Bay - North	800	8.9	7.1	6.8	-0.3	-2.2
Moreton Bay - South	3,600	4.9	4.5	4.4	-0.1	-0.5
Cairns	1,500	7.9	8.7	8.6	-0.1	0.7
Darling Downs - Maranoa	3,300	3.5	3.3	3.1	-0.2	-0.4
Fitzroy	4,500	5.2	6.0	5.8	-0.1	0.6
Gold Coast	8,500	6.0	5.5	5.5	0.0	-0.5
Mackay	2,100	5.6	6.4	6.2	-0.3	0.6
Queensland - Outback	-12,100	5.5	13.3	13.3	0.0	7.8
Sunshine Coast	-200	7.3	4.8	4.7	-0.2	-2.6
Toowoomba	1,100	4.3	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.3
Townsville	-9,900	8.6	10.0	10.1	0.1	1.5
Wide Bay	8,500	10.1	8.9	9.0	0.1	-1.1
Queensland	36,000	6.4	6.2	6.1	0.0	-0.3

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Labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, Oct 16

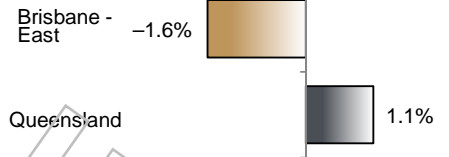
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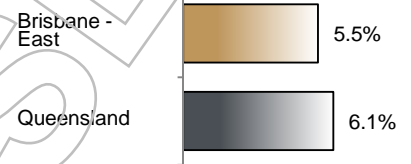
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	123,200	122,100	121,200	-1,900	-1.6
Total unemployed	6,500	7,000	7,000	500	7.8
Total labour force	129,700	129,000	128,300	-1,400	-1.1
Not in the labour force	56,700	59,600	60,600	4,000	7.0
Total persons 15+	186,300	188,700	188,900	2,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.6	68.4	67.9	..	-1.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.0	5.4	5.5	..	0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 1.6%
 Unemployment rate 5.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate 67.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in October 2016 was 121,200 persons, a decrease of 1,900 employed persons, or 1.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in October 2016 was 5.5 per cent, an increase of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in October 2016 was 67.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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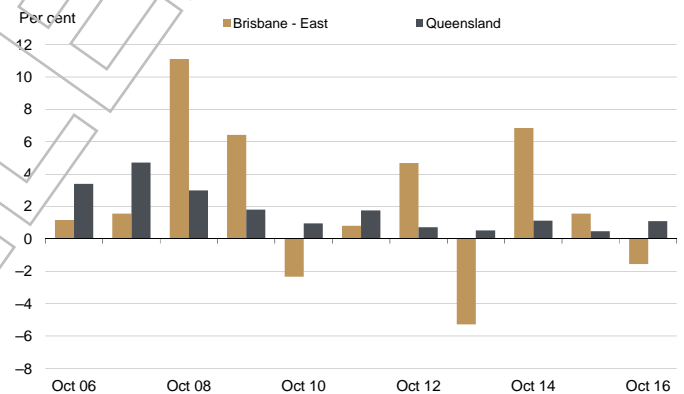
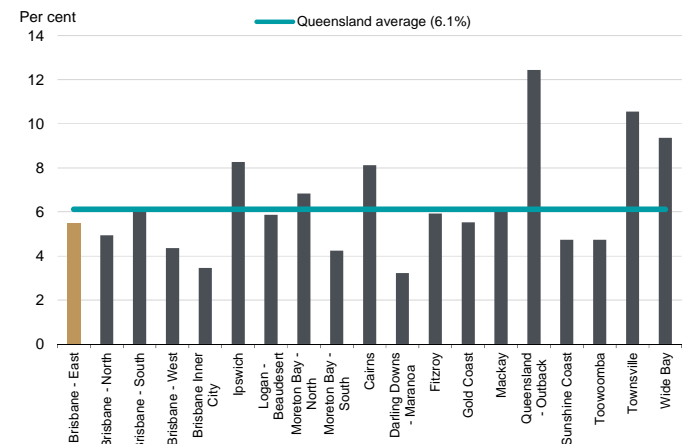


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Oct 16

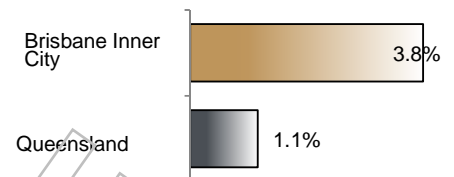
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane Inner City SA4

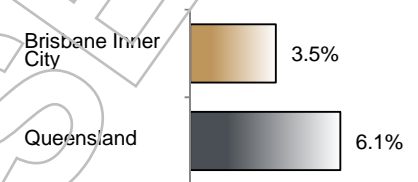
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	152,200	158,100	158,100	5,800	3.8
Total unemployed	7,500	5,900	5,700	-1,900	-25.0
Total labour force	159,800	164,000	163,700	4,000	2.5
Not in the labour force	54,500	52,400	52,900	-1,600	-2.9
Total persons 15+	214,200	216,400	216,600	2,400	1.1
Participation rate (%)	74.6	75.8	75.6	..	1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	3.6	3.5	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.8%
 Unemployment rate 3.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.3 ppt
 Participation rate..... 75.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in October 2016 was 158,100 persons, an increase of 5,800 employed persons, or 3.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in October 2016 was 3.5 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in October 2016 was 75.6 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane Inner City SA4

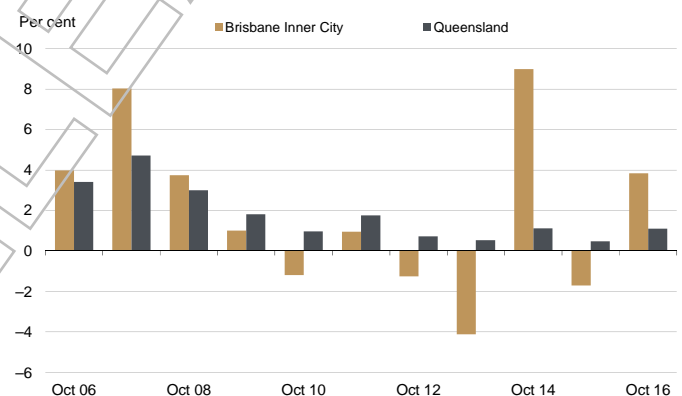
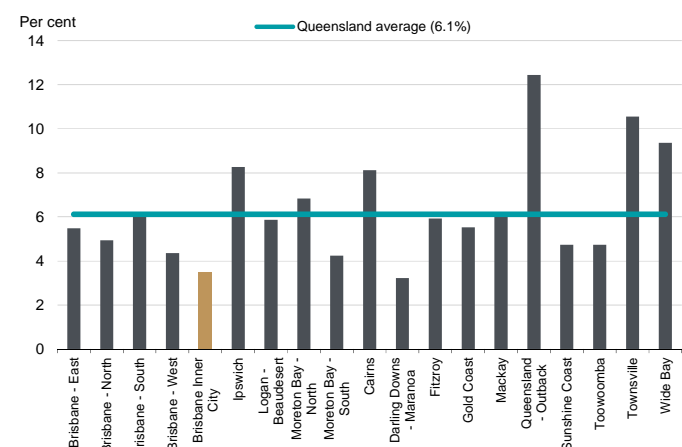


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - North SA4, Oct 16

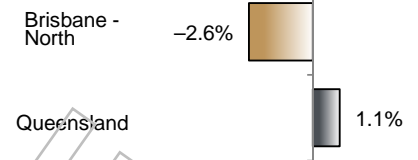
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - North SA4

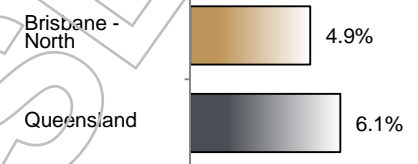
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	116,100	113,000	113,000	-3,100	-2.6
Total unemployed	6,700	6,000	5,900	-800	-11.9
Total labour force	122,800	119,000	118,900	-3,900	-3.1
Not in the labour force	49,500	55,300	55,500	6,000	12.2
Total persons 15+	172,300	174,300	174,500	2,200	1.3
Participation rate (%)	71.3	68.3	68.2	..	-3.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.4	5.0	4.9	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 2.6%
 Unemployment rate 4.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate 68.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - North SA4 in October 2016 was 113,000 persons, a decrease of 3,100 employed persons, or 2.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in October 2016 was 4.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in October 2016 was 68.2 per cent, a decrease of 3.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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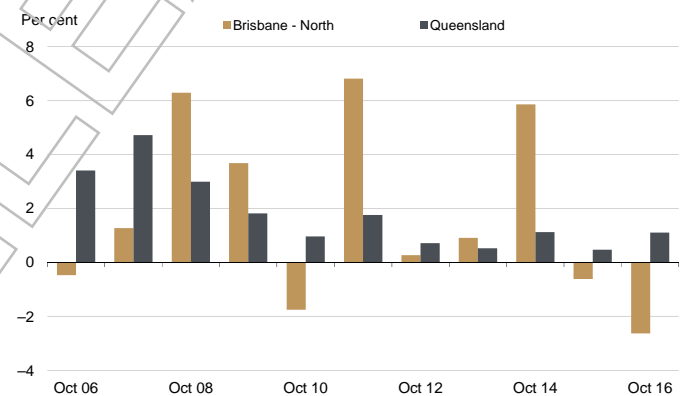
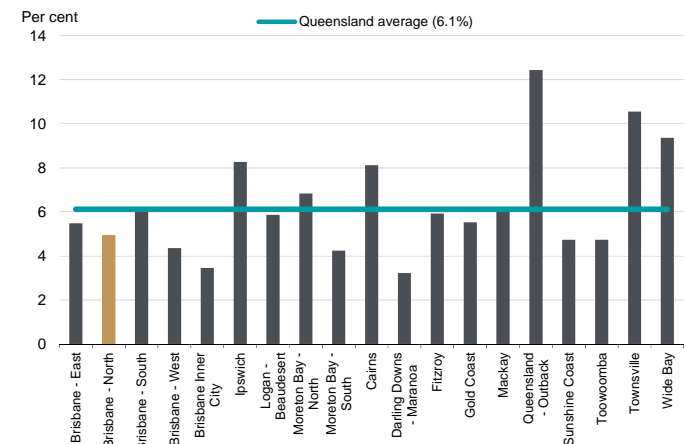


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Oct 16

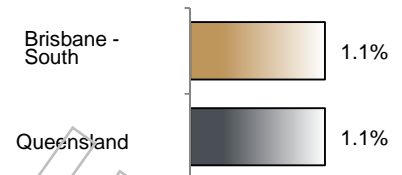
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - South SA4

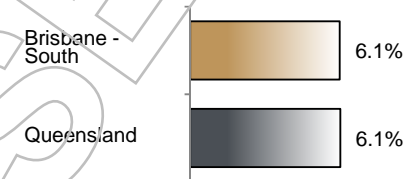
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	194,500	196,800	196,700	2,200	1.1
Total unemployed	10,100	12,700	12,900	2,800	27.3
Total labour force	204,600	209,600	209,600	5,000	2.4
Not in the labour force	83,400	82,000	82,300	-1,100	-1.3
Total persons 15+	288,000	291,600	291,900	3,900	1.3
Participation rate (%)	71.0	71.9	71.8	..	0.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	6.1	6.1	..	1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - South SA4 in October 2016 was 196,700 persons, an increase of 2,200 employed persons, or 1.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in October 2016 was 6.1 per cent, an increase of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in October 2016 was 71.8 per cent, an increase of 0.8 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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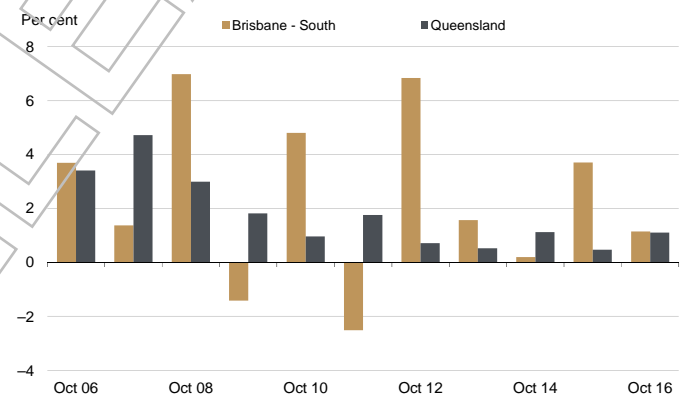
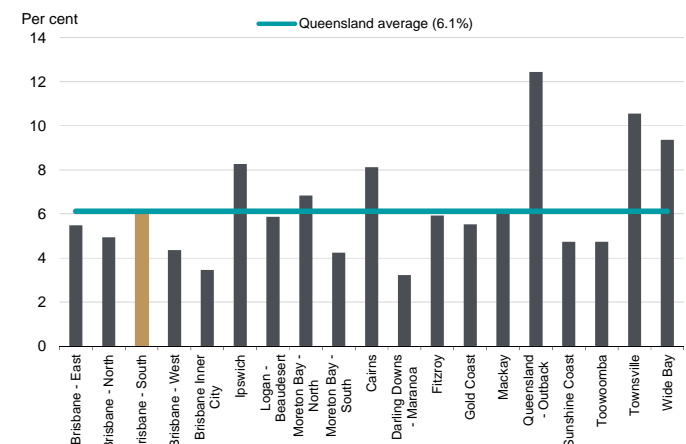


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Oct 16

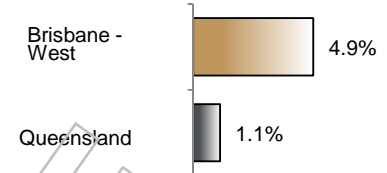
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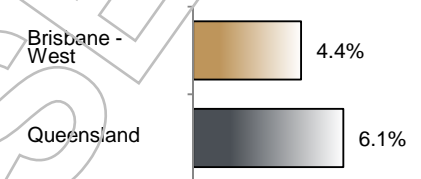
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	92,100	96,600	96,600	4,500	4.9
Total unemployed	6,200	4,700	4,400	-1,700	-28.4
Total labour force	98,300	101,300	101,000	2,800	2.8
Not in the labour force	50,600	48,400	48,800	-1,800	-3.6
Total persons 15+	148,900	149,700	149,800	900	0.6
Participation rate (%)	66.0	67.7	67.4	..	1.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3	4.7	4.4	..	-1.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.9%
 Unemployment rate 4.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.9 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in October 2016 was 96,600 persons, an increase of 4,500 employed persons, or 4.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in October 2016 was 4.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in October 2016 was 67.4 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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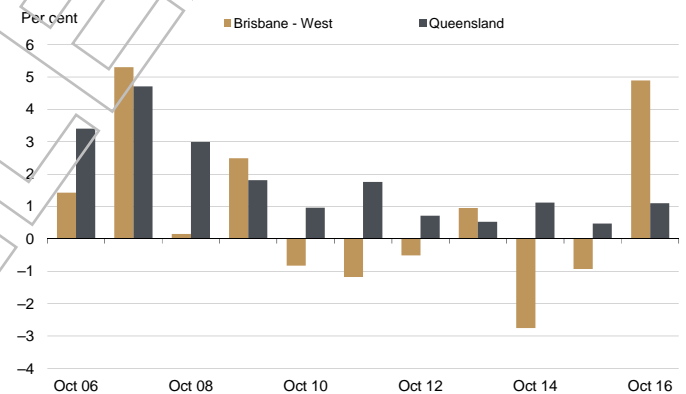
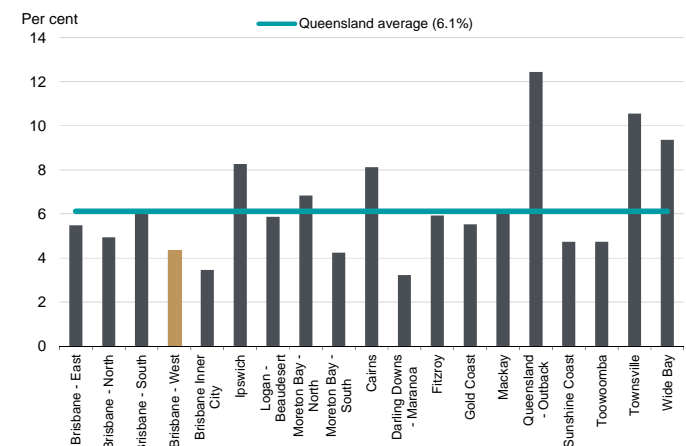


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Cairns SA4, Oct 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,200	108,200	108,600	1,400	1.3
Total unemployed	9,500	10,100	9,600	100	1.0
Total labour force	116,700	118,200	118,200	1,500	1.3
Not in the labour force	77,700	78,500	78,700	1,100	1.4
Total persons 15+	194,400	196,800	197,000	2,600	1.3
Participation rate (%)	60.0	60.1	60.0	..	-0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	8.5	8.1	..	-0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.3%
 Unemployment rate 8.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) → 0.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in October 2016 was 108,600 persons, an increase of 1,400 employed persons, or 1.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2016 was 8.1 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in October 2016 was 60.0 per cent, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

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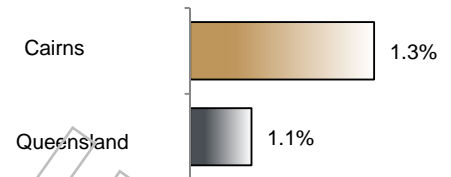
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

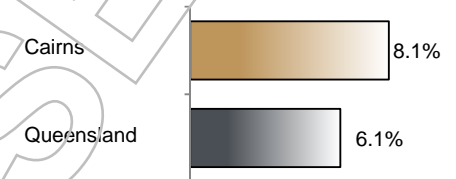


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4

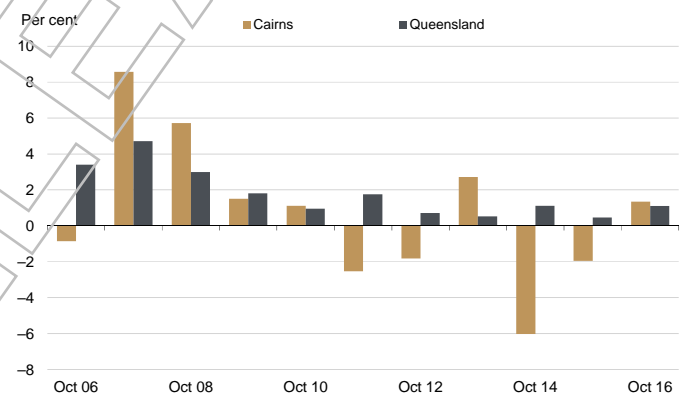
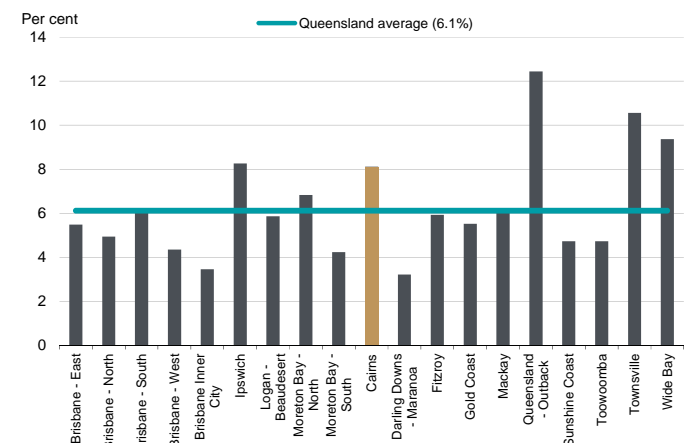


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Oct 16

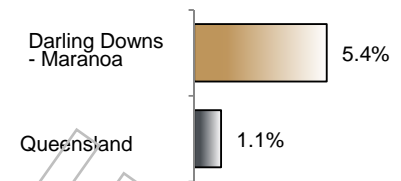
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Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

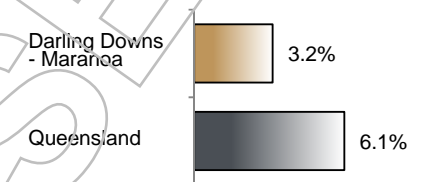
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	62,200	65,700	65,500	3,400	5.4
Total unemployed	2,400	2,100	2,200	-300	-10.8
Total labour force	64,600	67,800	67,700	3,100	4.8
Not in the labour force	36,700	34,200	34,400	-2,300	-6.3
Total persons 15+	101,300	102,000	102,100	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	63.8	66.5	66.3	..	2.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	3.1	3.2	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.4%
 Unemployment rate 3.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in October 2016 was 65,500 persons, an increase of 3,400 employed persons, or 5.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in October 2016 was 3.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in October 2016 was 66.3 per cent, an increase of 2.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

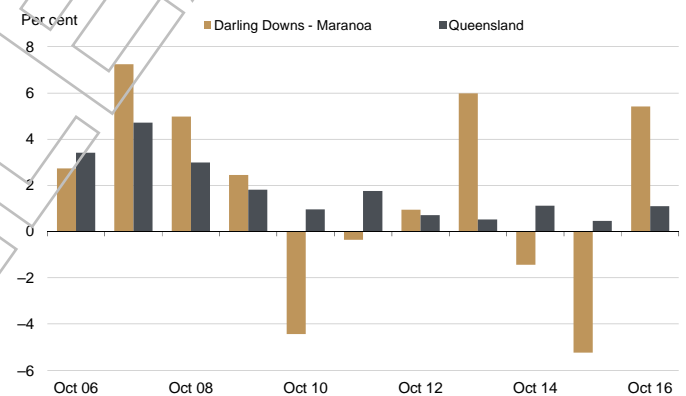
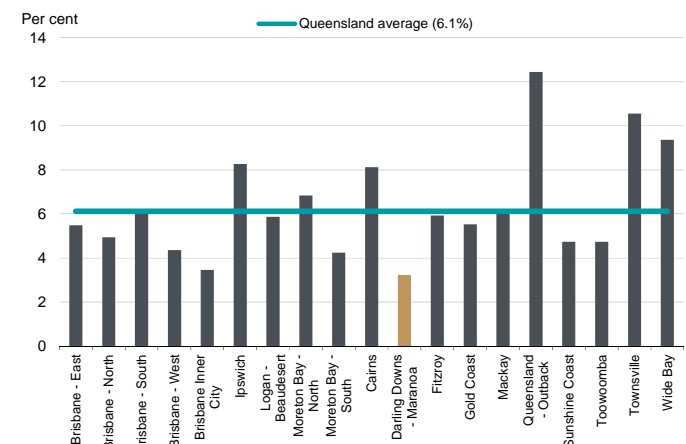


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Fitzroy SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Fitzroy SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	113,400	118,100	118,800	5,500	4.8
Total unemployed	9,500	7,400	7,500	-2,000	-21.0
Total labour force	122,800	125,500	126,300	3,500	2.8
Not in the labour force	55,800	55,000	54,400	-1,400	-2.6
Total persons 15+	178,700	180,500	180,700	2,000	1.1
Participation rate (%)	68.7	69.5	69.9	..	1.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.7	5.9	5.9	..	-1.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.8 ppt
 Participation rate..... 69.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Fitzroy SA4 in October 2016 was 118,800 persons, an increase of 5,500 employed persons, or 4.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Fitzroy SA4 in October 2016 was 5.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Fitzroy SA4 in October 2016 was 69.9 per cent, an increase of 1.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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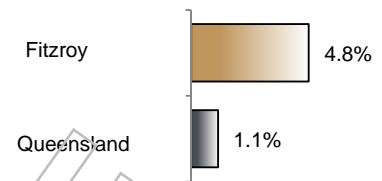
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

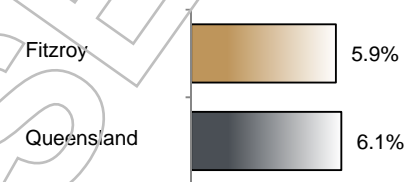


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Fitzroy SA4

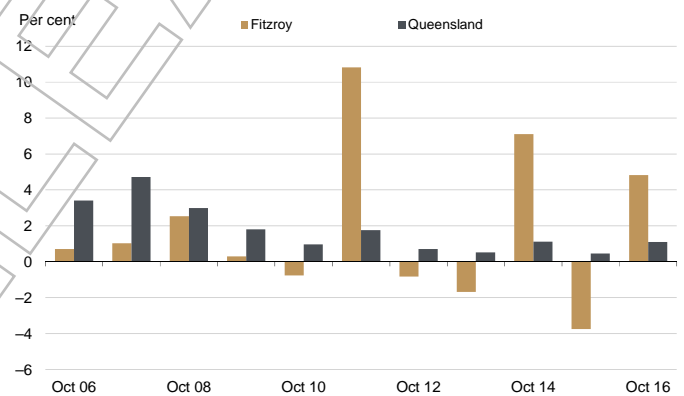
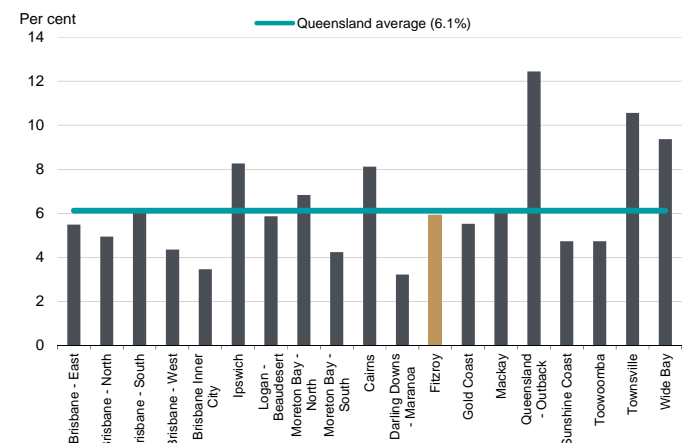


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Gold Coast SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	301,900	308,300	306,200	4,300	1.4
Total unemployed	17,500	18,000	17,900	400	2.4
Total labour force	319,400	326,300	324,100	4,700	1.5
Not in the labour force	147,100	147,400	150,200	3,000	2.1
Total persons 15+	466,600	473,700	474,300	7,800	1.7
Participation rate (%)	68.5	68.9	68.3	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	5.5	5.5	..	0.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.4%
 Unemployment rate 5.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) → 0.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in October 2016 was 306,200 persons, an increase of 4,300 employed persons, or 1.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in October 2016 was 5.5 per cent, unchanged over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in October 2016 was 68.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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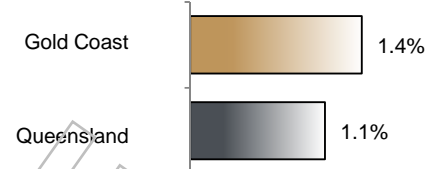
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

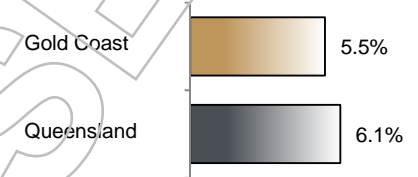


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Gold Coast SA4

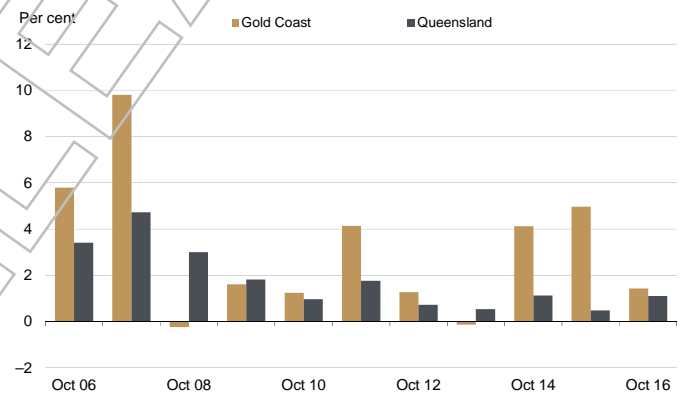
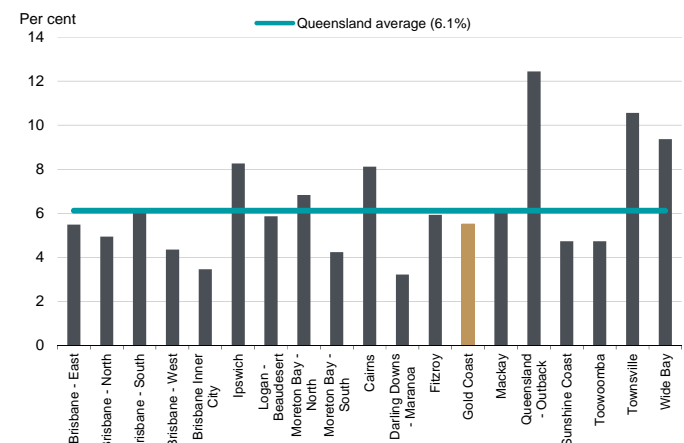


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Ipswich SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Ipswich SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	147,600	148,200	148,100	400	0.3
Total unemployed	10,700	13,700	13,300	2,700	25.1
Total labour force	158,300	161,800	161,400	3,100	2.0
Not in the labour force	86,600	87,800	88,700	2,100	2.4
Total persons 15+	244,800	249,600	250,100	5,200	2.1
Participation rate (%)	64.6	64.8	64.5	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	8.4	8.3	..	1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.3%
 Unemployment rate 8.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 64.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in October 2016 was 148,100 persons, an increase of 400 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in October 2016 was 8.3 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in October 2016 was 64.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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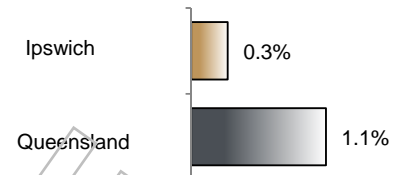
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

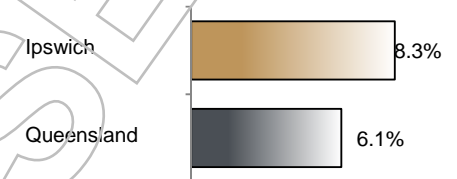


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Ipswich SA4

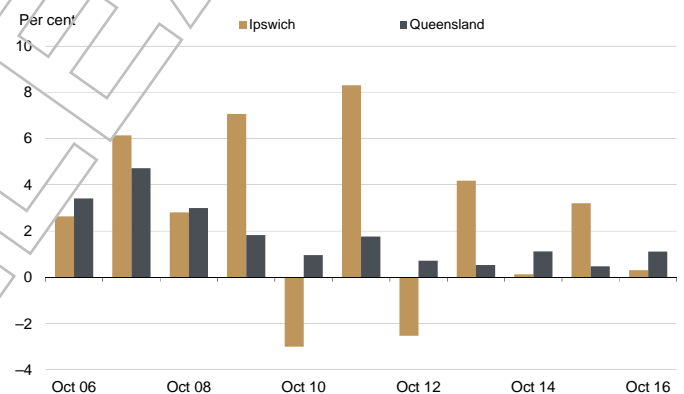
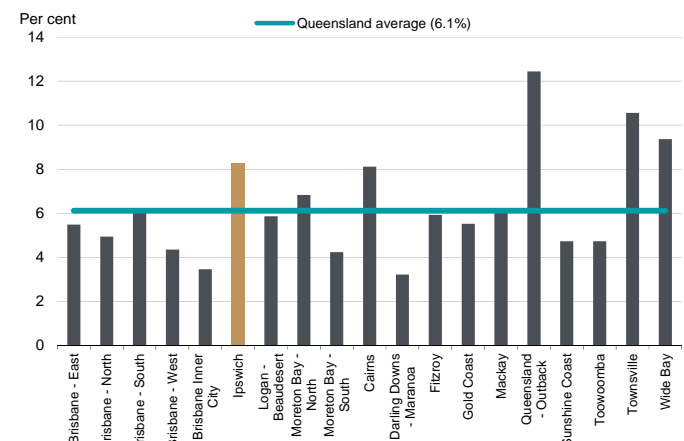


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Logan - Beaudesert SA4, Oct 16

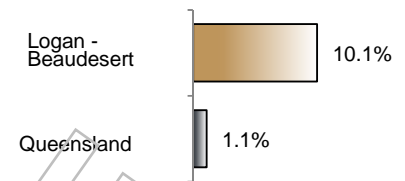
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Table 1 Labour force status, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

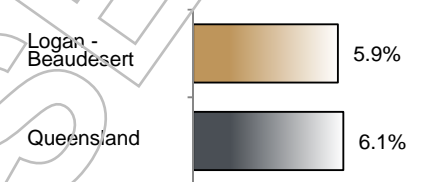
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	122,100	133,600	134,400	12,400	10.1
Total unemployed	11,400	8,500	8,400	-3,100	-26.7
Total labour force	133,500	142,100	142,800	9,300	7.0
Not in the labour force	113,700	108,300	107,900	-5,800	-5.1
Total persons 15+	247,200	250,400	250,700	3,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	54.0	56.8	57.0	..	3.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.6	6.0	5.9	..	-2.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.1%
 Unemployment rate 5.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.7 ppt
 Participation rate 57.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in October 2016 was 134,400 persons, an increase of 12,400 employed persons, or 10.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in October 2016 was 5.9 per cent, a decrease of 2.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in October 2016 was 57.0 per cent, an increase of 3.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

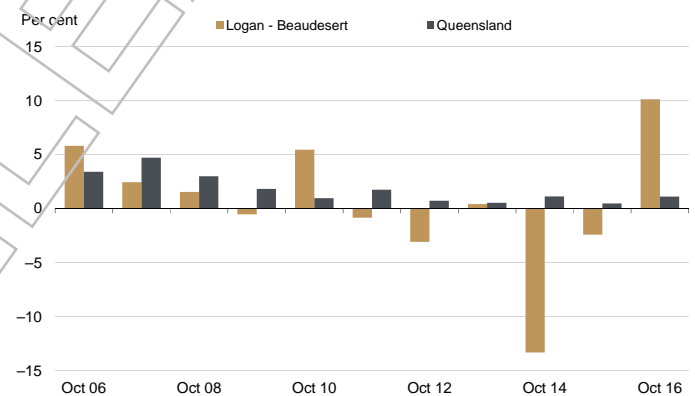
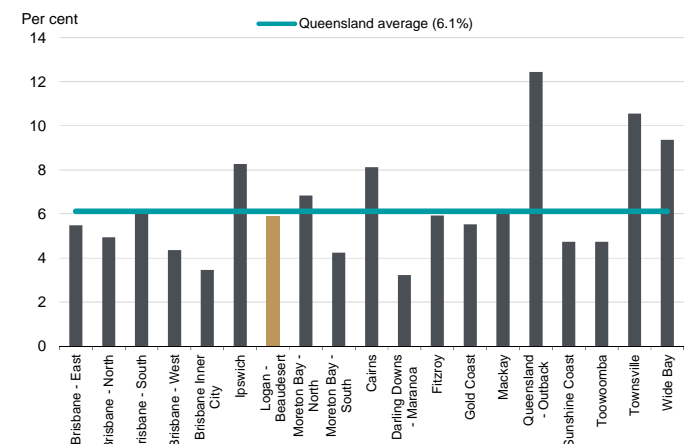


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Mackay SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	93,400	95,800	96,300	2,900	3.1
Total unemployed	7,800	6,300	6,200	-1,600	-20.4
Total labour force	101,200	102,100	102,500	1,300	1.3
Not in the labour force	43,100	44,000	43,800	700	1.7
Total persons 15+	144,300	146,100	146,300	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	70.1	69.9	70.1	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.7	6.2	6.1	..	-1.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.7 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Mackay SA4 in October 2016 was 96,300 persons, an increase of 2,900 employed persons, or 3.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in October 2016 was 6.1 per cent, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in October 2016 was 70.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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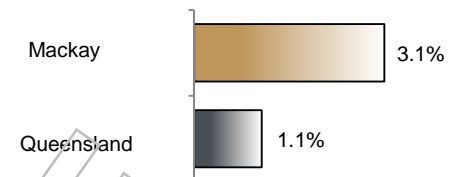
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

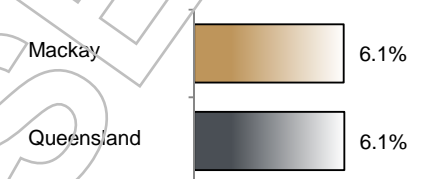


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Mackay SA4

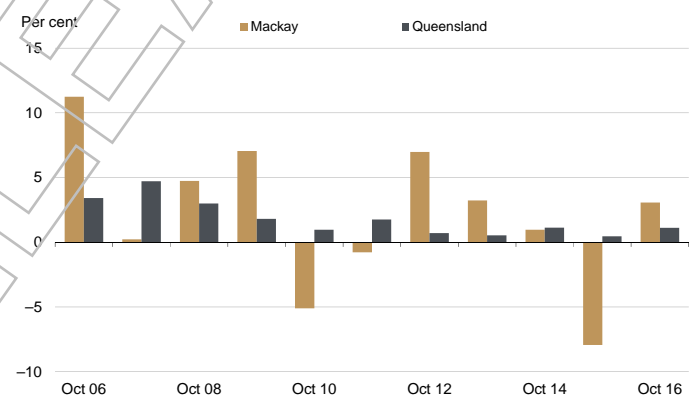
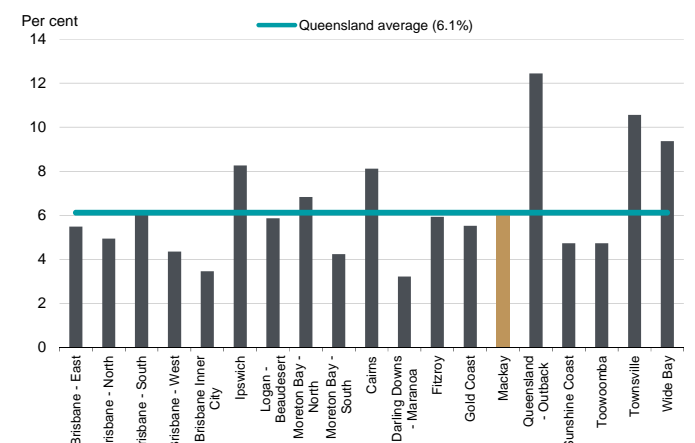


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - North SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	111,400	111,700	111,700	300	0.3
Total unemployed	8,500	8,100	8,200	-300	-4.0
Total labour force	119,900	119,800	119,900	-100	-0.1
Not in the labour force	73,100	76,700	77,000	3,900	5.4
Total persons 15+	193,000	196,500	196,800	3,900	2.0
Participation rate (%)	62.1	61.0	60.9	..	-1.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	6.8	6.8	..	-0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.3%
 Unemployment rate 6.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in October 2016 was 111,700 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in October 2016 was 6.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in October 2016 was 60.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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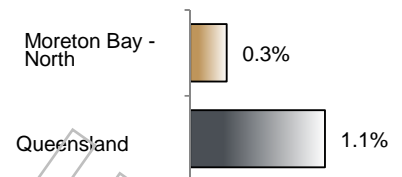
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

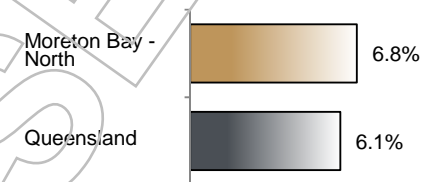


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Moreton Bay - North SA4

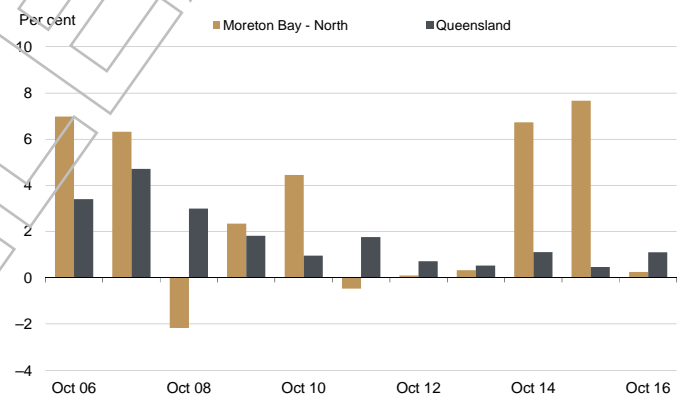
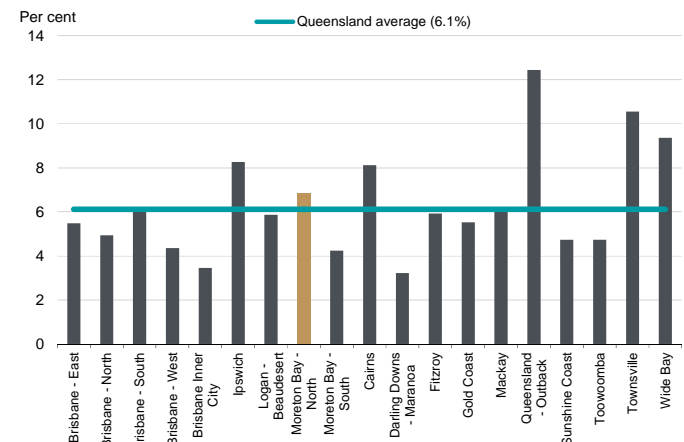


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - South SA4, Oct 16

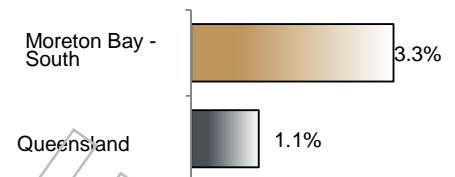
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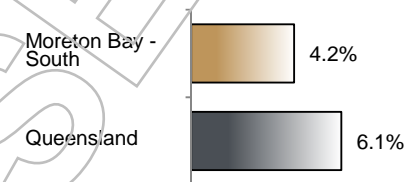
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	99,400	102,900	102,700	3,300	3.3
Total unemployed	4,500	5,000	4,500	0	0.5
Total labour force	103,900	107,900	107,200	3,300	3.2
Not in the labour force	43,100	42,400	43,400	200	0.5
Total persons 15+	147,000	150,300	150,600	3,500	2.4
Participation rate (%)	70.7	71.8	71.2	..	0.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	4.6	4.2	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.3%
 Unemployment rate 4.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in October 2016 was 102,700 persons, an increase of 3,300 employed persons, or 3.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in October 2016 was 4.2 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in October 2016 was 71.2 per cent, an increase of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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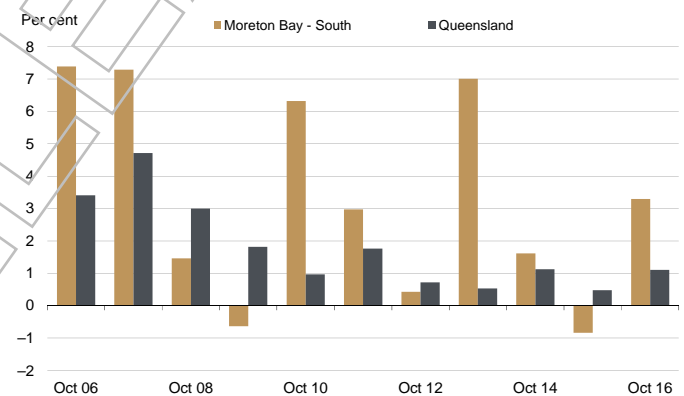
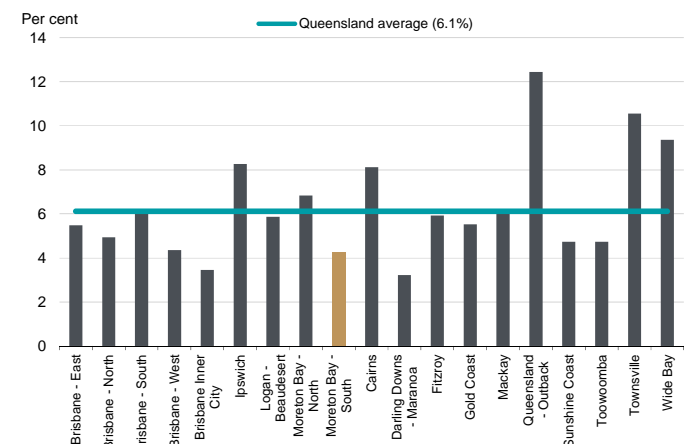


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Oct 16

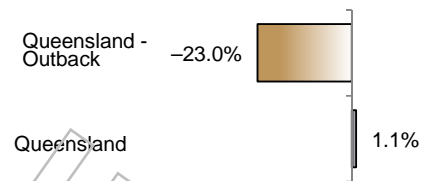
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Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

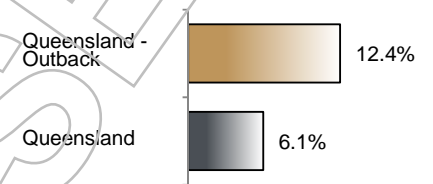
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	47,800	37,100	36,800	-11,000	-23.0
Total unemployed	3,000	5,600	5,200	2,300	77.0
Total labour force	50,700	42,700	42,000	-8,700	-17.2
Not in the labour force	17,900	26,500	27,300	9,400	52.2
Total persons 15+	68,600	69,200	69,200	600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	73.9	61.7	60.6	..	-13.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.8	13.2	12.4	..	6.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 23.0%
 Unemployment rate 12.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 6.6 ppt
 Participation rate 60.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Queensland - Outback SA4 in October 2016 was 36,800 persons, a decrease of 11,000 employed persons, or 23.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in October 2016 was 12.4 per cent, an increase of 6.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in October 2016 was 60.6 per cent, a decrease of 13.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland - Outback SA4

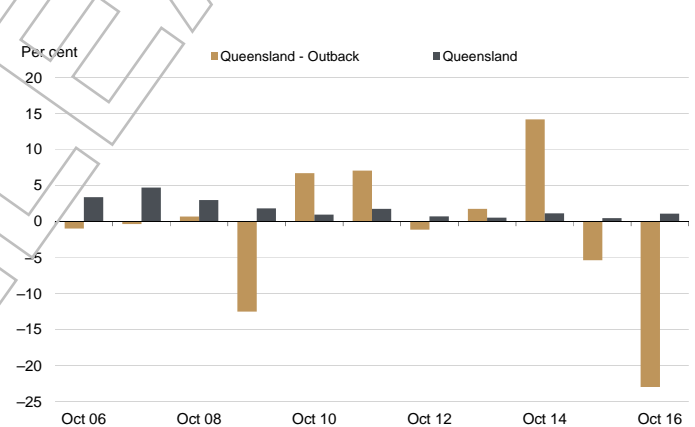
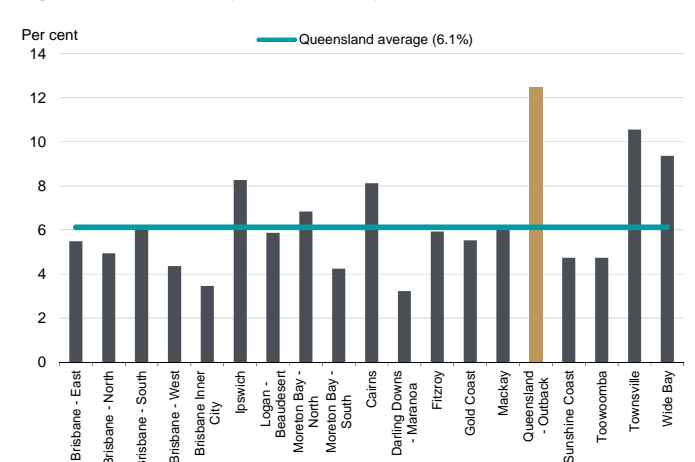


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Oct 16

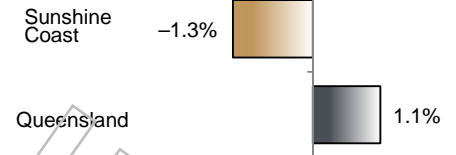
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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

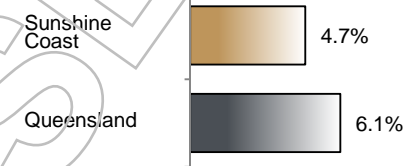
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	165,000	164,300	162,800	-2,200	-1.3
Total unemployed	11,400	8,100	8,100	-3,300	-28.8
Total labour force	176,400	172,400	170,900	-5,500	-3.1
Not in the labour force	100,600	108,300	110,100	9,500	9.5
Total persons 15+	277,000	280,700	281,100	4,100	1.5
Participation rate (%)	63.7	61.4	60.8	..	-2.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	4.7	4.7	..	-1.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 1.3%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.7 ppt
 Participation rate 60.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2016 was 162,800 persons, a decrease of 2,200 employed persons, or 1.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in October 2016 was 60.8 per cent, a decrease of 2.9 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

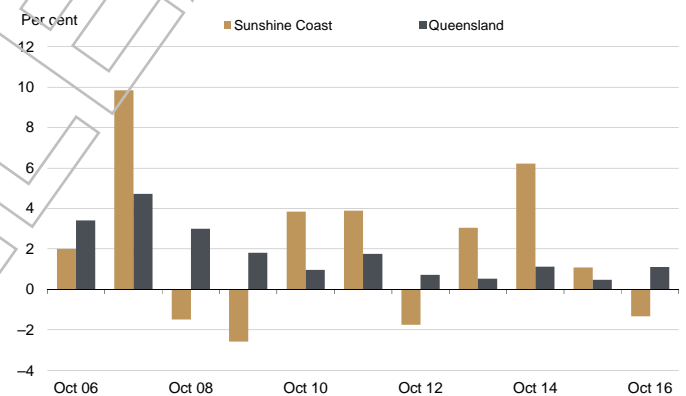
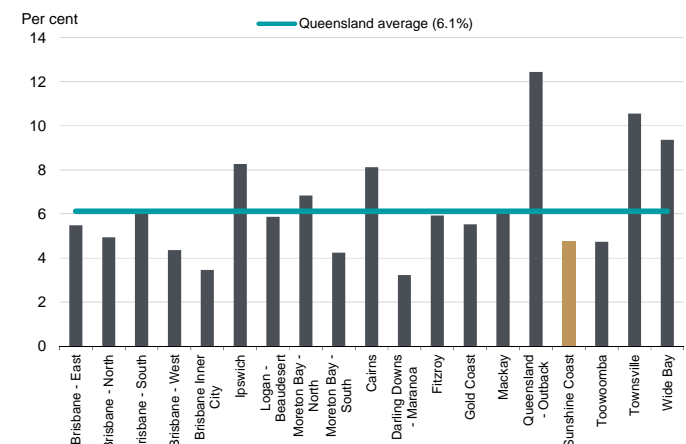


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	68,200	68,800	69,100	900	1.3
Total unemployed	3,700	3,300	3,400	-300	-7.2
Total labour force	71,900	72,100	72,500	600	0.9
Not in the labour force	45,900	46,500	46,200	300	0.8
Total persons 15+	117,800	118,700	118,700	1,000	0.8
Participation rate (%)	61.1	60.8	61.1	..	0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	4.5	4.7	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.3%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 61.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in October 2016 was 69,100 persons, an increase of 900 employed persons, or 1.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in October 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in October 2016 was 61.1 per cent, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

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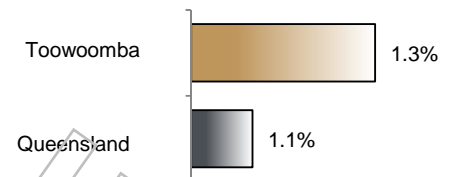
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

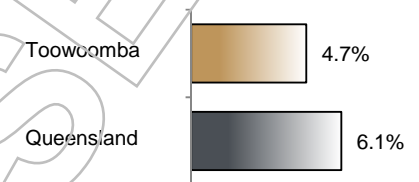


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Toowoomba SA4

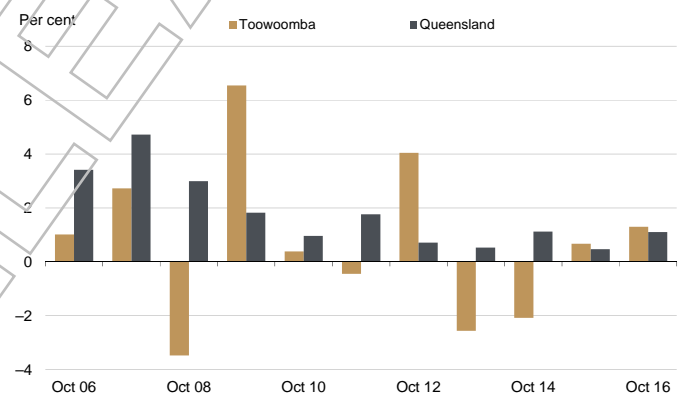
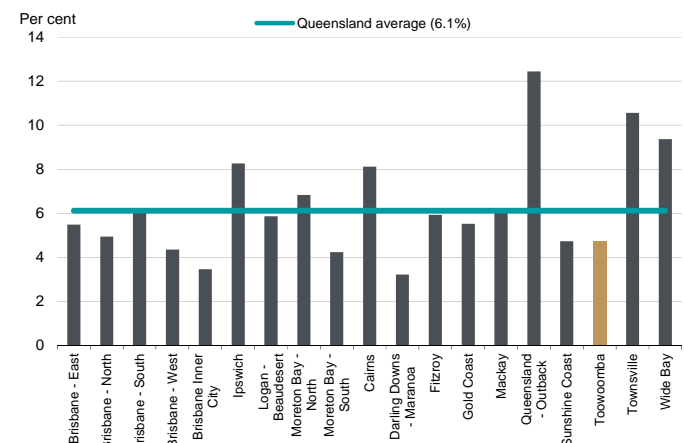


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Townsville SA4, Oct 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 November 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	108,600	99,700	98,900	-9,700	-9.0
Total unemployed	9,900	11,300	11,700	1,800	18.4
Total labour force	118,500	111,000	110,600	-7,900	-6.7
Not in the labour force	65,500	75,200	75,800	10,400	15.8
Total persons 15+	184,000	186,200	186,400	2,400	1.3
Participation rate (%)	64.4	59.6	59.3	..	-5.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.3	10.1	10.6	..	2.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 9.0%
 Unemployment rate 10.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 2.2 ppt
 Participation rate 59.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in October 2016 was 98,900 persons, a decrease of 9,700 employed persons, or 9.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2016 was 10.6 per cent, an increase of 2.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in October 2016 was 59.3 per cent, a decrease of 5.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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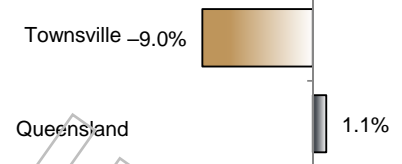
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

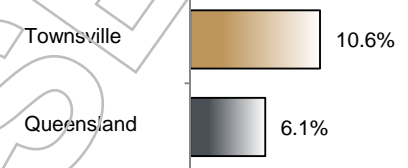


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

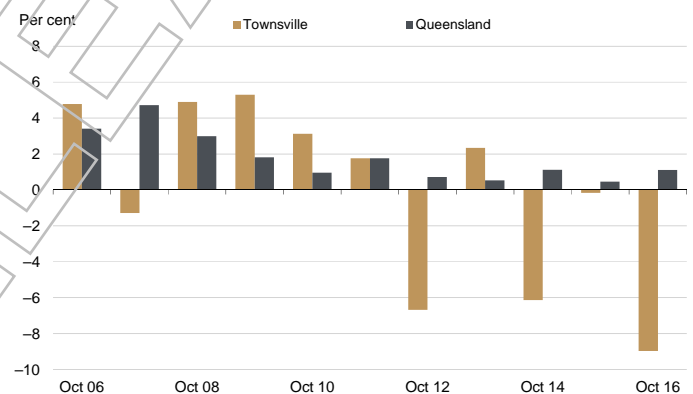
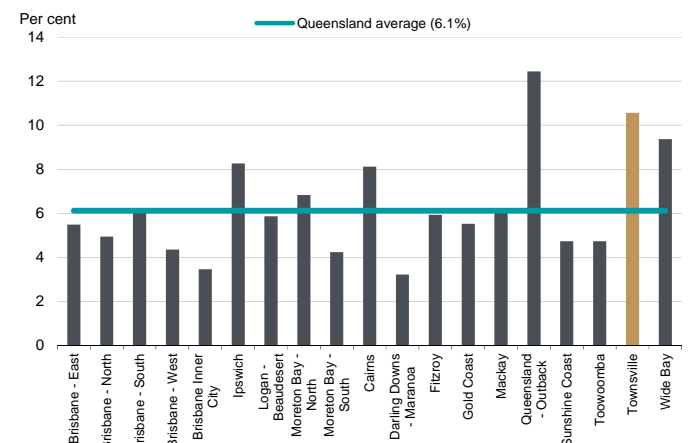


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Oct 16

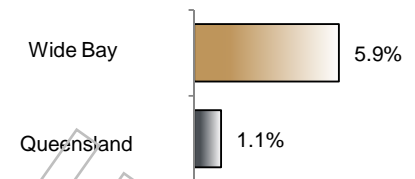
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Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

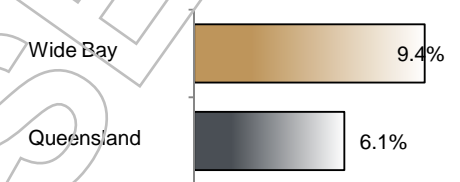
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Oct 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	106,600	113,400	112,900	6,300	5.9
Total unemployed	12,600	11,200	11,700	-900	-7.2
Total labour force	119,200	124,600	124,600	5,400	4.6
Not in the labour force	119,100	116,400	116,700	-2,400	-2.0
Total persons 15+	238,200	241,000	241,300	3,000	1.3
Participation rate (%)	50.0	51.7	51.6	..	1.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	10.6	9.0	9.4	..	-1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.9%
 Unemployment rate 9.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 51.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in October 2016 was 112,900 persons, an increase of 6,300 employed persons, or 5.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in October 2016 was 9.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in October 2016 was 51.6 per cent, an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

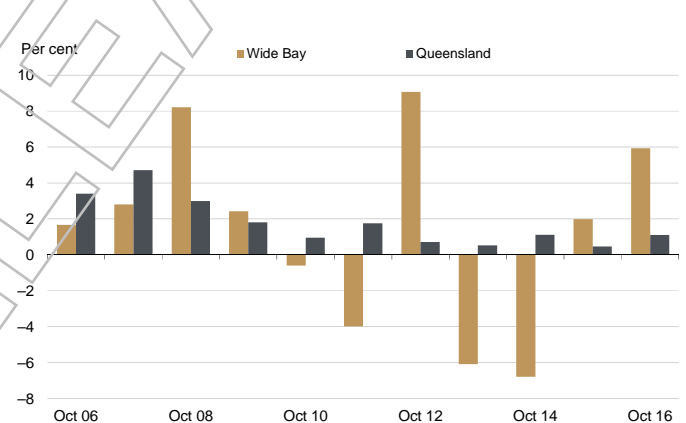
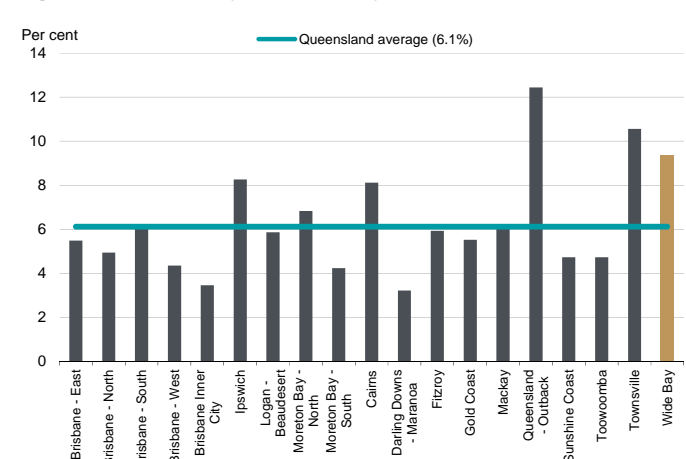


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, October 2016



Labour force – region summary, October 2016

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Oct 16

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	121,200	-1,900	-1.6	5.5	0.5	67.9	-1.7
Brisbane - North	113,000	-3,100	-2.6	4.9	-0.5	68.2	-3.1
Brisbane - South	196,700	2,200	1.1	6.1	1.2	71.8	0.8
Brisbane - West	96,600	4,500	4.9	4.4	-1.9	67.4	1.4
Brisbane Inner City	158,100	5,800	3.8	3.5	-1.3	75.6	1.0
Ipswich	148,100	400	0.3	8.3	1.5	64.5	-0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	134,400	12,400	10.1	5.9	-2.7	57.0	3.0
Moreton Bay - North	111,700	300	0.3	6.8	-0.3	60.9	-1.3
Moreton Bay - South	102,700	3,300	3.3	4.2	-0.1	71.2	0.5
Cairns	108,600	1,400	1.3	8.1	-0.0	60.0	-0.0
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,500	3,400	5.4	3.2	-0.6	66.3	2.5
Fitzroy	118,800	5,500	4.8	5.9	-1.8	69.9	1.2
Gold Coast	306,200	4,300	1.4	5.5	0.0	68.3	-0.1
Mackay	96,300	2,900	3.1	6.1	-1.7	70.1	-0.1
Queensland - Outback	36,800	-11,000	-23.0	12.4	6.6	60.6	-13.3
Sunshine Coast	162,800	-2,200	-1.3	4.7	-1.7	60.8	-2.9
Toowoomba	69,100	900	1.3	4.7	-0.4	61.1	0.0
Townsville	98,900	-9,700	-9.0	10.6	2.2	59.3	-5.1
Wide Bay	112,900	6,300	5.9	9.4	-1.2	51.6	1.6
Queensland	2,358,500	25,800	1.1	6.1	-0.3	65.0	-0.4

(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

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- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during October 2016 with a growth of 12,400 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.2 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to October 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.7 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during October 2016 with 75.6% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.6%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Oct 16

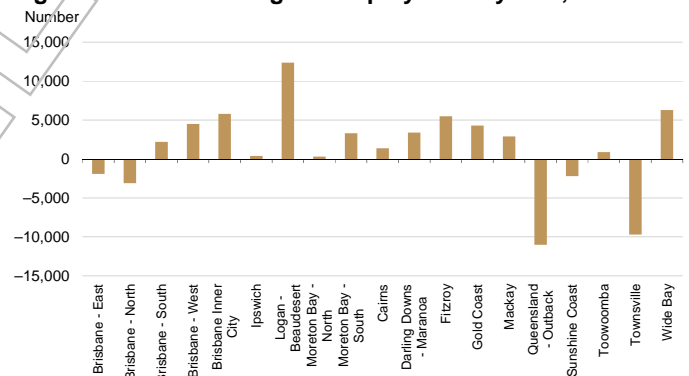
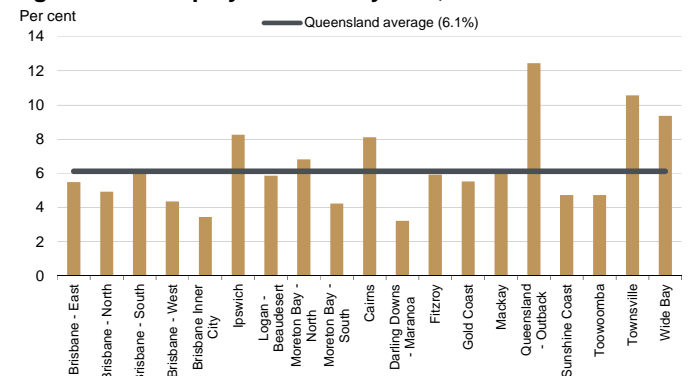


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Oct 16



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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Oct 16

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Oct 16	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	121,200	0
Brisbane - North	118,400	113,000	-5,300
Brisbane - South	187,800	196,700	9,000
Brisbane - West	91,200	96,600	5,400
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	158,100	3,300
Ipswich	143,500	148,100	4,600
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	134,400	10,900
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	111,700	4,600
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	102,700	1,700
Cairns	107,900	108,600	700
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	65,500	300
Fitzroy	117,700	118,800	1,100
Gold Coast	291,100	306,200	15,100
Mackay	101,000	96,300	-4,700
Queensland - Outback	50,800	36,800	-14,100
Sunshine Coast	161,900	162,800	900
Toowoomba	67,200	69,100	1,900
Townsville	110,400	98,900	-11,500
Wide Bay	102,400	112,900	10,500
Queensland	2,324,100	2,358,500	34,500

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Oct 16

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Sep 16	Oct 16	Sep 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	-1,900	4.5	5.4	5.5	0.1	1.0
Brisbane - North	-3,100	4.6	5.0	4.9	-0.1	0.4
Brisbane - South	2,200	6.3	6.1	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Brisbane - West	4,500	6.1	4.7	4.4	-0.3	-1.7
Brisbane Inner City	5,800	3.8	3.6	3.5	-0.1	-0.3
Ipswich	400	8.6	8.4	8.3	-0.2	-0.4
Logan - Beaudesert	12,400	8.4	6.0	5.9	-0.1	-2.5
Moreton Bay - North	300	8.9	6.8	6.8	0.1	-2.1
Moreton Bay - South	3,300	4.9	4.6	4.2	-0.4	-0.6
Cairns	1,400	7.9	8.5	8.1	-0.4	0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	3,400	3.5	3.1	3.2	0.1	-0.3
Fitzroy	5,500	5.2	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.7
Gold Coast	4,300	6.0	5.5	5.5	0.0	-0.5
Mackay	2,900	5.6	6.2	6.1	-0.1	0.5
Queensland - Outback	-11,000	5.5	13.2	12.4	-0.8	7.0
Sunshine Coast	-2,200	7.3	4.7	4.7	0.0	-2.6
Toowoomba	900	4.3	4.5	4.7	0.2	0.5
Townsville	-9,700	8.6	10.1	10.6	0.4	2.0
Wide Bay	6,300	10.1	9.0	9.4	0.4	-0.7
Queensland	25,800	6.4	6.2	6.1	0.0	-0.3

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Labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, Nov 16

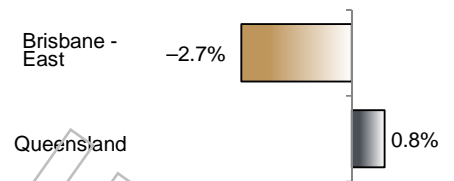
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - East SA4

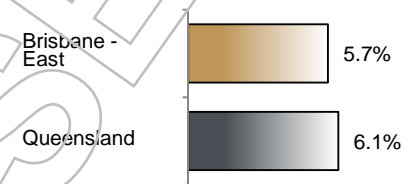
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	123,700	121,200	120,400	-3,300	-2.7
Total unemployed	6,700	7,000	7,300	600	9.4
Total labour force	130,400	128,300	127,700	-2,700	-2.1
Not in the labour force	56,200	60,600	61,400	5,200	9.3
Total persons 15+	186,500	188,900	189,100	2,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.9	67.9	67.5	..	-2.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	5.5	5.7	..	0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 2.7%
 Unemployment rate 5.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate 67.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in November 2016 was 120,400 persons, a decrease of 3,300 employed persons, or 2.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in November 2016 was 5.7 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in November 2016 was 67.5 per cent, a decrease of 2.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - East SA4

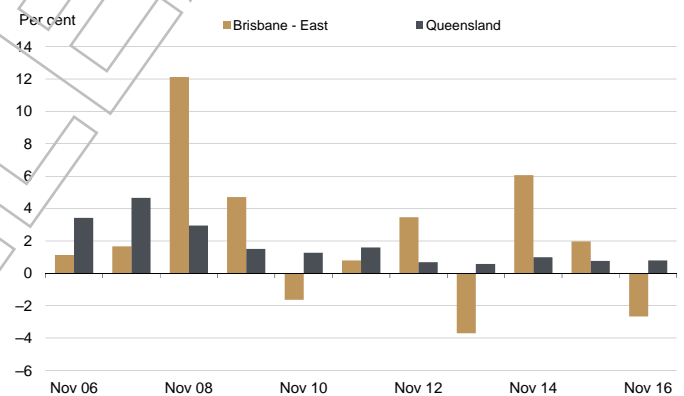
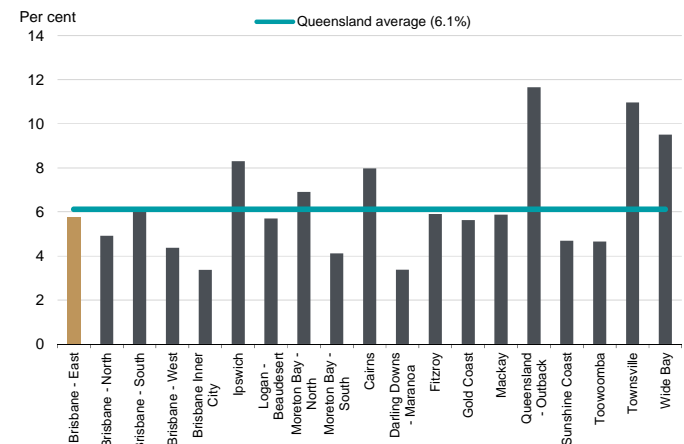


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Nov 16

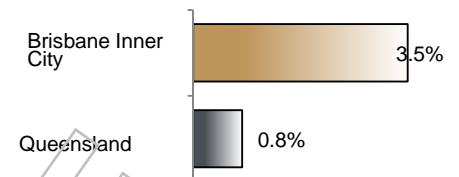
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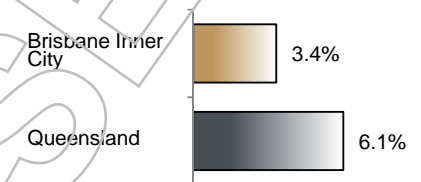
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	152,700	158,000	158,100	5,400	3.5
Total unemployed	7,700	5,700	5,500	-2,100	-28.0
Total labour force	160,400	163,700	163,600	3,200	2.0
Not in the labour force	54,000	52,900	53,100	-800	-1.6
Total persons 15+	214,400	216,500	216,800	2,400	1.1
Participation rate (%)	74.8	75.6	75.5	..	0.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8	3.5	3.4	..	-1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.5%
 Unemployment rate 3.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 75.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in November 2016 was 158,100 persons, an increase of 5,400 employed persons, or 3.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in November 2016 was 3.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in November 2016 was 75.5 per cent, an increase of 0.7 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane Inner City SA4

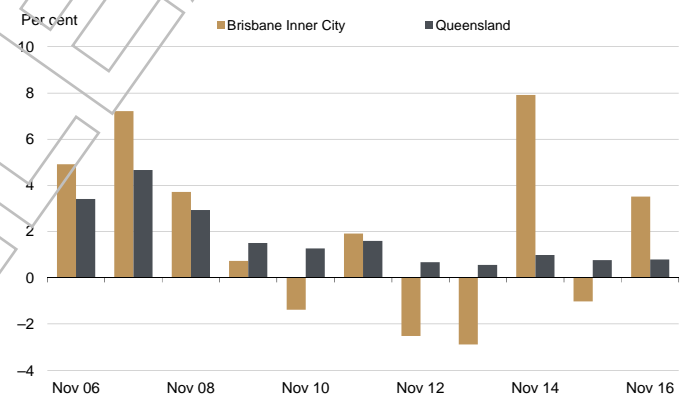
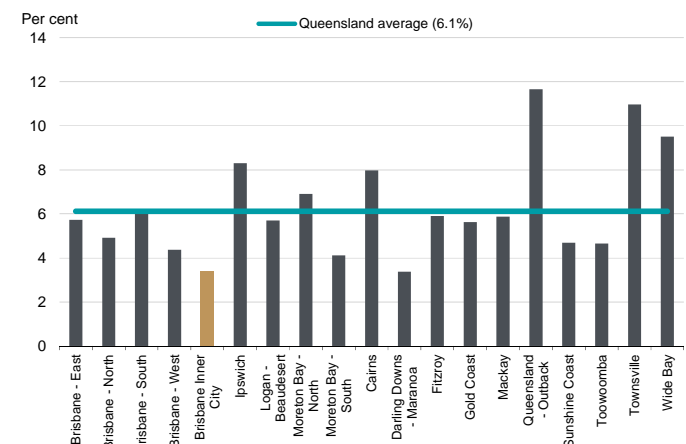


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - North SA4, Nov 16

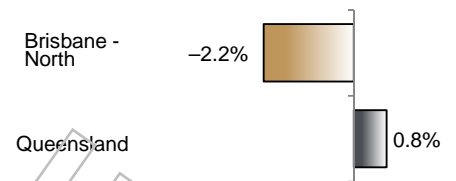
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - North SA4

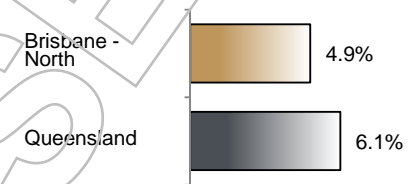
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	115,600	113,000	113,100	-2,500	-2.2
Total unemployed	6,700	5,900	5,900	-800	-12.6
Total labour force	122,300	118,900	119,000	-3,400	-2.8
Not in the labour force	50,100	55,500	55,700	5,500	11.1
Total persons 15+	172,500	174,400	174,600	2,200	1.3
Participation rate (%)	70.9	68.2	68.1	..	-2.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	4.9	4.9	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 2.2%
 Unemployment rate 4.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - North SA4 in November 2016 was 113,100 persons, a decrease of 2,500 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in November 2016 was 4.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in November 2016 was 68.1 per cent, a decrease of 2.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - North SA4

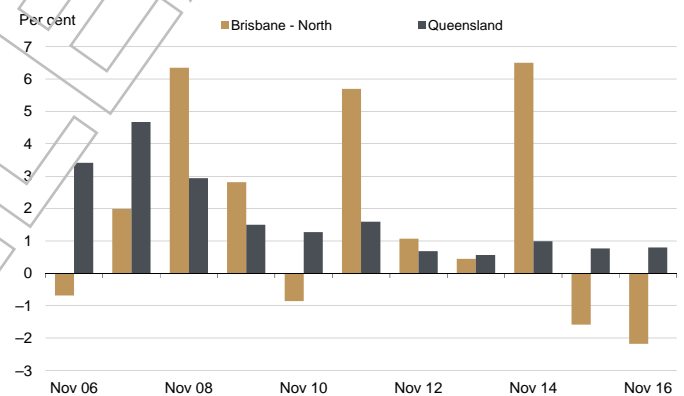
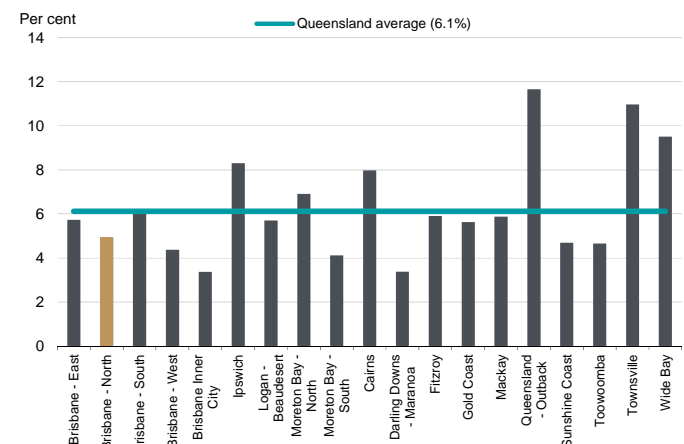


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Nov 16

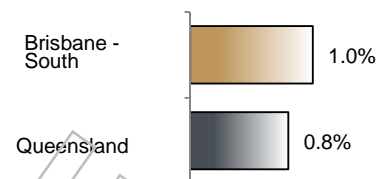
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - South SA4

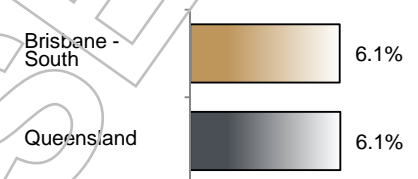
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	195,000	196,700	197,000	2,000	1.0
Total unemployed	10,000	12,900	12,700	2,700	27.5
Total labour force	205,000	209,600	209,700	4,800	2.3
Not in the labour force	83,400	82,300	82,500	-900	-1.1
Total persons 15+	288,300	291,900	292,200	3,900	1.3
Participation rate (%)	71.1	71.8	71.8	..	0.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	6.1	6.1	..	1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.0%
 Unemployment rate 6.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - South SA4 in November 2016 was 197,000 persons, an increase of 2,000 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in November 2016 was 6.1 per cent, an increase of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in November 2016 was 71.8 per cent, an increase of 0.7 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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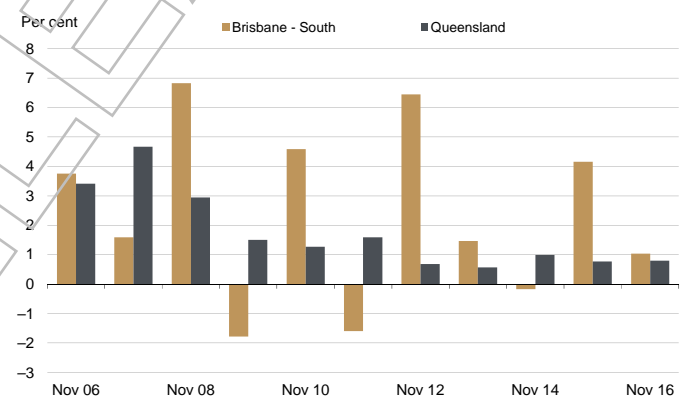
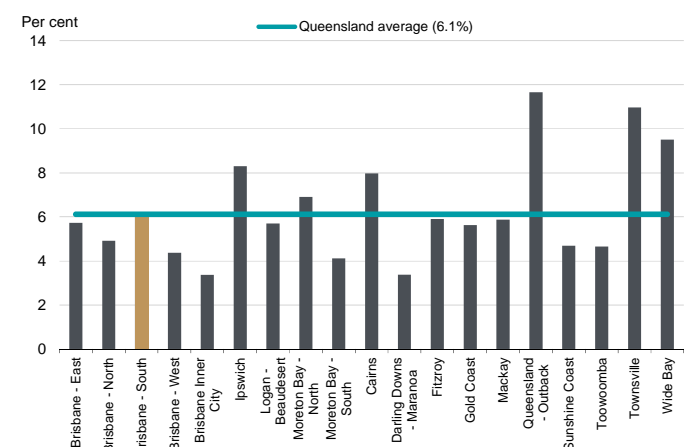


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Nov 16

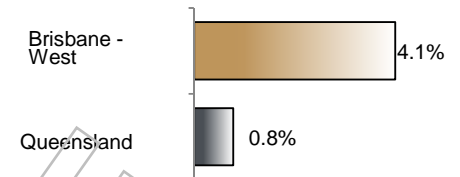
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - West SA4

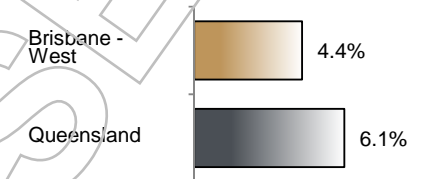
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16		
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	92,600	96,600	96,400	3,800	4.1
Total unemployed	5,900	4,400	4,400	-1,500	-25.5
Total labour force	98,500	101,000	100,800	2,300	2.3
Not in the labour force	50,400	48,800	49,100	-1,300	-2.7
Total persons 15+	149,000	149,800	149,900	900	0.6
Participation rate (%)	66.2	67.4	67.3	..	1.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	4.4	4.4	..	-1.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.1%
 Unemployment rate 4.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in November 2016 was 96,400 persons, an increase of 3,800 employed persons, or 4.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in November 2016 was 4.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in November 2016 was 67.3 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - West SA4

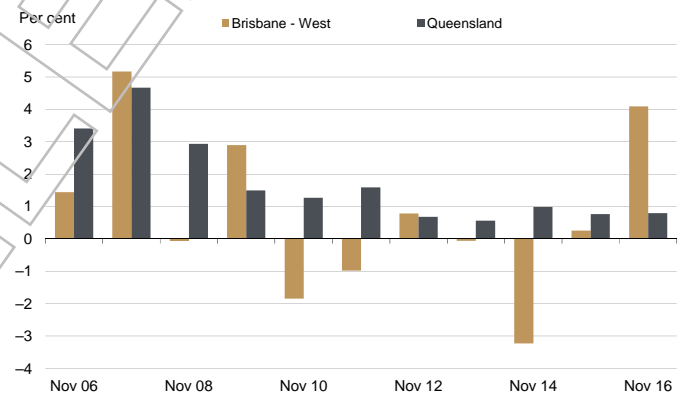
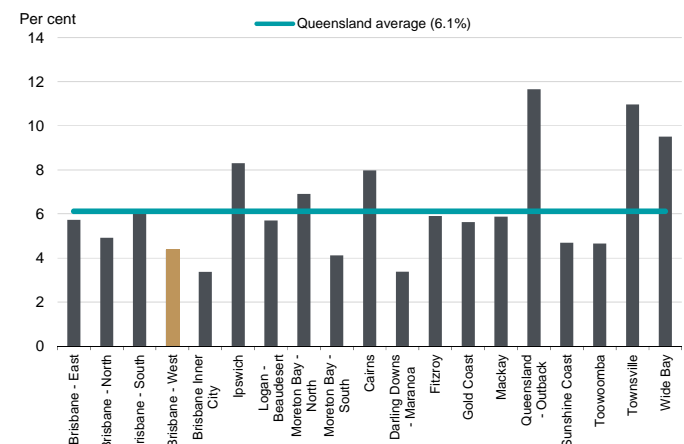


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Cairns SA4, Nov 16

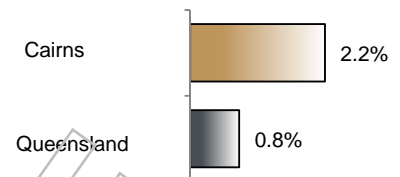
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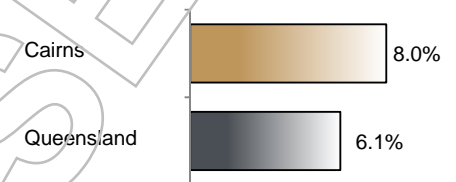
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,200	108,600	109,600	2,400	2.2
Total unemployed	9,500	9,600	9,500	0	0.1
Total labour force	116,700	118,200	119,100	2,400	2.1
Not in the labour force	77,900	78,700	78,100	200	0.2
Total persons 15+	194,600	197,000	197,200	2,600	1.3
Participation rate (%)	60.0	60.0	60.4	..	0.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.1	8.1	8.0	..	-0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.2%
 Unemployment rate 8.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in November 2016 was 109,600 persons, an increase of 2,400 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in November 2016 was 8.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in November 2016 was 60.4 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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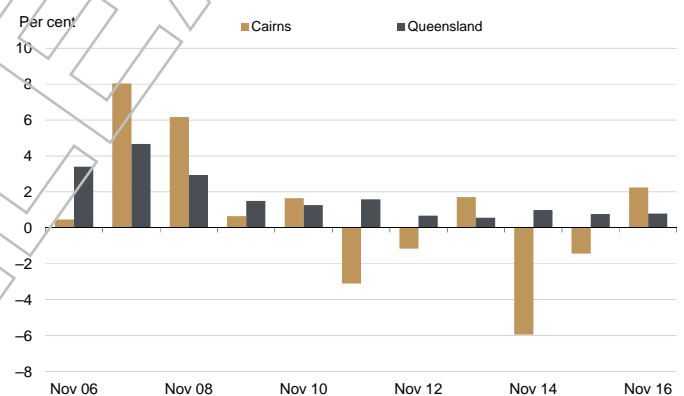
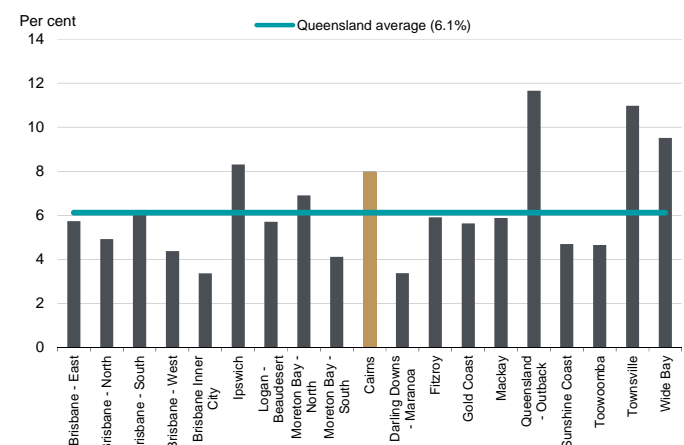


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Nov 16

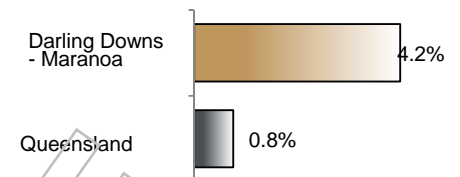
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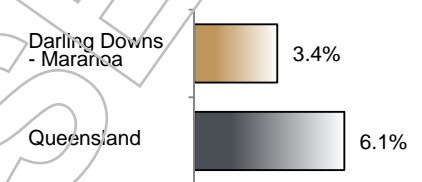
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	62,500	65,500	65,100	2,600	4.2
Total unemployed	2,500	2,200	2,300	-200	-8.1
Total labour force	64,900	67,700	67,300	2,400	3.7
Not in the labour force	36,400	34,400	34,800	-1,600	-4.4
Total persons 15+	101,300	102,100	102,200	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.1	66.3	65.9	..	1.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	3.2	3.4	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.2%
 Unemployment rate 3.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate 65.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in November 2016 was 65,100 persons, an increase of 2,600 employed persons, or 4.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in November 2016 was 3.4 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in November 2016 was 65.9 per cent, an increase of 1.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

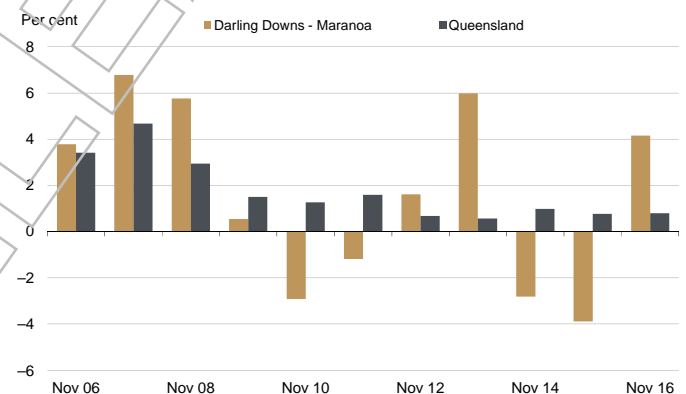
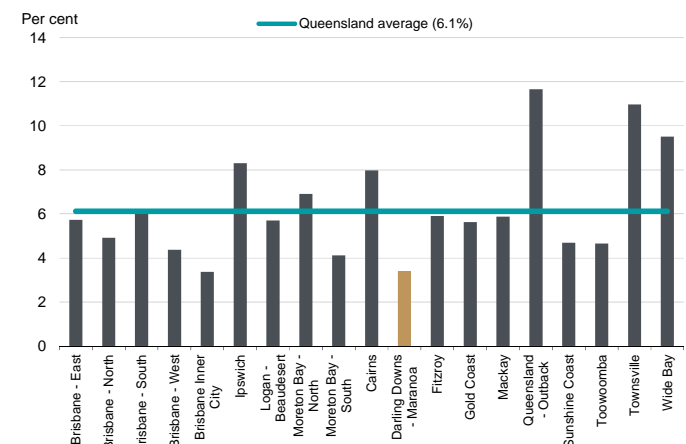


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Fitzroy SA4, Nov 16

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Table 1 Labour force status, Fitzroy SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	112,900	118,800	119,500	6,600	5.8
Total unemployed	9,300	7,500	7,500	-1,800	-19.0
Total labour force	122,200	126,300	127,100	4,800	4.0
Not in the labour force	56,600	54,400	53,800	-2,800	-5.0
Total persons 15+	178,800	180,700	180,800	2,000	1.1
Participation rate (%)	68.3	69.9	70.3	..	1.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	5.9	5.9	..	-1.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.7 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Fitzroy SA4 in November 2016 was 119,500 persons, an increase of 6,600 employed persons, or 5.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Fitzroy SA4 in November 2016 was 5.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Fitzroy SA4 in November 2016 was 70.3 per cent, an increase of 1.9 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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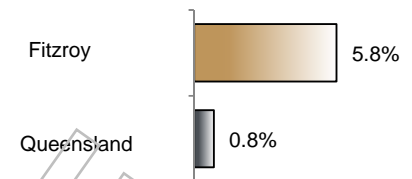
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

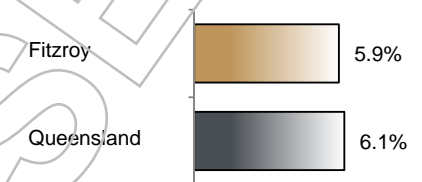


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Fitzroy SA4

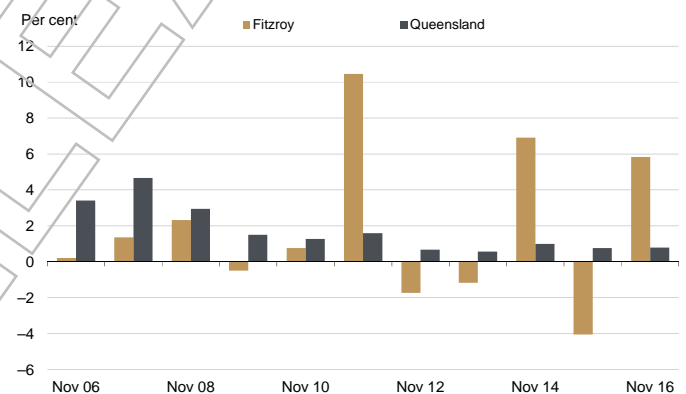
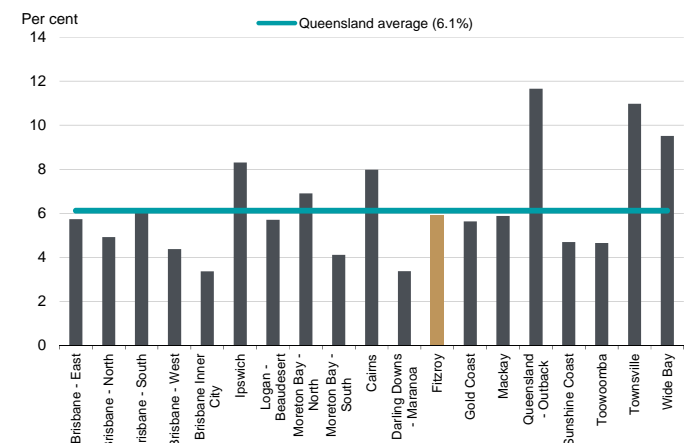


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Nov 16

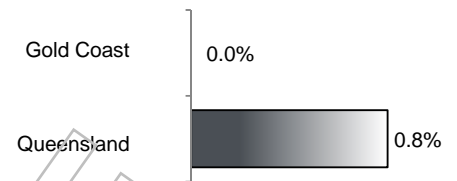
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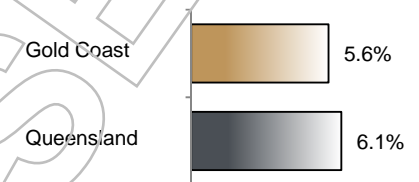
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	304,100	306,100	303,900	-200	-0.0
Total unemployed	17,000	17,900	18,100	1,100	6.5
Total labour force	321,100	324,100	322,100	1,000	0.3
Not in the labour force	146,100	150,200	152,800	6,800	4.7
Total persons 15+	467,200	474,300	474,900	7,800	1.7
Participation rate (%)	68.7	68.3	67.8	..	-0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	5.5	5.6	..	0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... → 0.0%
 Unemployment rate 5.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate 67.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in November 2016 was 303,900 persons, a decrease of 200 employed persons, or 0.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in November 2016 was 5.6 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in November 2016 was 67.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Gold Coast SA4

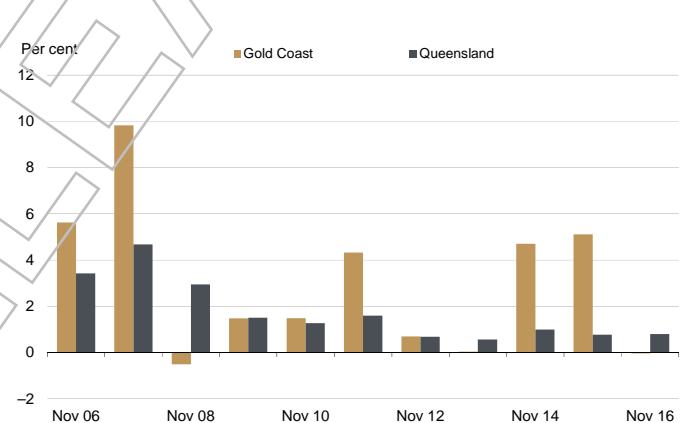
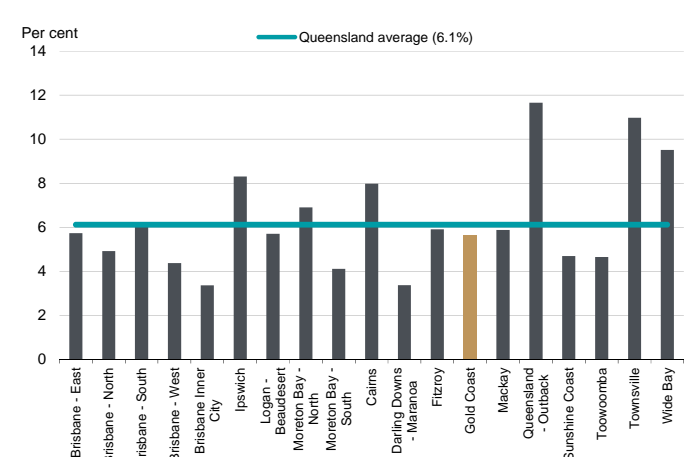


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Ipswich SA4, Nov 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Ipswich SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	148,800	148,000	148,200	-500	-0.4
Total unemployed	10,800	13,300	13,400	2,600	24.2
Total labour force	159,600	161,400	161,700	2,100	1.3
Not in the labour force	85,700	88,600	88,800	3,100	3.6
Total persons 15+	245,300	250,000	250,400	5,200	2.1
Participation rate (%)	65.1	64.5	64.5	..	-0.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	8.3	8.3	..	1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 0.4%
 Unemployment rate 8.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.5 ppt
 Participation rate 64.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in November 2016 was 148,200 persons, a decrease of 500 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in November 2016 was 8.3 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in November 2016 was 64.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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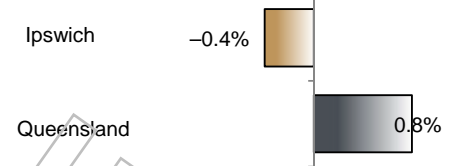
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

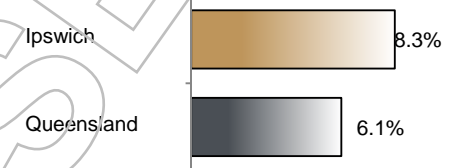


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Ipswich SA4

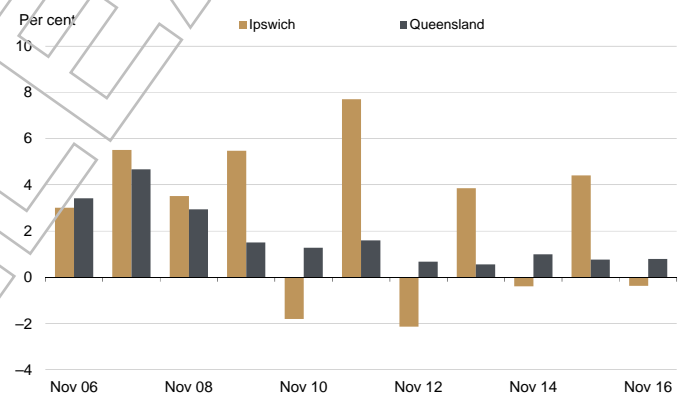
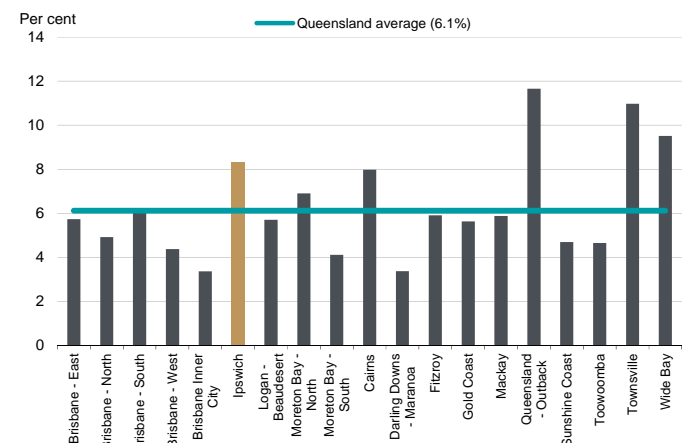


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Logan - Beaudesert SA4, Nov 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	123,200	134,400	135,800	12,600	10.2
Total unemployed	11,100	8,400	8,200	-2,900	-26.0
Total labour force	134,300	142,800	144,000	9,700	7.2
Not in the labour force	113,100	107,900	107,000	-6,200	-5.5
Total persons 15+	247,500	250,700	251,000	3,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	54.3	57.0	57.4	..	3.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.3	5.9	5.7	..	-2.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.2%
 Unemployment rate 5.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 57.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in November 2016 was 135,800 persons, an increase of 12,600 employed persons, or 10.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in November 2016 was 5.7 per cent, a decrease of 2.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in November 2016 was 57.4 per cent, an increase of 3.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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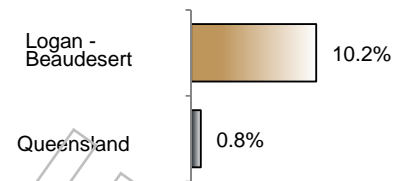
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

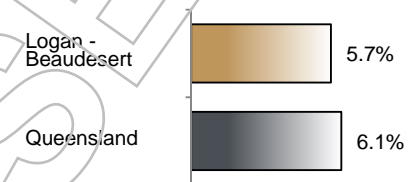


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

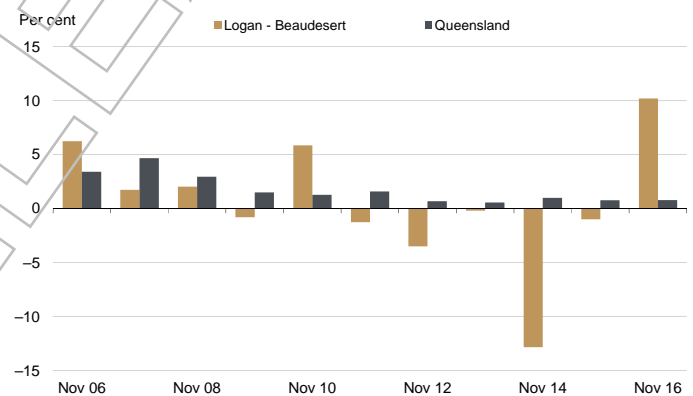
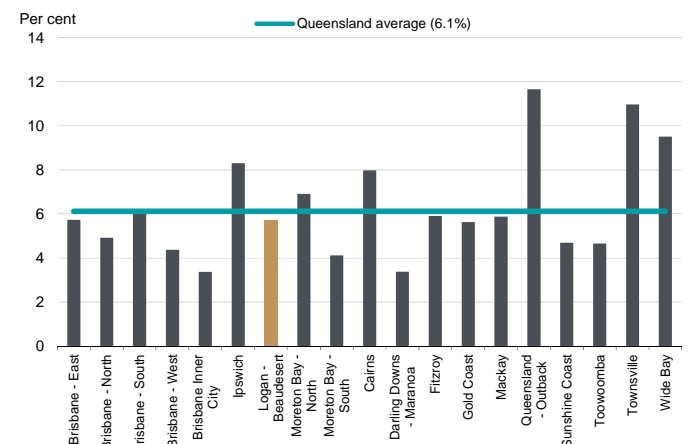


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Mackay SA4, Nov 16

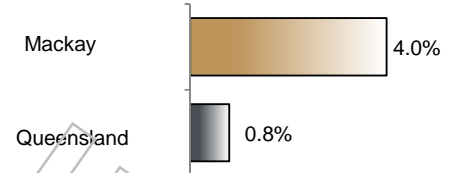
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Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay SA4

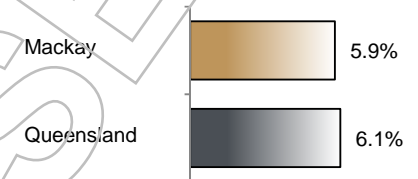
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	93,100	96,200	96,800	3,800	4.0
Total unemployed	7,900	6,200	6,000	-1,900	-23.5
Total labour force	101,000	102,500	102,900	1,900	1.9
Not in the labour force	43,500	43,800	43,600	100	0.2
Total persons 15+	144,500	146,300	146,400	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.9	70.1	70.3	..	0.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	6.1	5.9	..	-1.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.0%
 Unemployment rate 5.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.9 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Mackay SA4 in November 2016 was 96,800 persons, an increase of 3,800 employed persons, or 4.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in November 2016 was 5.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in November 2016 was 70.3 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Mackay SA4

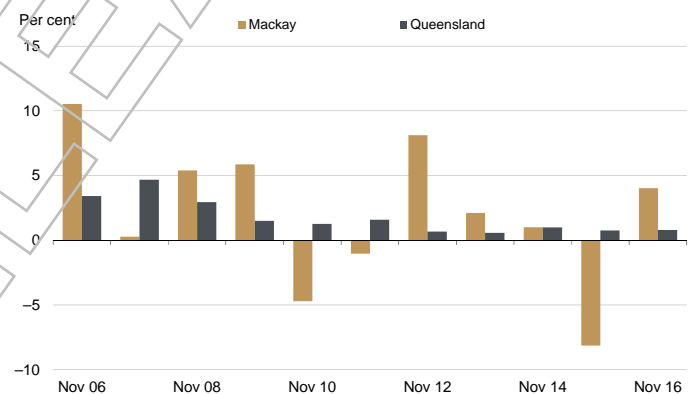
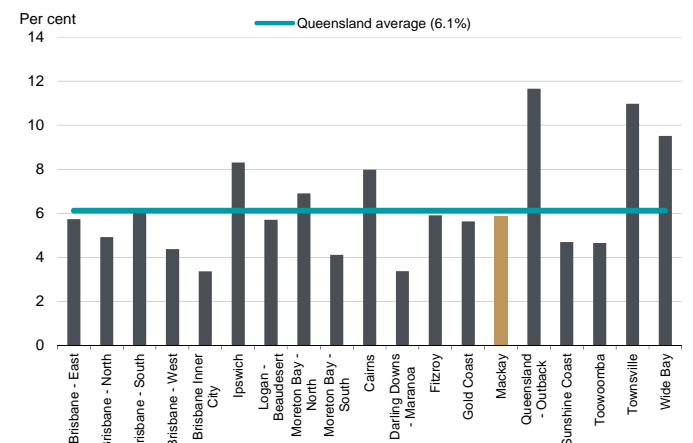


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, Nov 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - North SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	111,000	111,600	111,400	400	0.4
Total unemployed	8,300	8,200	8,300	0	-0.6
Total labour force	119,300	119,800	119,600	400	0.3
Not in the labour force	74,000	77,000	77,500	3,500	4.7
Total persons 15+	193,300	196,800	197,100	3,900	2.0
Participation rate (%)	61.7	60.9	60.7	..	-1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	6.8	6.9	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.4%
 Unemployment rate 6.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.7%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in November 2016 was 111,400 persons, an increase of 400 employed persons, or 0.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in November 2016 was 6.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in November 2016 was 60.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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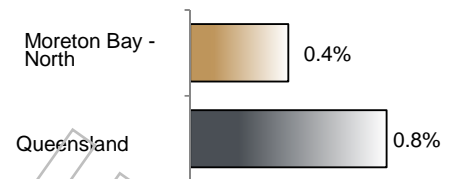
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

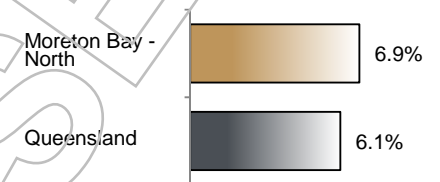


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Moreton Bay - North SA4

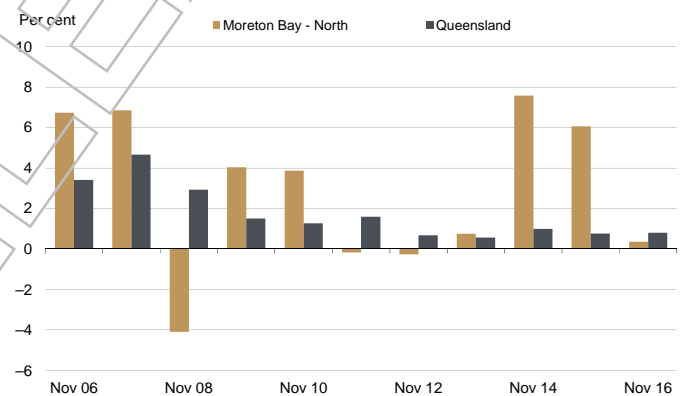
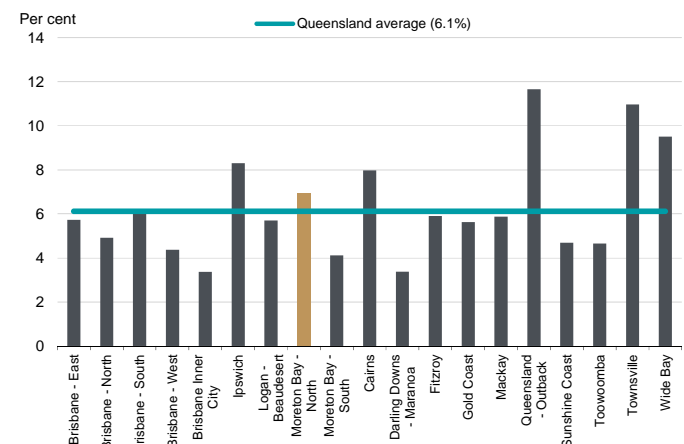


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - South SA4, Nov 16

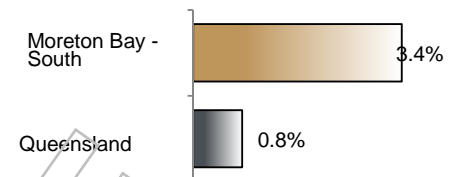
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Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - South SA4

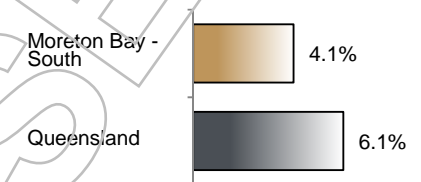
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	99,400	102,600	102,700	3,300	3.4
Total unemployed	4,700	4,500	4,400	-300	-5.9
Total labour force	104,100	107,200	107,100	3,100	2.9
Not in the labour force	43,300	43,400	43,700	500	1.1
Total persons 15+	147,300	150,500	150,800	3,500	2.4
Participation rate (%)	70.6	71.2	71.0	..	0.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	4.2	4.1	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.4%
 Unemployment rate 4.1%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 71.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in November 2016 was 102,700 persons, an increase of 3,300 employed persons, or 3.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in November 2016 was 4.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in November 2016 was 71.0 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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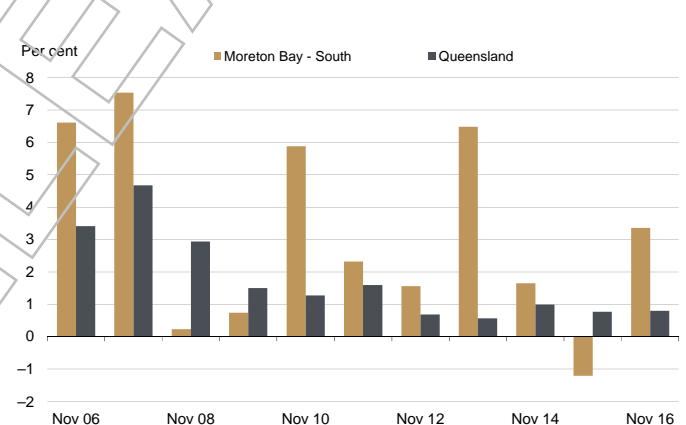
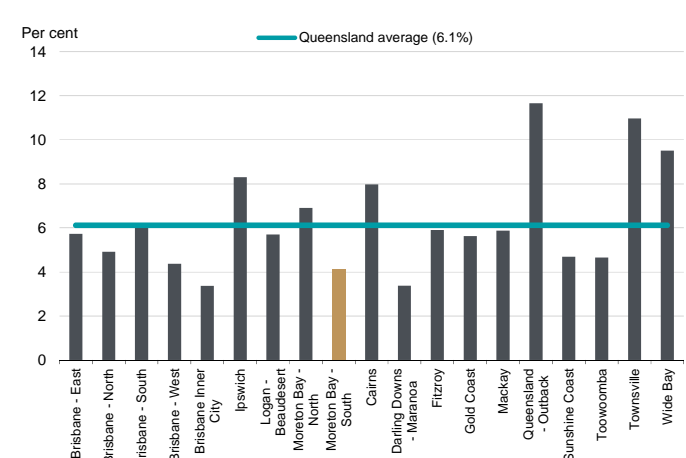


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Nov 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	46,700	36,800	36,800	-9,900	-21.2
Total unemployed	3,000	5,200	4,900	1,900	63.3
Total labour force	49,700	42,000	41,700	-8,000	-16.2
Not in the labour force	19,000	27,300	27,600	8,700	45.7
Total persons 15+	68,700	69,200	69,300	600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	72.4	60.6	60.1	..	-12.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	12.4	11.7	..	5.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 21.2%
 Unemployment rate 11.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 5.7 ppt
 Participation rate 60.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Queensland - Outback SA4 in November 2016 was 36,800 persons, a decrease of 9,900 employed persons, or 21.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in November 2016 was 11.7 per cent, an increase of 5.7 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in November 2016 was 60.1 per cent, a decrease of 12.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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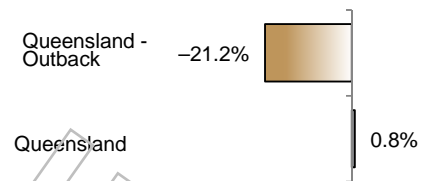
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

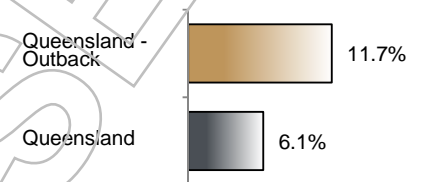


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland - Outback SA4

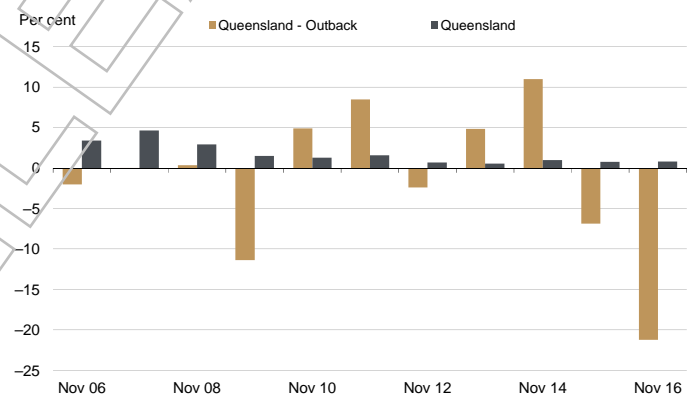
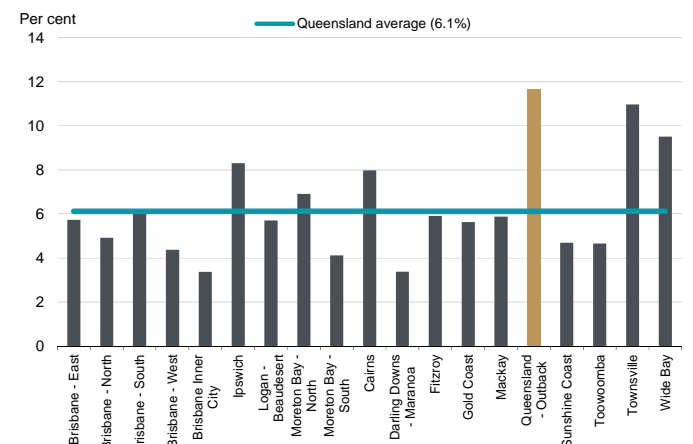


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Nov 16

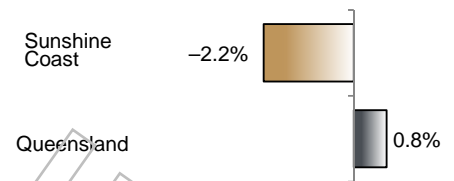
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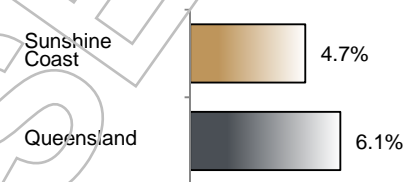
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	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
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Total employed	165,500	162,800	161,800	-3,700	-2.2
Total unemployed	11,100	8,100	8,000	-3,200	-28.3
Total labour force	176,700	170,900	169,800	-6,900	-3.9
Not in the labour force	100,600	110,100	111,600	10,900	10.9
Total persons 15+	277,300	281,000	281,400	4,100	1.5
Participation rate (%)	63.7	60.8	60.3	..	-3.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3	4.7	4.7	..	-1.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 2.2%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Sunshine Coast SA4 in November 2016 was 161,800 persons, a decrease of 3,700 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in November 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in November 2016 was 60.3 per cent, a decrease of 3.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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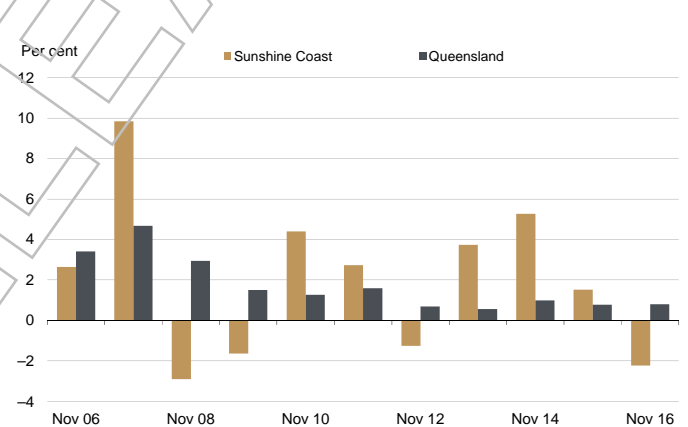
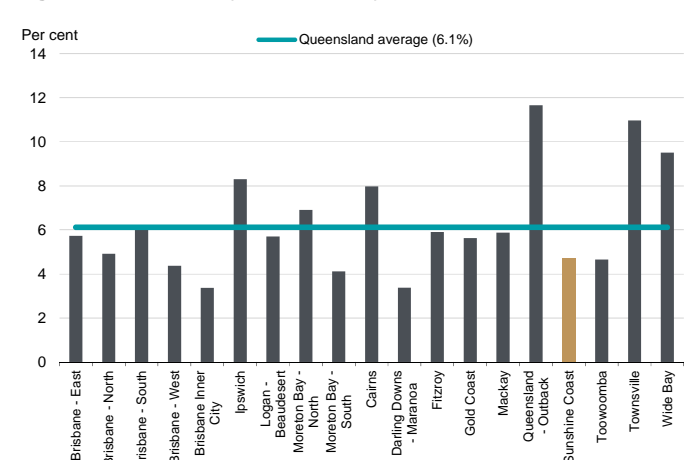


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Nov 16

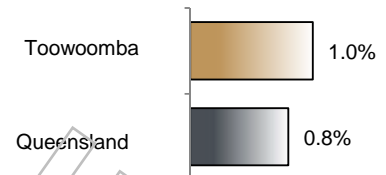
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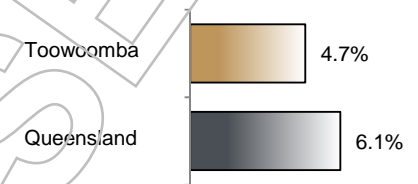
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	68,800	69,100	69,400	700	1.0
Total unemployed	3,700	3,400	3,400	-400	-9.4
Total labour force	72,500	72,500	72,800	300	0.4
Not in the labour force	45,400	46,200	46,000	600	1.4
Total persons 15+	117,900	118,700	118,800	1,000	0.8
Participation rate (%)	61.5	61.1	61.3	..	-0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	4.7	4.7	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.0%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 61.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in November 2016 was 69,400 persons, an increase of 700 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in November 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in November 2016 was 61.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Toowoomba SA4

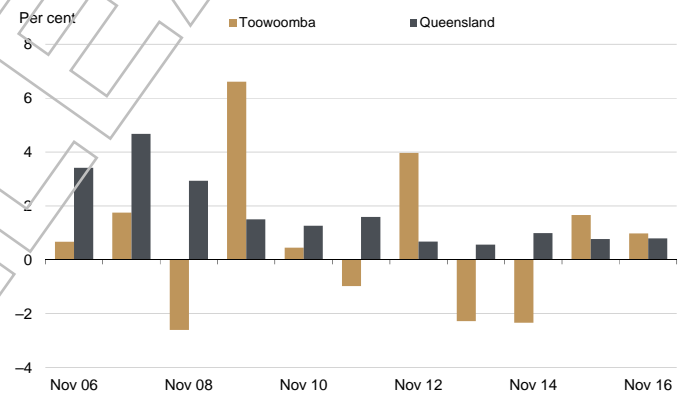
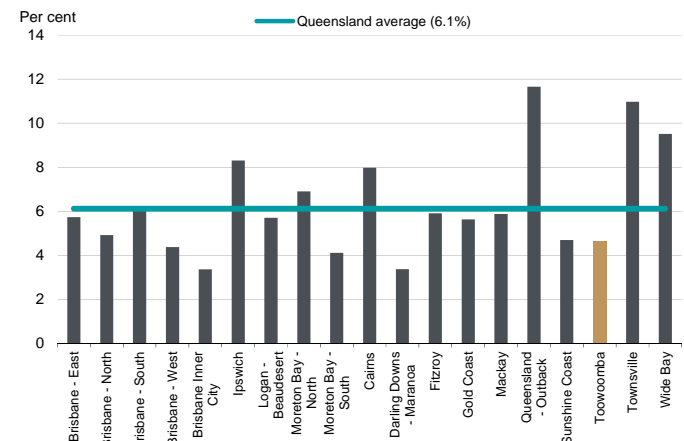


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Townsville SA4, Nov 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	108,400	98,900	97,900	-10,500	-9.7
Total unemployed	9,500	11,700	12,100	2,600	27.3
Total labour force	117,900	110,500	110,000	-7,900	-6.7
Not in the labour force	66,200	75,800	76,600	10,300	15.6
Total persons 15+	184,100	186,400	186,600	2,400	1.3
Participation rate (%)	64.0	59.3	59.0	..	-5.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	10.6	11.0	..	2.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 9.7%
 Unemployment rate 11.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 2.9 ppt
 Participation rate 59.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in November 2016 was 97,900 persons, a decrease of 10,500 employed persons, or 9.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2016 was 11.0 per cent, an increase of 2.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in November 2016 was 59.0 per cent, a decrease of 5.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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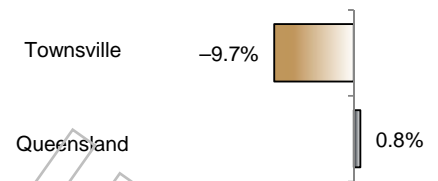
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

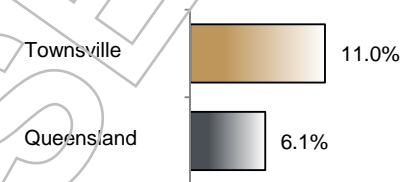


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4

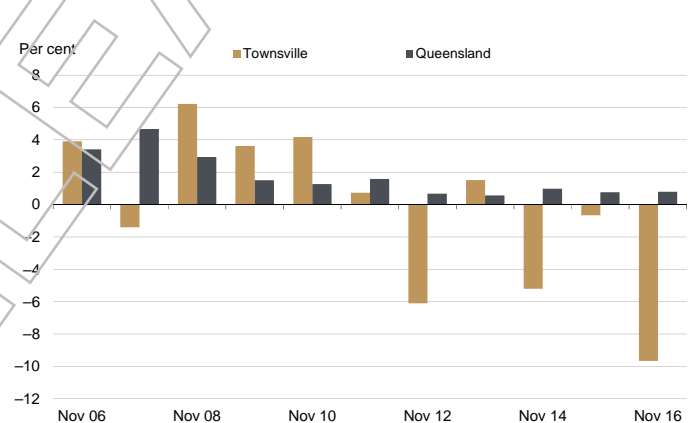
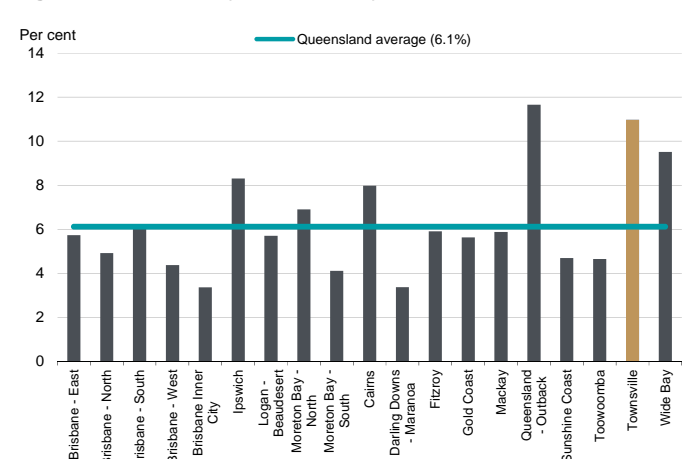


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Nov 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Wide Bay SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Nov 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,300	112,900	113,100	5,800	5.4
Total unemployed	12,500	11,700	11,900	-600	-5.1
Total labour force	119,800	124,600	125,000	5,100	4.3
Not in the labour force	118,600	116,700	116,500	-2,100	-1.8
Total persons 15+	238,500	241,200	241,500	3,000	1.3
Participation rate (%)	50.3	51.6	51.7	..	1.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	10.5	9.4	9.5	..	-0.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.4%
 Unemployment rate 9.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.9 ppt
 Participation rate..... 51.7%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in November 2016 was 113,100 persons, an increase of 5,800 employed persons, or 5.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in November 2016 was 9.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in November 2016 was 51.7 per cent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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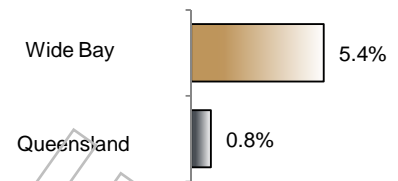
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

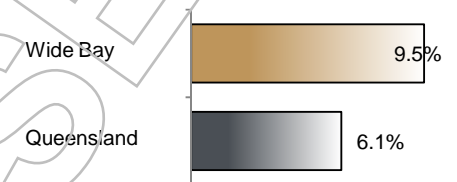


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

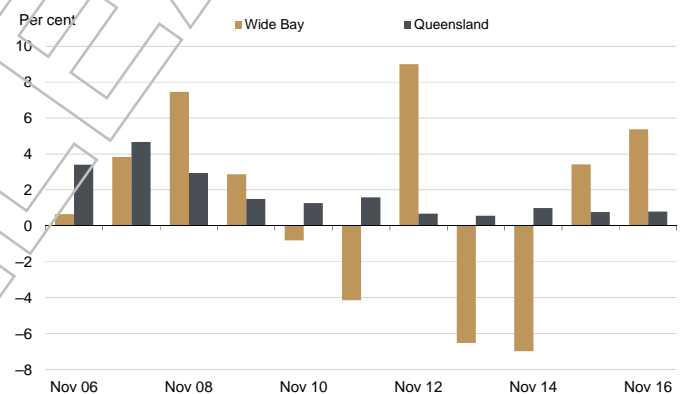
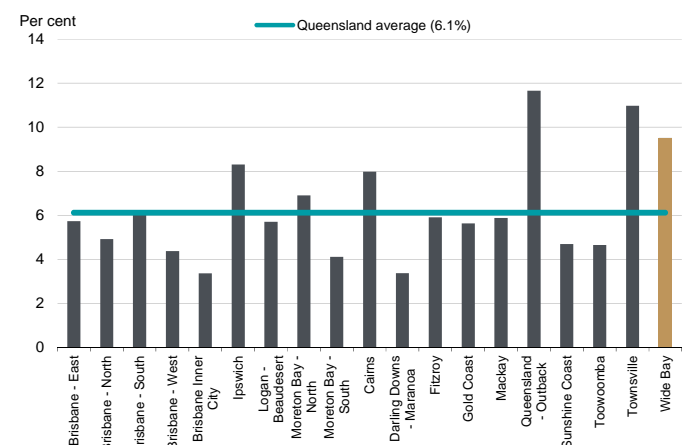


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, November 2016



Labour force – region summary, November 2016

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 22 December 2016, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Nov 16

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —	%		%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	120,400	-3,300	-2.7	5.7	0.6	67.5	-2.4
Brisbane - North	113,100	-2,500	-2.2	4.9	-0.6	68.1	-2.8
Brisbane - South	197,000	2,000	1.0	6.1	1.2	71.8	0.7
Brisbane - West	96,400	3,800	4.1	4.4	-1.6	67.3	1.1
Brisbane Inner City	158,100	5,400	3.5	3.4	-1.4	75.5	0.7
Ipswich	148,200	-500	-0.4	8.3	1.5	64.5	-0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	135,800	12,600	10.2	5.7	-2.6	57.4	3.1
Moreton Bay - North	111,400	400	0.4	6.9	-0.1	60.7	-1.0
Moreton Bay - South	102,700	3,300	3.4	4.1	-0.4	71.0	0.4
Cairns	109,600	2,400	2.2	8.0	-0.2	60.4	0.4
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,100	2,600	4.2	3.4	-0.4	65.9	1.8
Fitzroy	119,500	6,600	5.8	5.9	-1.7	70.3	1.9
Gold Coast	303,900	-200	-0.0	5.6	0.3	67.8	-0.9
Mackay	96,800	3,800	4.0	5.9	-1.9	70.3	0.4
Queensland - Outback	36,800	-9,900	-21.2	11.7	5.7	60.1	-12.3
Sunshine Coast	161,800	-3,700	-2.2	4.7	-1.6	60.3	-3.4
Toowoomba	69,400	700	1.0	4.7	-0.5	61.3	-0.2
Townsville	97,900	-10,500	-9.7	11.0	2.9	59.0	-5.1
Wide Bay	113,100	5,800	5.4	9.5	-0.9	51.7	1.5
Queensland	2,357,200	18,600	0.8	6.1	-0.2	64.9	-0.5

(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

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- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during November 2016 with a growth of 12,600 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during November 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.4 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to November 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.6 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during November 2016 with 75.5% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.7%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Nov 16

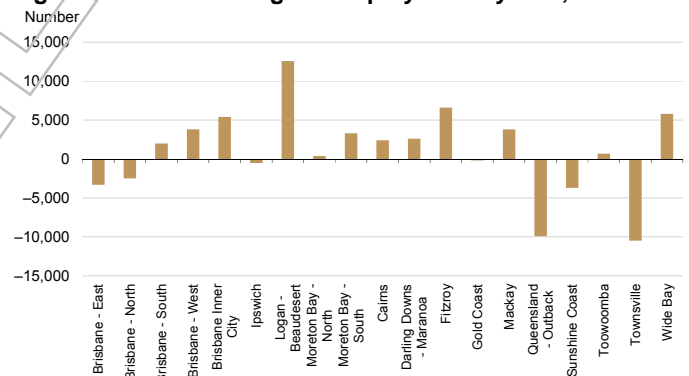
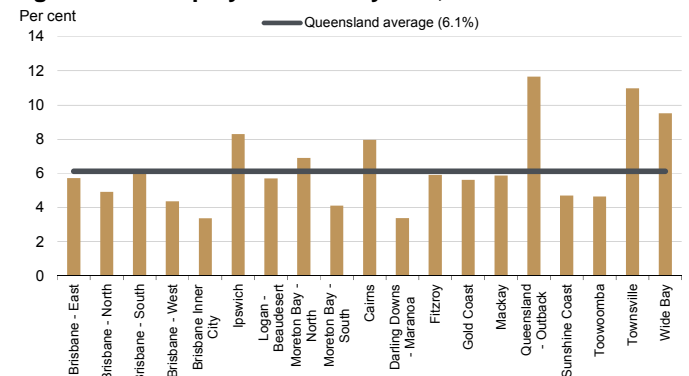


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Nov 16



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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Nov 16

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Nov 16	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	120,400	-900
Brisbane - North	118,400	113,100	-5,200
Brisbane - South	187,800	197,000	9,200
Brisbane - West	91,200	96,400	5,200
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	158,100	3,300
Ipswich	143,500	148,200	4,800
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	135,800	12,300
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	111,400	4,300
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	102,700	1,700
Cairns	107,900	109,600	1,700
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	65,100	-200
Fitzroy	117,700	119,500	1,800
Gold Coast	291,100	303,900	12,800
Mackay	101,000	96,800	-4,200
Queensland - Outback	50,800	36,800	-14,000
Sunshine Coast	161,900	161,800	-100
Toowoomba	67,200	69,400	2,300
Townsville	110,400	97,900	-12,500
Wide Bay	102,400	113,100	10,700
Queensland	2,324,100	2,357,200	33,100

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Nov 16

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	Oct 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	-3,300	4.5	5.5	5.7	0.2	1.2
Brisbane - North	-2,500	4.6	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.4
Brisbane - South	2,000	6.3	6.1	6.1	-0.1	-0.3
Brisbane - West	3,800	6.1	4.4	4.4	0.0	-1.7
Brisbane Inner City	5,400	3.8	3.5	3.4	-0.1	-0.4
Ipswich	-500	8.6	8.3	8.3	0.0	-0.3
Logan - Beaudesert	12,600	8.4	5.9	5.7	-0.2	-2.7
Moreton Bay - North	400	8.9	6.8	6.9	0.1	-2.0
Moreton Bay - South	3,300	4.9	4.2	4.1	-0.1	-0.8
Cairns	2,400	7.9	8.1	8.0	-0.1	0.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	2,600	3.5	3.2	3.4	0.2	-0.1
Fitzroy	6,600	5.2	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.7
Gold Coast	-200	6.0	5.5	5.6	0.1	-0.4
Mackay	3,800	5.6	6.1	5.9	-0.2	0.3
Queensland - Outback	-9,900	5.5	12.4	11.7	-0.8	6.2
Sunshine Coast	-3,700	7.3	4.7	4.7	0.0	-2.6
Toowoomba	700	4.3	4.7	4.7	-0.1	0.4
Townsville	-10,500	8.6	10.6	11.0	0.4	2.4
Wide Bay	5,500	10.1	9.4	9.5	0.1	-0.5
Queensland	18,600	6.4	6.1	6.1	0.0	-0.3

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Labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, Dec 16

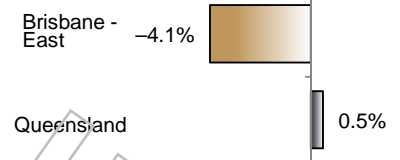
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - East SA4

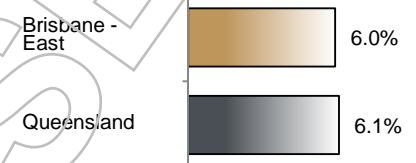
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	124,300	120,400	119,200	-5,200	-4.1
Total unemployed	6,800	7,300	7,600	800	11.9
Total labour force	131,100	127,700	126,800	-4,300	-3.3
Not in the labour force	55,600	61,400	62,500	6,900	12.4
Total persons 15+	186,700	189,100	189,300	2,600	1.4
Participation rate (%)	70.2	67.5	67.0	..	-3.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	5.7	6.0	..	0.8 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 4.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.8 ppt
 Participation rate 67.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in December 2016 was 119,200 persons, a decrease of 5,200 employed persons, or 4.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in December 2016 was 6.0 per cent, an increase of 0.8 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in December 2016 was 67.0 per cent, a decrease of 3.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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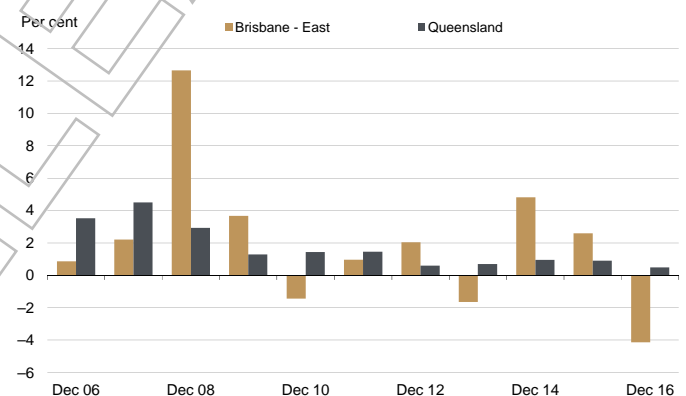
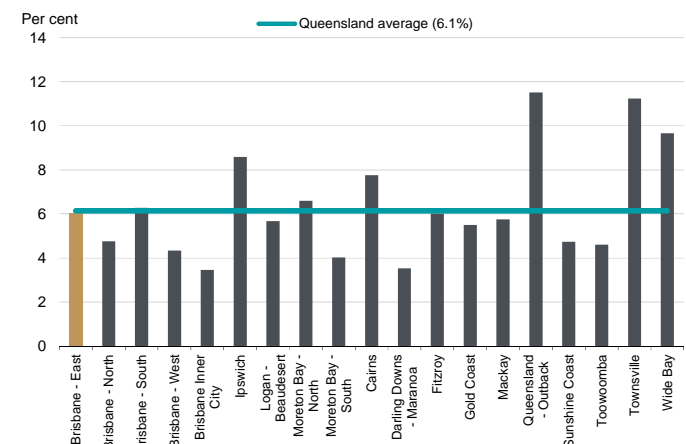


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Dec 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 January 2017, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane Inner City SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	152,700	158,100	158,400	5,800	3.8
Total unemployed	7,500	5,500	5,700	-1,800	-24.4
Total labour force	160,200	163,600	164,100	3,900	2.5
Not in the labour force	54,400	53,100	52,900	-1,500	-2.8
Total persons 15+	214,600	216,800	217,000	2,400	1.1
Participation rate (%)	74.6	75.5	75.6	..	1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	3.4	3.5	..	-1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.8%
 Unemployment rate 3.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 75.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in December 2016 was 158,400 persons, an increase of 5,800 employed persons, or 3.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in December 2016 was 3.5 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in December 2016 was 75.6 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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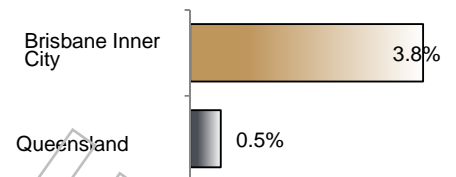
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

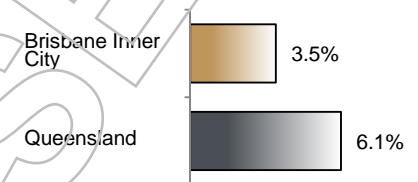


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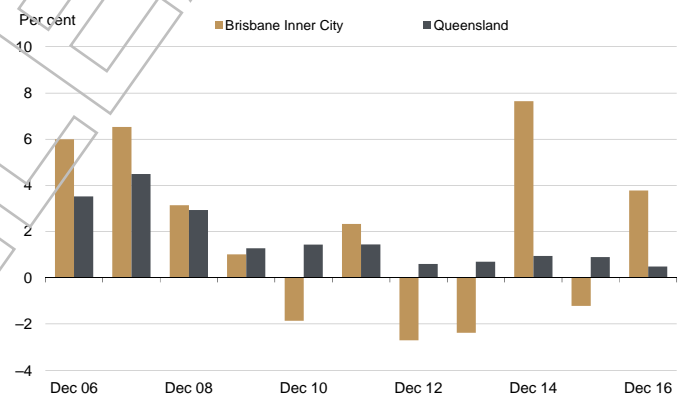
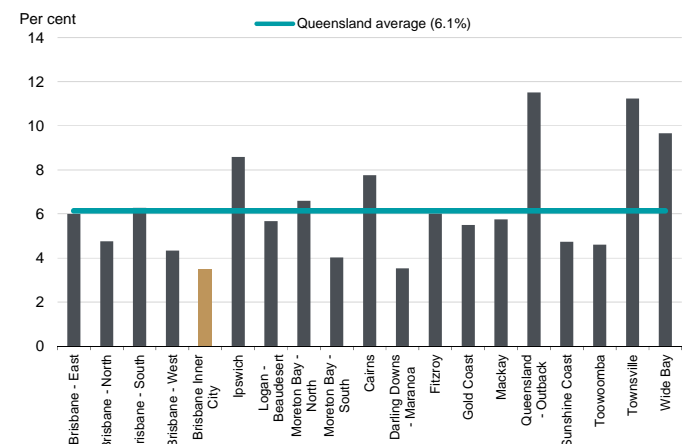


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Labour force – Brisbane - North SA4, Dec 16

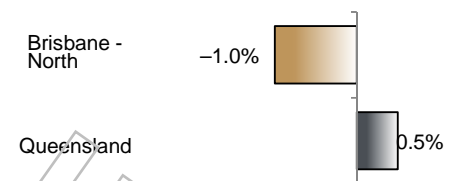
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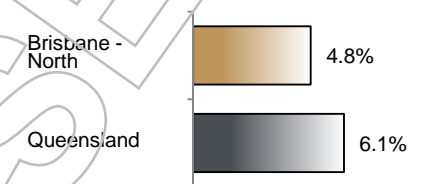
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	114,900	113,100	113,700	-1,200	-1.0
Total unemployed	6,700	5,900	5,700	-1,000	-14.9
Total labour force	121,600	119,000	119,400	-2,200	-1.8
Not in the labour force	51,100	55,700	55,400	4,400	8.5
Total persons 15+	172,600	174,600	174,800	2,200	1.3
Participation rate (%)	70.4	68.1	68.3	..	-2.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	4.9	4.8	..	-0.7 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 1.0%
 Unemployment rate 4.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.7 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - North SA4 in December 2016 was 113,700 persons, a decrease of 1,200 employed persons, or 1.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in December 2016 was 4.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in December 2016 was 68.3 per cent, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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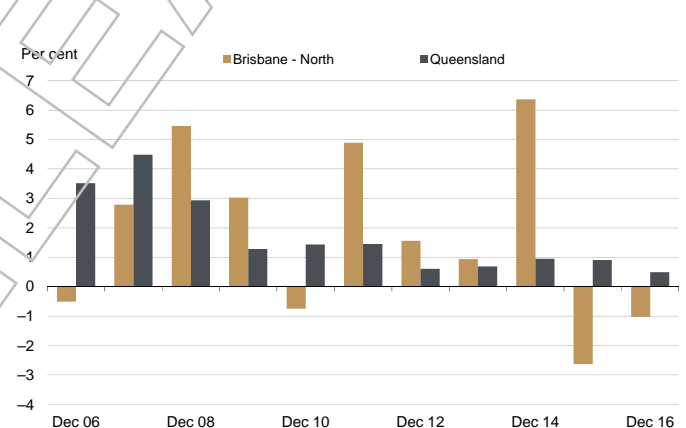
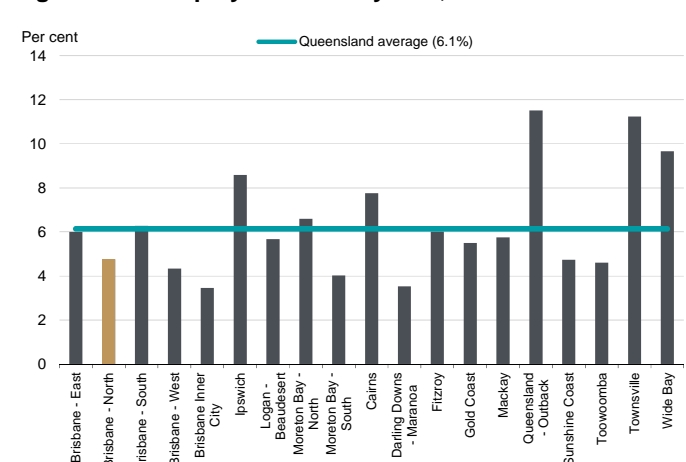


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Dec 16

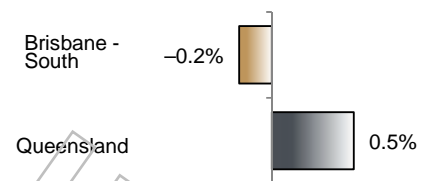
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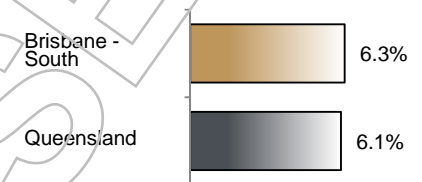
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	196,200	197,000	195,800	-400	-0.2
Total unemployed	10,100	12,700	13,100	3,000	29.8
Total labour force	206,300	209,700	208,900	2,600	1.3
Not in the labour force	82,300	82,500	83,600	1,300	1.6
Total persons 15+	288,700	292,200	292,600	3,900	1.4
Participation rate (%)	71.5	71.8	71.4	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	6.1	6.3	..	1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 0.2%
 Unemployment rate 6.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate 71.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - South SA4 in December 2016 was 195,800 persons, a decrease of 400 employed persons, or 0.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in December 2016 was 6.3 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in December 2016 was 71.4 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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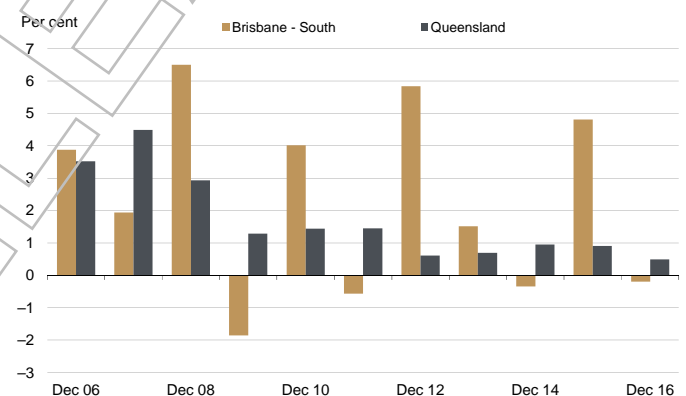
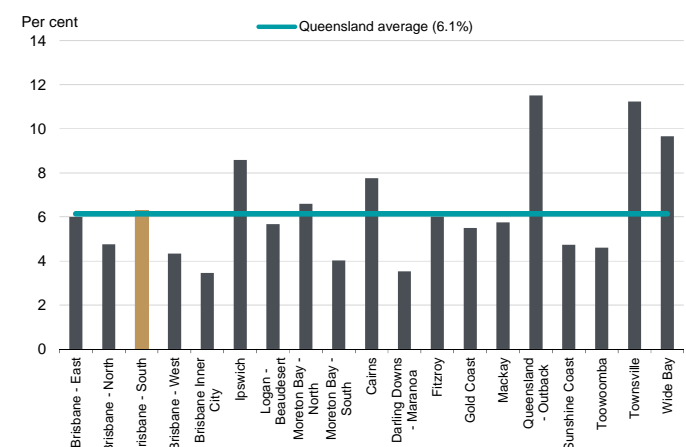


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Dec 16

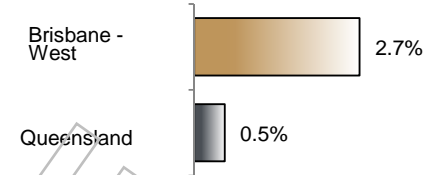
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - West SA4

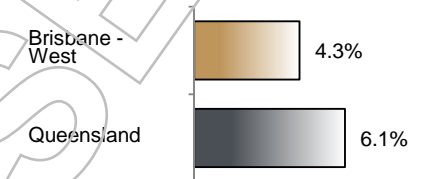
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	93,600	96,400	96,100	2,500	2.7
Total unemployed	5,800	4,400	4,400	-1,500	-25.0
Total labour force	99,400	100,800	100,400	1,100	1.1
Not in the labour force	49,700	49,100	49,600	-100	-0.2
Total persons 15+	149,000	149,900	150,000	1,000	0.7
Participation rate (%)	66.7	67.3	67.0	..	0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.8	4.4	4.3	..	-1.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.7%
 Unemployment rate 4.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 67.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in December 2016 was 96,100 persons, an increase of 2,500 employed persons, or 2.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in December 2016 was 4.3 per cent, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in December 2016 was 67.0 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - West SA4

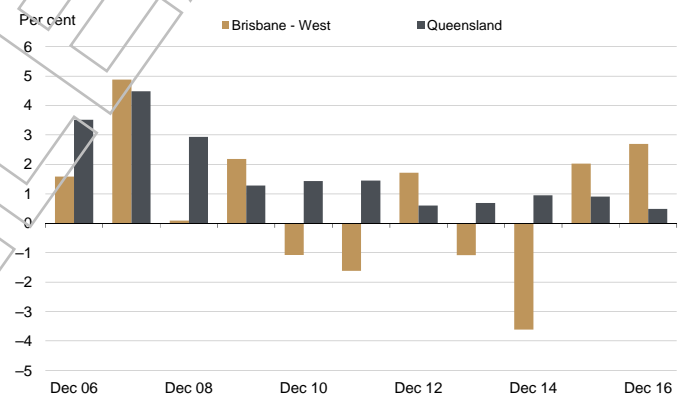
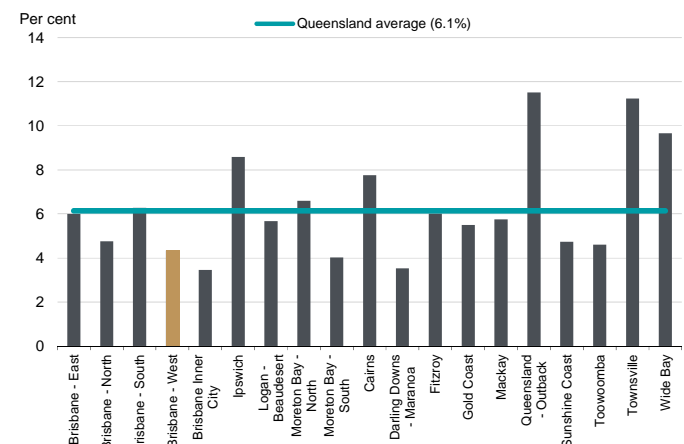


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Cairns SA4, Dec 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 January 2017, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,800	109,600	109,900	2,100	1.9
Total unemployed	9,400	9,500	9,200	-100	-1.4
Total labour force	117,200	119,100	119,100	1,900	1.6
Not in the labour force	77,600	78,100	78,300	700	0.9
Total persons 15+	194,800	197,200	197,400	2,600	1.3
Participation rate (%)	60.2	60.4	60.4	..	0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	8.0	7.8	..	-0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.9%
 Unemployment rate 7.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in December 2016 was 109,900 persons, an increase of 2,100 employed persons, or 1.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in December 2016 was 7.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in December 2016 was 60.4 per cent, an increase of 0.2 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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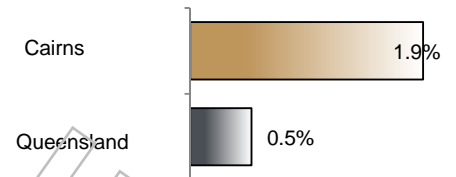
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

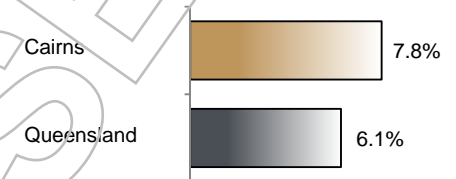


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Cairns SA4

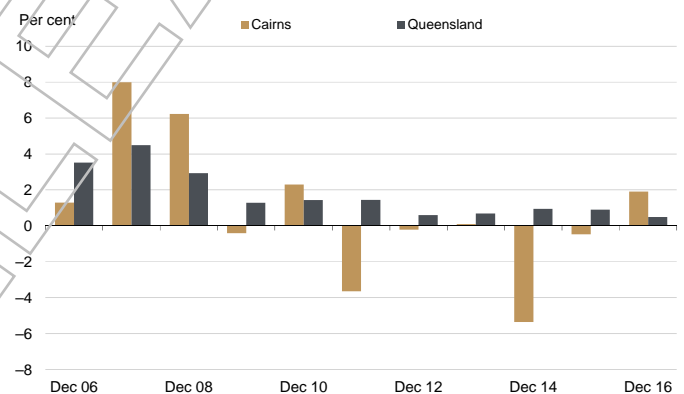
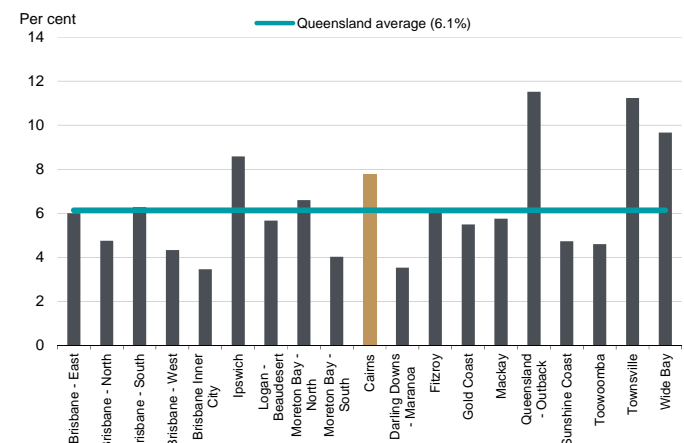


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Dec 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 January 2017, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	62,400	65,100	64,700	2,300	3.7
Total unemployed	2,400	2,300	2,400	-100	-2.7
Total labour force	64,900	67,300	67,100	2,300	3.5
Not in the labour force	36,500	34,800	35,100	-1,400	-3.9
Total persons 15+	101,400	102,200	102,200	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.0	65.9	65.6	..	1.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	3.4	3.5	..	-0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.7%
 Unemployment rate 3.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate 65.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2016 was 64,700 persons, an increase of 2,300 employed persons, or 3.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2016 was 3.5 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in December 2016 was 65.6 per cent, an increase of 1.7 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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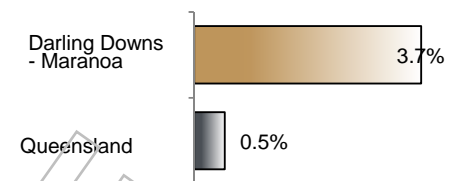
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

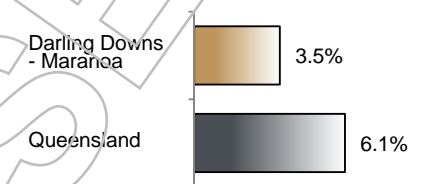


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

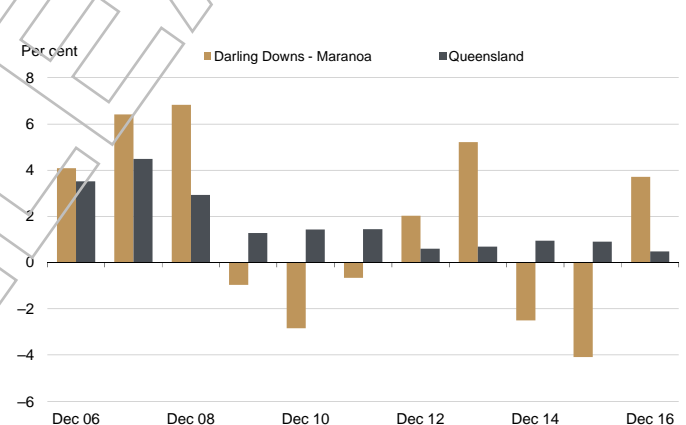
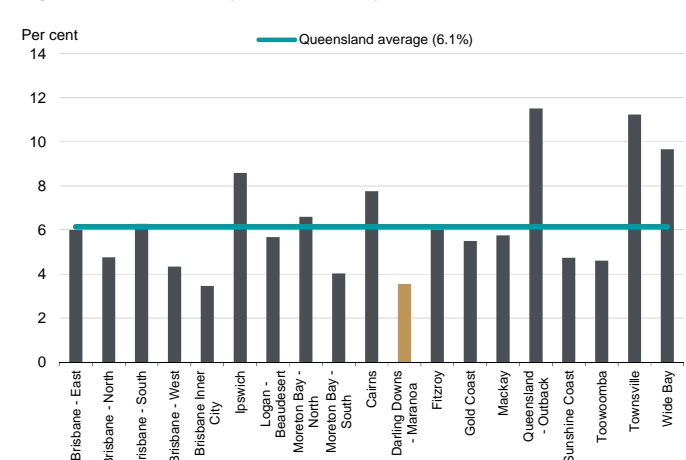


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Fitzroy SA4, Dec 16

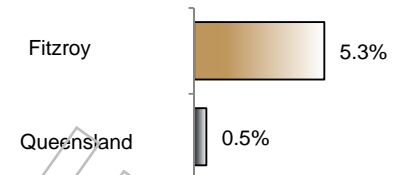
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Table 1 Labour force status, Fitzroy SA4

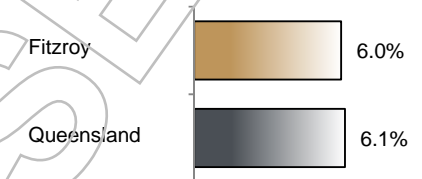
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	113,100	119,500	119,100	6,000	5.3
Total unemployed	9,000	7,500	7,600	-1,400	-15.4
Total labour force	122,100	127,100	126,700	4,600	3.8
Not in the labour force	56,900	53,800	54,300	-2,600	-4.6
Total persons 15+	179,000	180,800	181,000	2,000	1.1
Participation rate (%)	68.2	70.3	70.0	..	1.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.4	5.9	6.0	..	-1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.3%
 Unemployment rate 6.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Fitzroy SA4 in December 2016 was 119,100 persons, an increase of 6,000 employed persons, or 5.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Fitzroy SA4 in December 2016 was 6.0 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Fitzroy SA4 in December 2016 was 70.0 per cent, an increase of 1.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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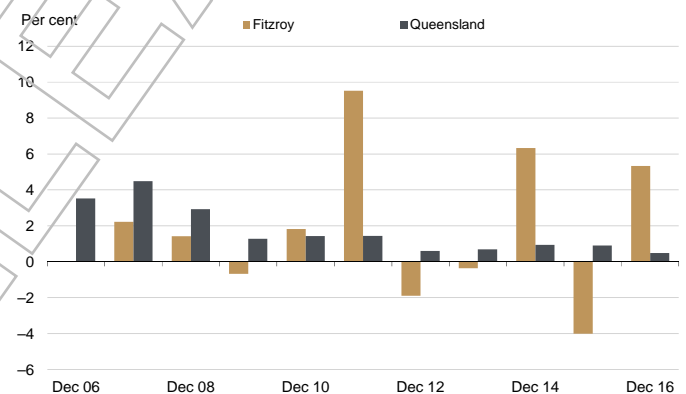
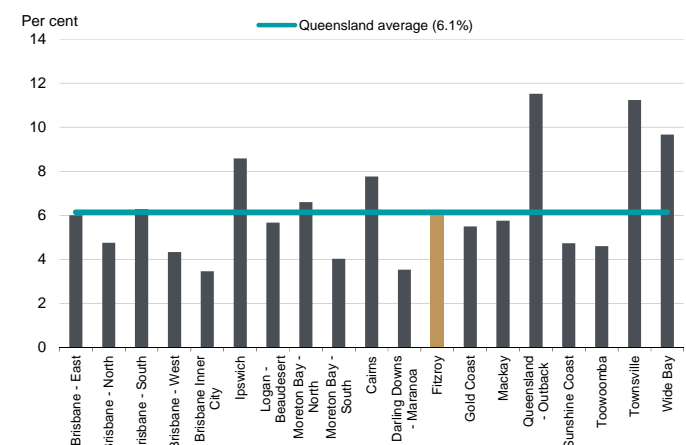


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Dec 16

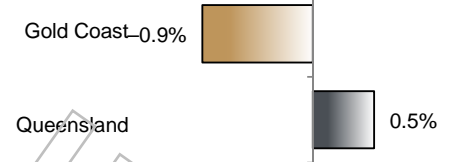
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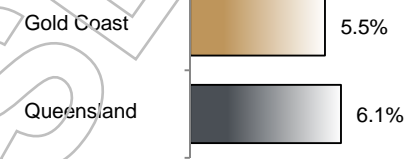
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	305,400	303,900	302,800	-2,600	-0.9
Total unemployed	17,000	18,100	17,600	600	3.4
Total labour force	322,400	322,100	320,400	-2,000	-0.6
Not in the labour force	145,400	152,800	155,200	9,800	6.8
Total persons 15+	467,800	474,900	475,600	7,800	1.7
Participation rate (%)	68.9	67.8	67.4	..	-1.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	5.6	5.5	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 0.9%
 Unemployment rate 5.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate 67.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2016 was 302,800 persons, a decrease of 2,600 employed persons, or 0.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2016 was 5.5 per cent, an increase of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in December 2016 was 67.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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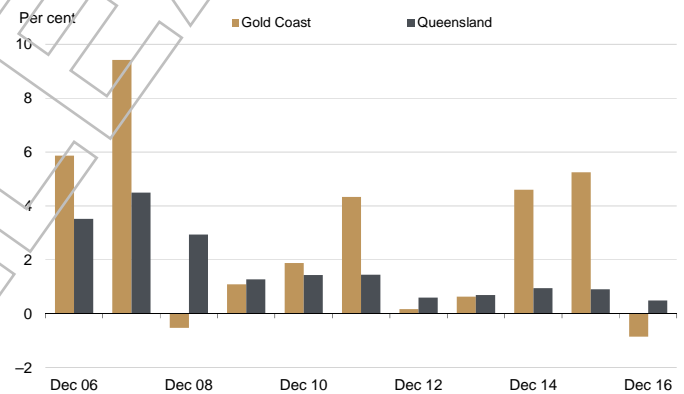
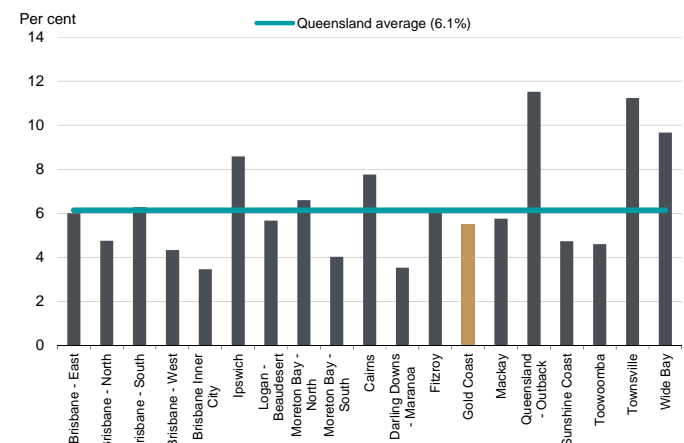


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Ipswich SA4, Dec 16

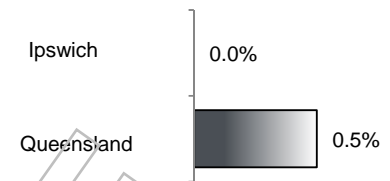
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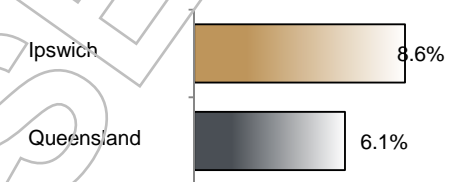
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	148,900	148,200	148,900	-100	-0.0
Total unemployed	10,700	13,400	14,000	3,300	30.3
Total labour force	159,700	161,700	162,800	3,200	2.0
Not in the labour force	86,000	88,800	88,000	2,000	2.3
Total persons 15+	245,700	250,400	250,900	5,200	2.1
Participation rate (%)	65.0	64.5	64.9	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	8.3	8.6	..	1.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... → 0.0%
 Unemployment rate 8.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.9 ppt
 Participation rate 64.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in December 2016 was 148,900 persons, a decrease of 100 employed persons, or 0.0% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in December 2016 was 8.6 per cent, an increase of 1.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in December 2016 was 64.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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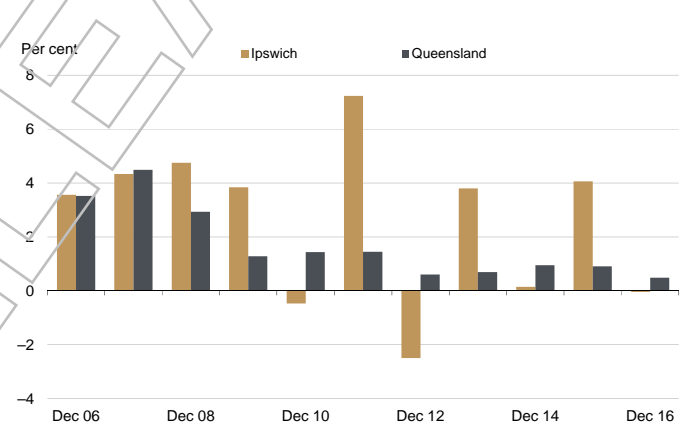
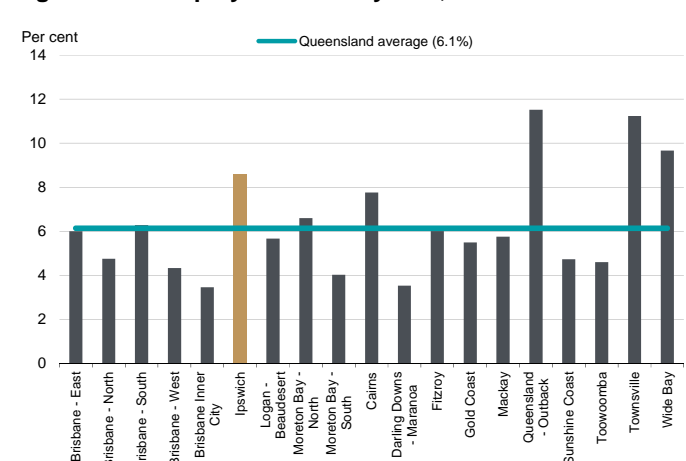


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Logan - Beaudesert SA4, Dec 16

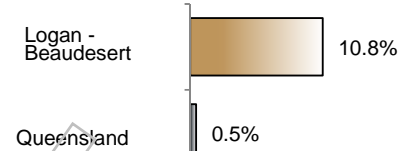
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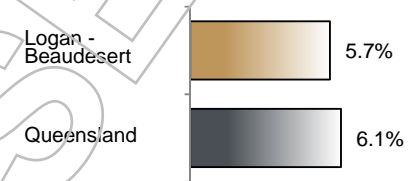
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	123,700	135,800	137,000	13,300	10.8
Total unemployed	10,900	8,200	8,200	-2,700	-24.5
Total labour force	134,600	144,000	145,200	10,600	7.9
Not in the labour force	113,100	107,000	106,000	-7,100	-6.3
Total persons 15+	247,700	251,000	251,300	3,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	54.3	57.4	57.8	..	3.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.1	5.7	5.7	..	-2.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 10.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 57.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in December 2016 was 137,000 persons, an increase of 13,300 employed persons, or 10.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in December 2016 was 5.7 per cent, a decrease of 2.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in December 2016 was 57.8 per cent, an increase of 3.5 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

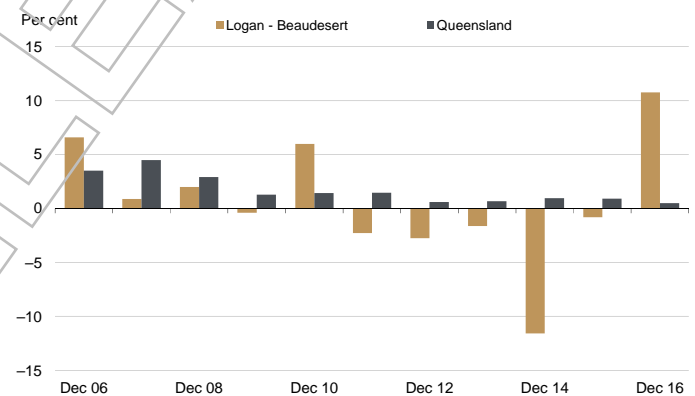
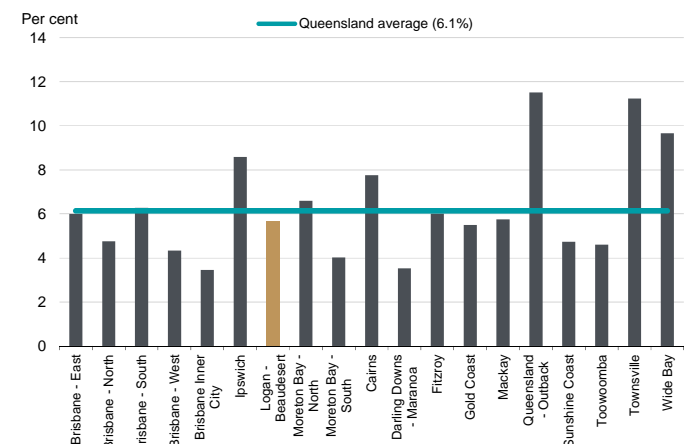


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Mackay SA4, Dec 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 January 2017, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Mackay SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	92,800	96,800	96,800	4,100	4.4
Total unemployed	8,000	6,000	5,900	-2,100	-26.3
Total labour force	100,800	102,900	102,800	2,000	1.9
Not in the labour force	43,800	43,600	43,800	0	0.1
Total persons 15+	144,600	146,400	146,600	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.7	70.3	70.1	..	0.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	5.9	5.8	..	-2.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.4%
 Unemployment rate 5.8%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Mackay SA4 in December 2016 was 96,800 persons, an increase of 4,100 employed persons, or 4.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in December 2016 was 5.8 per cent, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in December 2016 was 70.1 per cent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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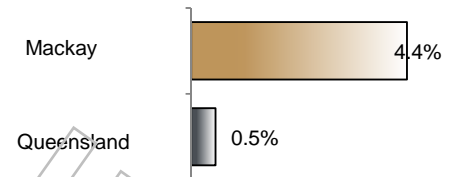
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

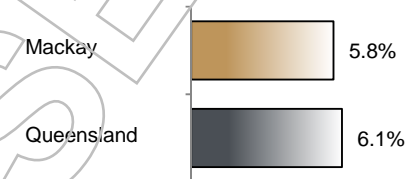


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Mackay SA4

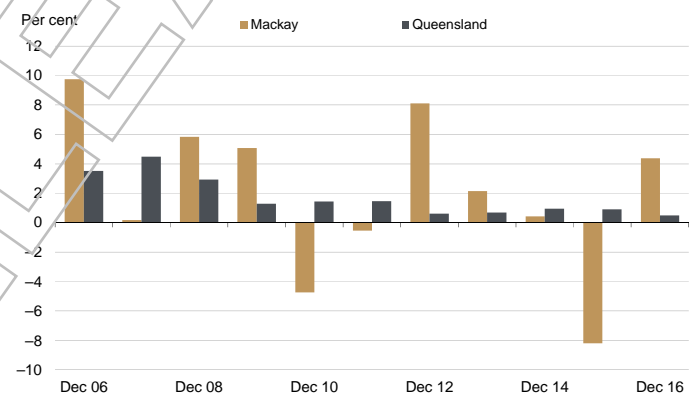
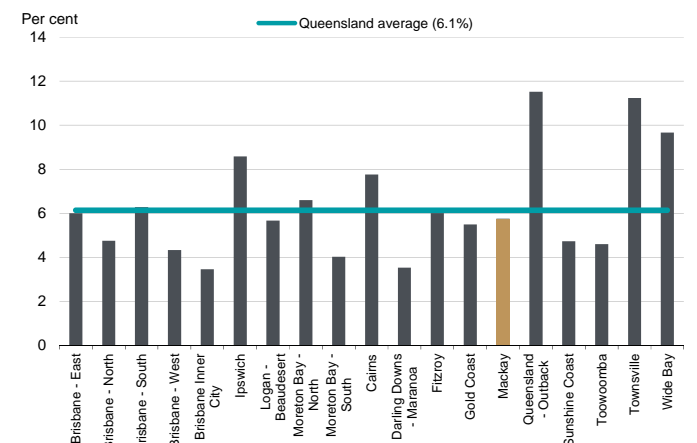


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, Dec 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 January 2017, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - North SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	110,900	111,400	111,000	100	0.1
Total unemployed	8,300	8,300	7,800	-500	-6.0
Total labour force	119,200	119,600	118,800	-400	-0.3
Not in the labour force	74,400	77,500	78,600	4,300	5.7
Total persons 15+	193,600	197,100	197,500	3,900	2.0
Participation rate (%)	61.6	60.7	60.2	..	-1.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	6.9	6.6	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.2%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in December 2016 was 111,000 persons, an increase of 100 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in December 2016 was 6.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in December 2016 was 60.2 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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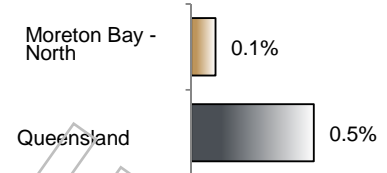
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

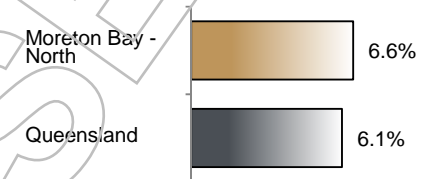


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Moreton Bay - North SA4

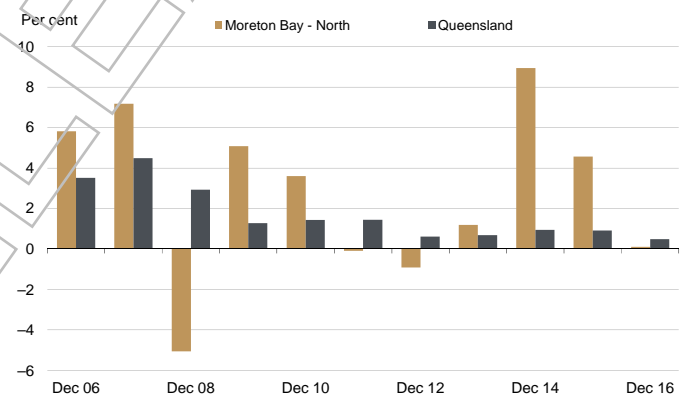
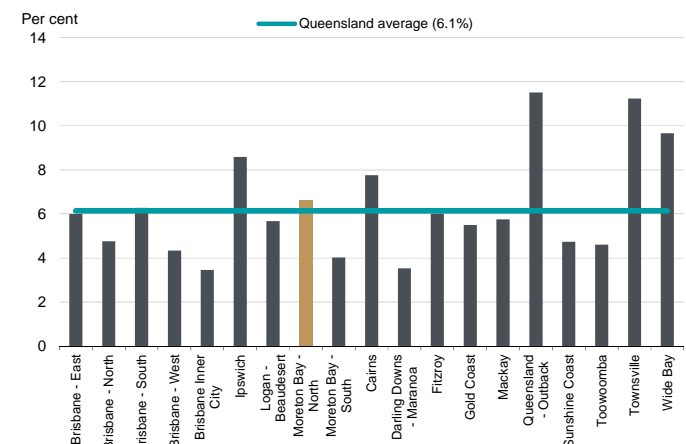


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Moreton Bay - South SA4, Dec 16

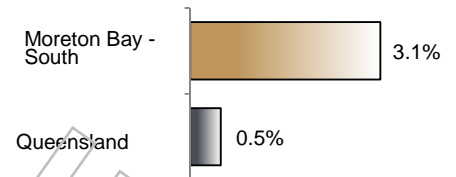
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Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - South SA4

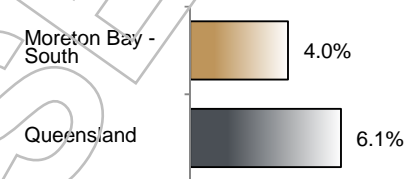
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	99,700	102,700	102,800	3,100	3.1
Total unemployed	4,800	4,400	4,300	-500	-10.0
Total labour force	104,500	107,100	107,100	2,600	2.5
Not in the labour force	43,100	43,700	44,100	1,000	2.3
Total persons 15+	147,600	150,800	151,200	3,600	2.4
Participation rate (%)	70.8	71.0	70.8	..	0.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.6	4.1	4.0	..	-0.6 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.1%
 Unemployment rate 4.0%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.6 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in December 2016 was 102,800 persons, an increase of 3,100 employed persons, or 3.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in December 2016 was 4.0 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in December 2016 was 70.8 per cent, unchanged over the year (Table 1).

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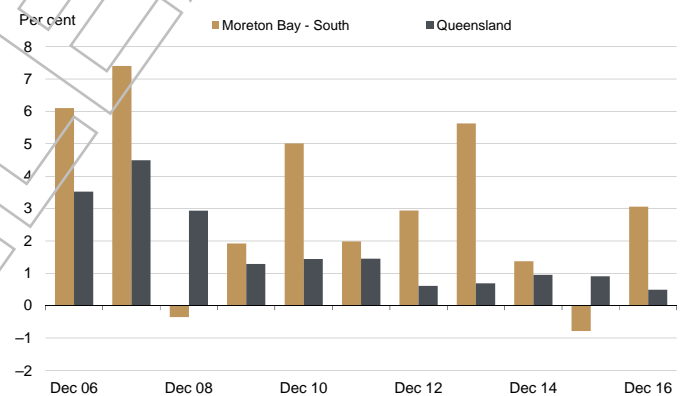
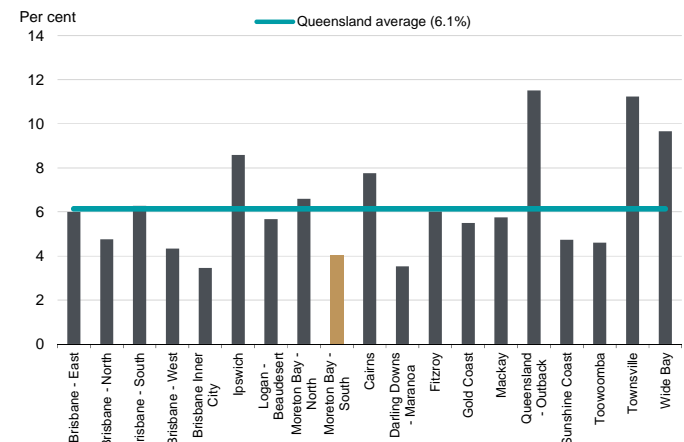


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Dec 16

Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001, released 24 January 2017, 10:30 am (AEST)

Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	45,100	36,800	36,800	-8,300	-18.4
Total unemployed	3,600	4,900	4,800	1,200	34.2
Total labour force	48,700	41,700	41,600	-7,100	-14.5
Not in the labour force	20,100	27,600	27,700	7,700	38.4
Total persons 15+	68,700	69,300	69,300	600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	70.8	60.1	60.0	..	-10.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.3	11.7	11.5	..	4.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 18.4%
 Unemployment rate 11.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 4.2 ppt
 Participation rate 60.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2016 was 36,800 persons, a decrease of 8,300 employed persons, or 18.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2016 was 11.5 per cent, an increase of 4.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in December 2016 was 60.0 per cent, a decrease of 10.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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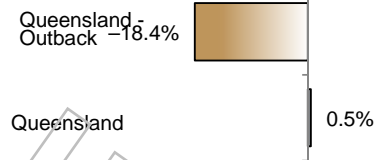
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

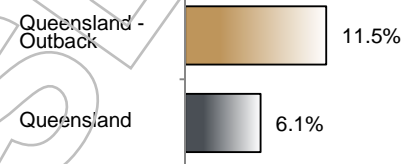


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland - Outback SA4

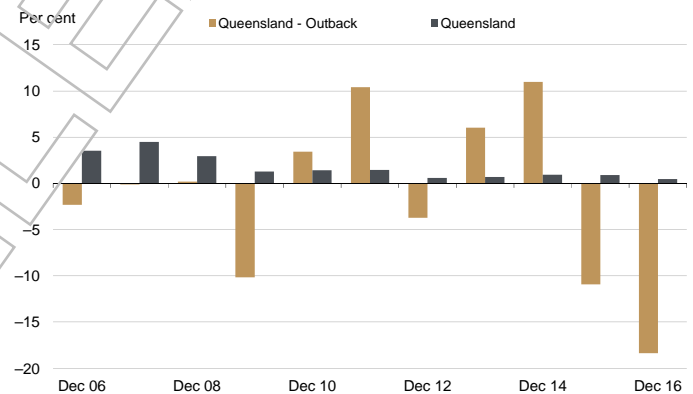
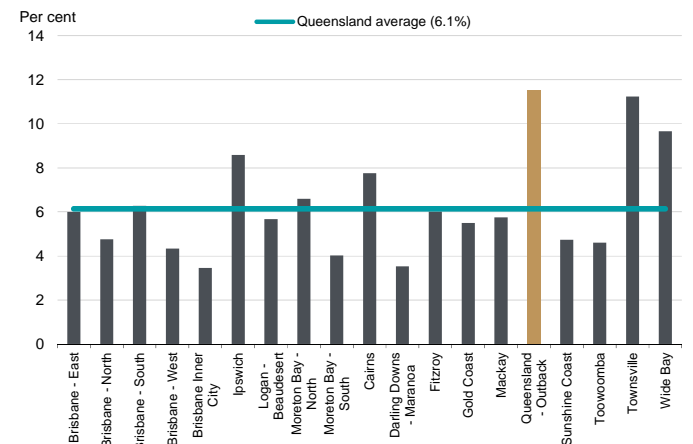


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Dec 16

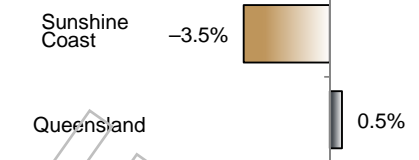
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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

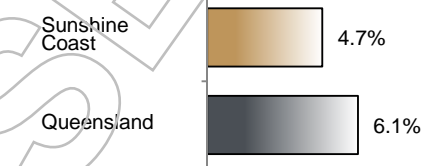
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	166,400	161,800	160,500	-5,900	-3.5
Total unemployed	10,900	8,000	8,000	-2,900	-26.5
Total labour force	177,200	169,800	168,500	-8,800	-4.9
Not in the labour force	100,400	111,600	113,300	12,900	12.8
Total persons 15+	277,600	281,400	281,700	4,100	1.5
Participation rate (%)	63.8	60.3	59.8	..	-4.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	4.7	4.7	..	-1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 3.5%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate 59.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Sunshine Coast SA4 in December 2016 was 160,500 persons, a decrease of 5,900 employed persons, or 3.5% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in December 2016 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in December 2016 was 59.8 per cent, a decrease of 4.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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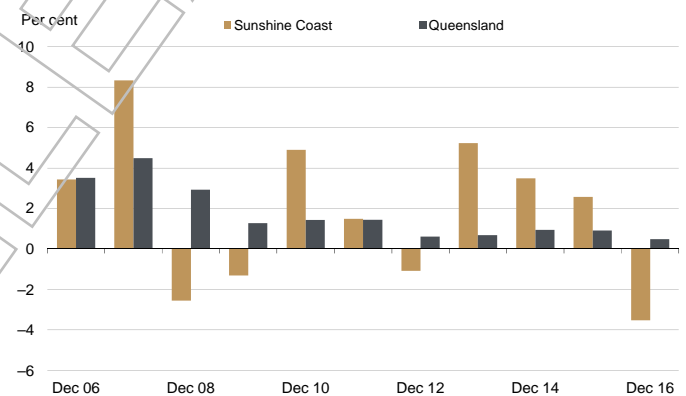
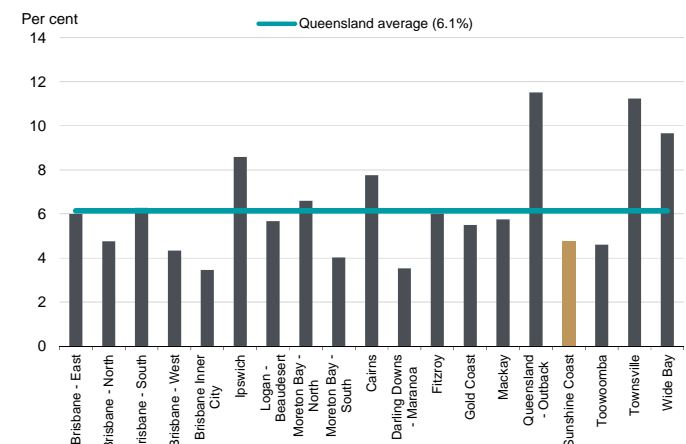


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Dec 16

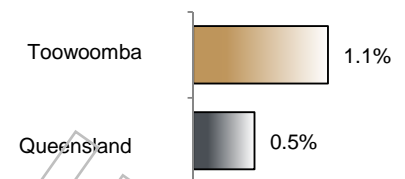
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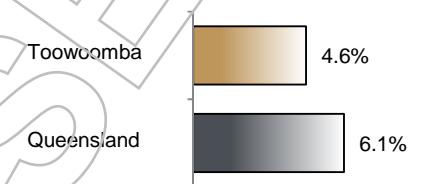
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	69,400	69,400	70,200	800	1.1
Total unemployed	3,700	3,400	3,400	-300	-9.0
Total labour force	73,200	72,800	73,600	500	0.6
Not in the labour force	44,800	46,000	45,300	500	1.2
Total persons 15+	117,900	118,800	118,900	1,000	0.8
Participation rate (%)	62.0	61.3	61.9	..	-0.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	4.7	4.6	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.1%
 Unemployment rate 4.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 61.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in December 2016 was 70,200 persons, an increase of 800 employed persons, or 1.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in December 2016 was 4.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in December 2016 was 61.9 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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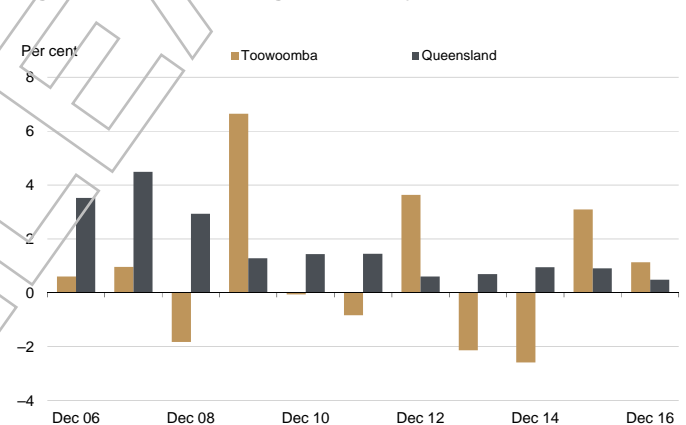
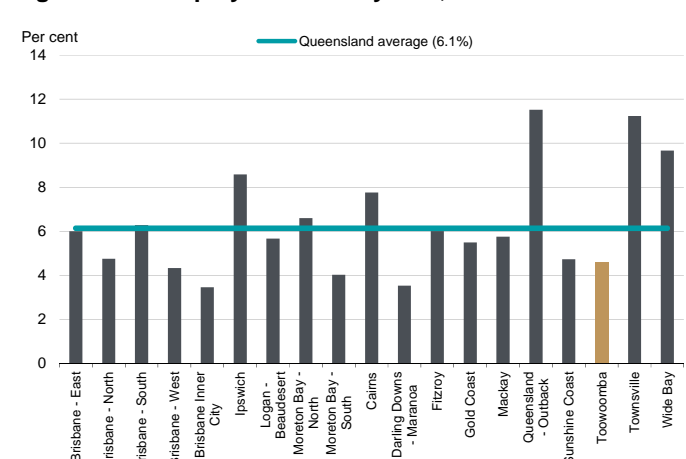


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Townsville SA4, Dec 16

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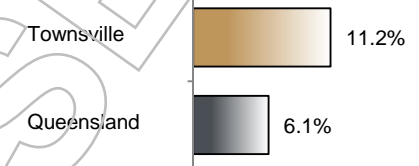
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,700	97,900	97,600	-10,100	-9.4
Total unemployed	9,300	12,100	12,400	3,000	32.5
Total labour force	117,000	110,000	110,000	-7,100	-6.0
Not in the labour force	67,300	76,600	76,900	9,500	14.2
Total persons 15+	184,300	186,600	186,800	2,500	1.3
Participation rate (%)	63.5	59.0	58.9	..	-4.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	11.0	11.2	..	3.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 9.4%
 Unemployment rate 11.2%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 3.3 ppt
 Participation rate 58.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in December 2016 was 97,600 persons, a decrease of 10,100 employed persons, or 9.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in December 2016 was 11.2 per cent, an increase of 3.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in December 2016 was 58.9 per cent, a decrease of 4.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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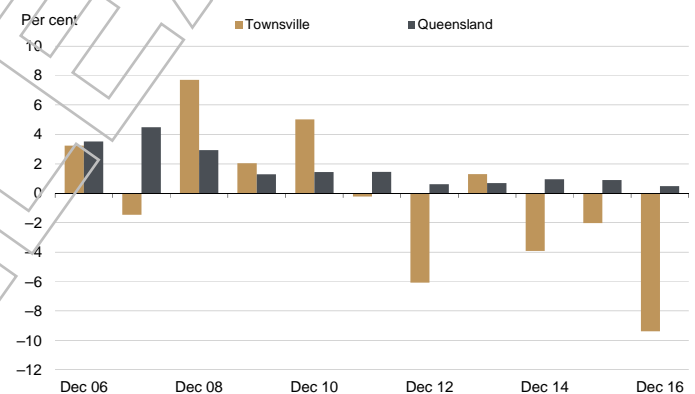
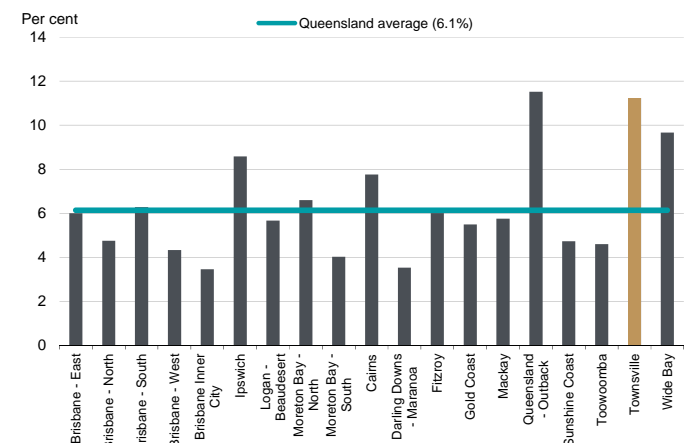


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Dec 16

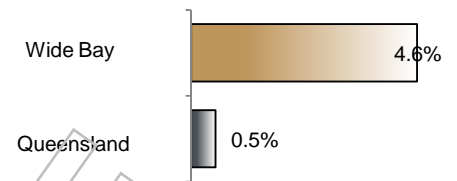
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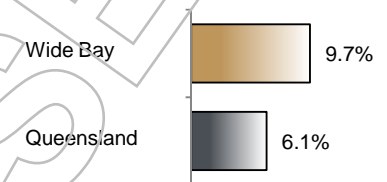
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Dec 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	108,400	113,100	113,400	5,000	4.6
Total unemployed	12,300	11,900	12,100	-100	-1.2
Total labour force	120,600	125,000	125,500	4,900	4.0
Not in the labour force	118,100	116,500	116,300	-1,800	-1.5
Total persons 15+	238,700	241,500	241,800	3,100	1.3
Participation rate (%)	50.5	51.7	51.9	..	1.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	10.2	9.5	9.7	..	-0.5 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.6%
 Unemployment rate 9.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.5 ppt
 Participation rate..... 51.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in December 2016 was 113,400 persons, an increase of 5,000 employed persons, or 4.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in December 2016 was 9.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in December 2016 was 51.9 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

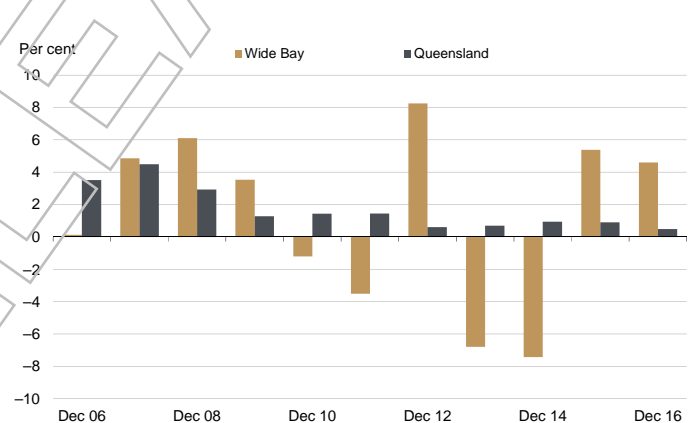
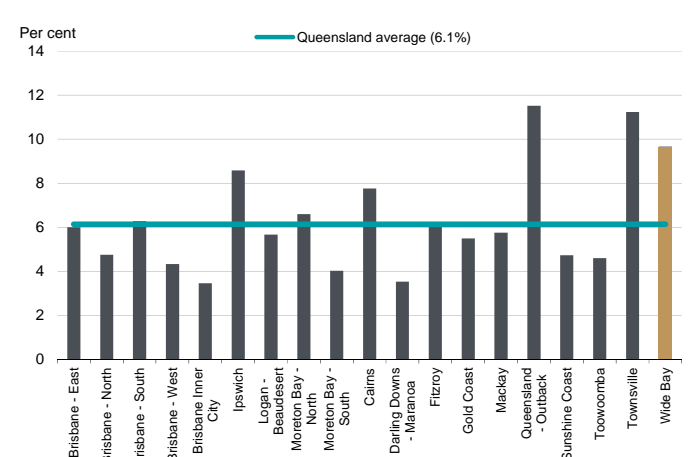


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, December 2016



Labour force – region summary, December 2016

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Dec 16

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	119,200	-5,200	-4.1	6.0	0.8	67.0	-3.2
Brisbane - North	113,700	-1,200	-1.0	4.8	-0.7	68.3	-2.1
Brisbane - South	195,800	-400	-0.2	6.3	1.4	71.4	-0.1
Brisbane - West	96,100	2,500	2.7	4.3	-1.5	67.0	0.3
Brisbane Inner City	158,400	5,800	3.8	3.5	-1.2	75.6	1.0
Ipswich	148,900	-100	-0.0	8.6	1.9	64.9	-0.1
Logan - Beaudesert	137,000	13,300	10.8	5.7	-2.4	57.8	3.5
Moreton Bay - North	111,000	100	0.1	6.6	-0.4	60.2	-1.4
Moreton Bay - South	102,800	3,100	3.1	4.0	-0.6	70.8	0.0
Cairns	109,900	2,100	1.9	7.8	-0.2	60.4	0.2
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,700	2,300	3.7	3.5	-0.2	65.6	1.7
Fitzroy	119,100	6,000	5.3	6.0	-1.4	70.0	1.8
Gold Coast	302,800	-2,600	-0.9	5.5	0.2	67.4	-1.6
Mackay	96,800	4,100	4.4	5.8	-2.2	70.1	0.4
Queensland - Outback	36,800	-8,300	-18.4	11.5	4.2	60.0	-10.8
Sunshine Coast	160,500	-5,900	-3.5	4.7	-1.4	59.8	-4.0
Toowoomba	70,200	800	1.1	4.6	-0.5	61.9	-0.1
Townsville	97,600	-10,100	-9.4	11.2	3.3	58.9	-4.6
Wide Bay	113,400	5,000	4.6	9.7	-0.5	51.9	1.4
Queensland	2,354,700	11,400	0.5	6.1	-0.1	64.7	-0.7

(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

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- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during December 2016 with a growth of 13,300 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2016 with an unemployment rate of 3.5 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to December 2016 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.4 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during December 2016 with 75.6% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 51.9%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Dec 16

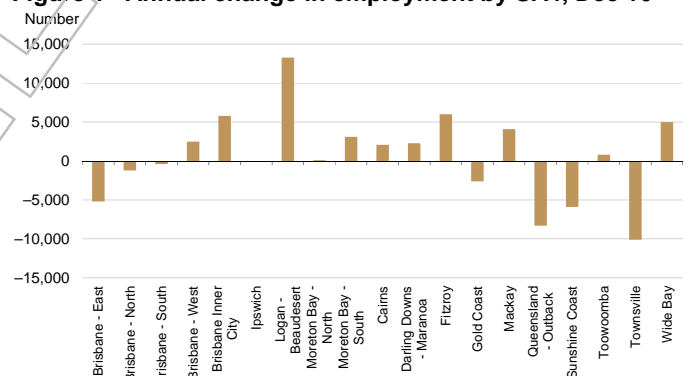
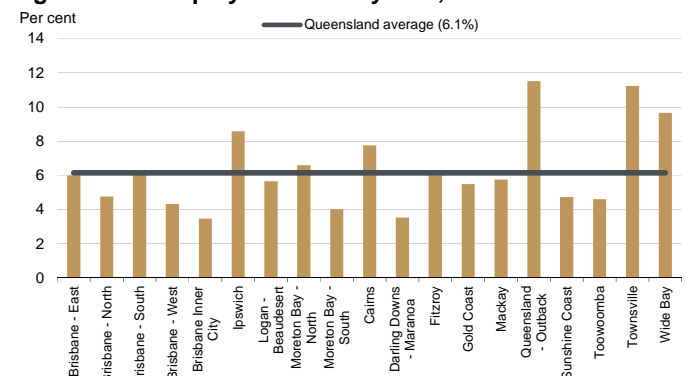


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, Dec 16



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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Dec 16

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Dec 16	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	119,200	-2,100
Brisbane - North	118,400	113,700	-4,600
Brisbane - South	187,800	195,800	8,000
Brisbane - West	91,200	96,100	4,800
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	158,400	3,600
Ipswich	143,500	148,900	5,400
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	137,000	13,500
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	111,000	3,900
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	102,800	1,800
Cairns	107,900	109,900	2,000
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	64,700	-500
Fitzroy	117,700	119,100	1,400
Gold Coast	291,100	302,800	11,700
Mackay	101,000	96,800	-4,200
Queensland - Outback	50,800	36,800	-14,000
Sunshine Coast	161,900	160,500	-1,400
Toowoomba	67,200	70,200	3,000
Townsville	110,400	97,600	-12,800
Wide Bay	102,400	113,400	10,900
Queensland	2,324,100	2,354,700	30,600

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Dec 16

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Nov 16	Dec 16	Nov 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	-5,200	4.5	5.7	6.0	0.3	1.5
Brisbane - North	-1,200	4.6	4.9	4.8	-0.2	0.2
Brisbane - South	-400	6.3	6.1	6.3	0.2	0.0
Brisbane - West	2,500	6.1	4.4	4.3	0.0	-1.8
Brisbane Inner City	5,800	3.8	3.4	3.5	0.1	-0.3
Ipswich	-100	8.6	8.3	8.6	0.3	0.0
Logan - Beaudesert	13,300	8.4	5.7	5.7	0.0	-2.7
Moreton Bay - North	100	8.9	6.9	6.6	-0.3	-2.3
Moreton Bay - South	3,100	4.9	4.1	4.0	-0.1	-0.9
Cairns	2,100	7.9	8.0	7.8	-0.2	-0.1
Darling Downs - Maranoa	2,300	3.5	3.4	3.5	0.2	0.0
Fitzroy	6,000	5.2	5.9	6.0	0.1	0.8
Gold Coast	-2,600	6.0	5.6	5.5	-0.1	-0.5
Mackay	4,100	5.6	5.9	5.8	-0.1	0.2
Queensland - Outback	-8,300	5.5	11.7	11.5	-0.2	6.0
Sunshine Coast	-5,900	7.3	4.7	4.7	0.0	-2.6
Toowoomba	800	4.3	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.3
Townsville	-10,100	8.6	11.0	11.2	0.3	2.7
Wide Bay	5,000	10.1	9.5	9.7	0.2	-0.4
Queensland	11,400	6.4	6.1	6.1	0.0	-0.3

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Labour force – Brisbane - East SA4, Jan 17

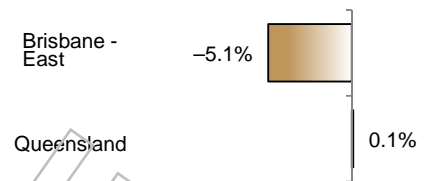
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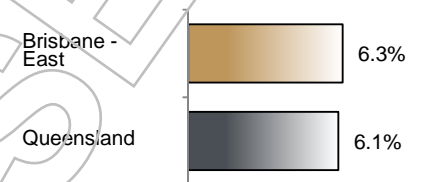
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	124,700	119,200	118,300	-6,400	-5.1
Total unemployed	6,900	7,600	7,900	1,100	15.5
Total labour force	131,500	126,800	126,200	-5,300	-4.1
Not in the labour force	55,400	62,500	63,300	7,900	14.3
Total persons 15+	187,000	189,300	189,500	2,600	1.4
Participation rate (%)	70.4	67.0	66.6	..	-3.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	6.0	6.3	..	1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 5.1%
 Unemployment rate 6.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate 66.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - East SA4 in January 2017 was 118,300 persons, a decrease of 6,400 employed persons, or 5.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in January 2017 was 6.3 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - East SA4 in January 2017 was 66.6 per cent, a decrease of 3.8 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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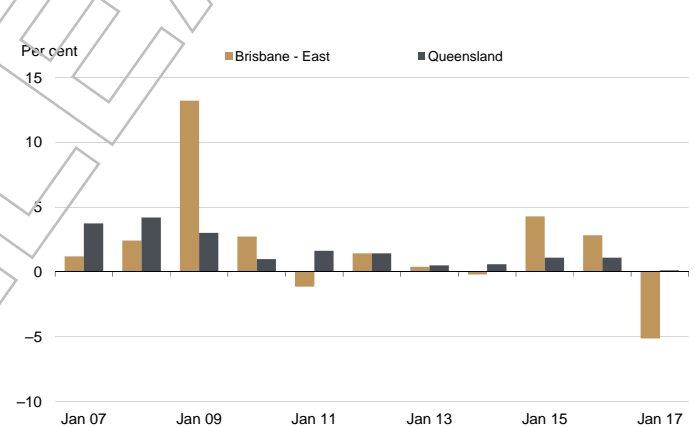
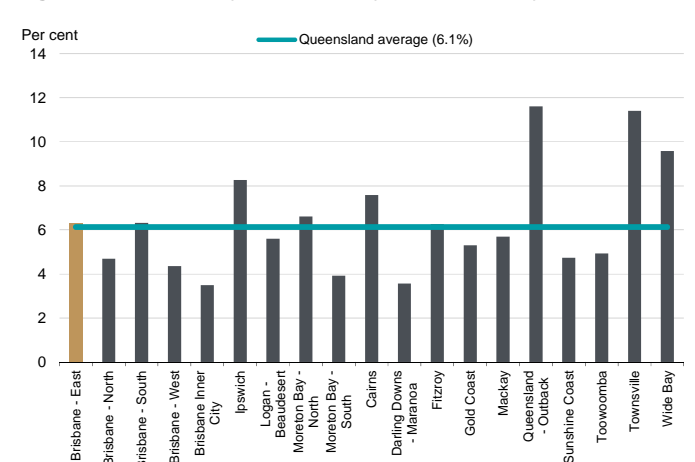


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Brisbane Inner City SA4, Jan 17

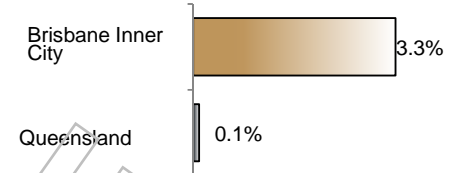
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane Inner City SA4

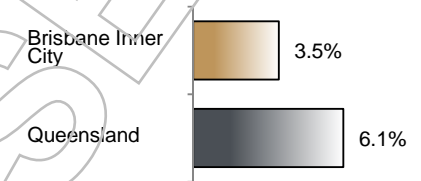
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	152,800	158,400	157,900	5,100	3.3
Total unemployed	7,400	5,700	5,700	-1,600	-22.4
Total labour force	160,200	164,100	163,600	3,500	2.2
Not in the labour force	54,600	52,900	53,600	-1,000	-1.8
Total persons 15+	214,800	217,000	217,200	2,400	1.1
Participation rate (%)	74.6	75.6	75.3	..	0.8 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.6	3.5	3.5	..	-1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.3%
 Unemployment rate 3.5%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 75.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in January 2017 was 157,900 persons, an increase of 5,100 employed persons, or 3.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in January 2017 was 3.5 per cent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane Inner City SA4 in January 2017 was 75.3 per cent, an increase of 0.8 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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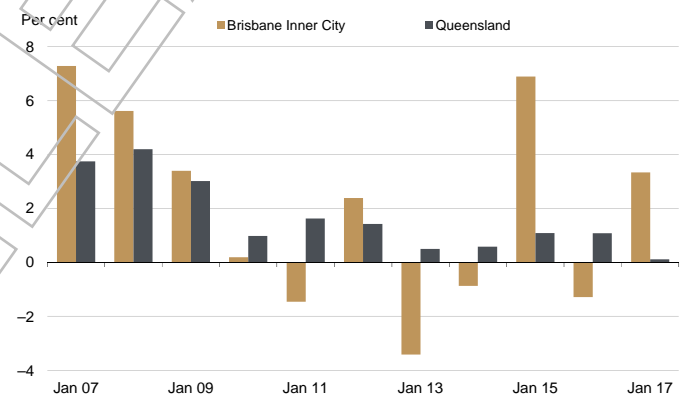
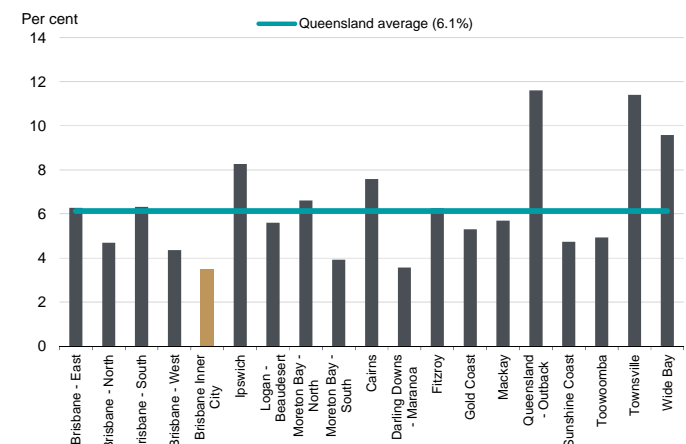


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Brisbane - North SA4, Jan 17

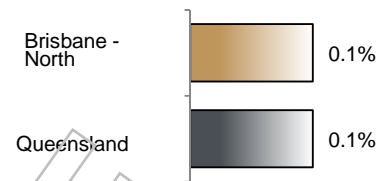
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - North SA4

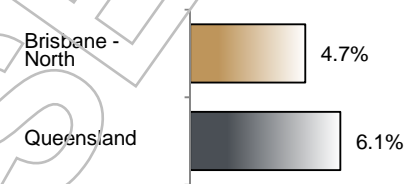
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	114,200	113,700	114,300	100	0.1
Total unemployed	6,900	5,700	5,600	-1,300	-18.7
Total labour force	121,100	119,400	119,900	-1,200	-1.0
Not in the labour force	51,700	55,400	55,100	3,400	6.6
Total persons 15+	172,800	174,800	175,000	2,200	1.3
Participation rate (%)	70.1	68.3	68.5	..	-1.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	4.8	4.7	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.1%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 68.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - North SA4 in January 2017 was 114,300 persons, an increase of 100 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in January 2017 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - North SA4 in January 2017 was 68.5 per cent, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Brisbane - North SA4

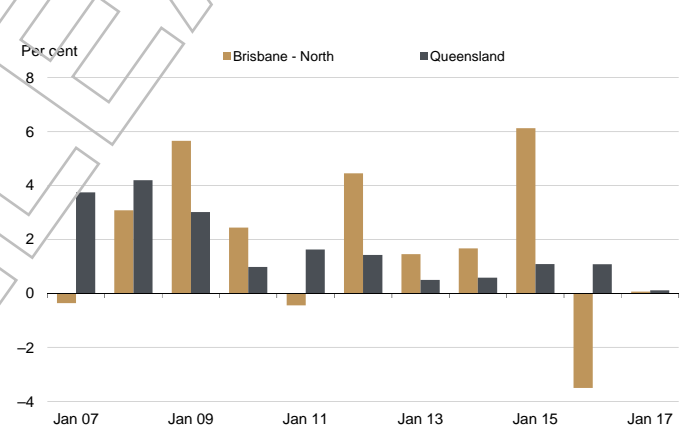
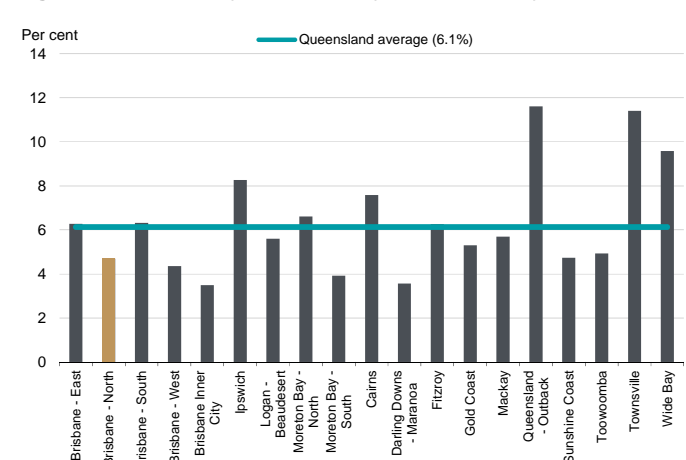


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Brisbane - South SA4, Jan 17

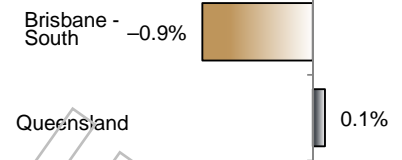
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Table 1 Labour force status, Brisbane - South SA4

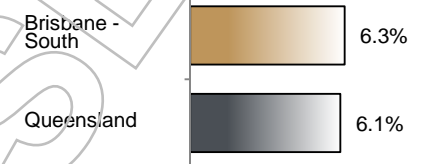
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	196,800	195,800	195,000	-1,800	-0.9
Total unemployed	10,200	13,100	13,200	2,900	28.4
Total labour force	207,100	208,900	208,200	1,100	0.5
Not in the labour force	81,900	83,600	84,700	2,900	3.5
Total persons 15+	289,000	292,600	292,900	3,900	1.4
Participation rate (%)	71.7	71.4	71.1	..	-0.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	6.3	6.3	..	1.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 0.9%
 Unemployment rate 6.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.4 ppt
 Participation rate 71.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - South SA4 in January 2017 was 195,000 persons, a decrease of 1,800 employed persons, or 0.9% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in January 2017 was 6.3 per cent, an increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - South SA4 in January 2017 was 71.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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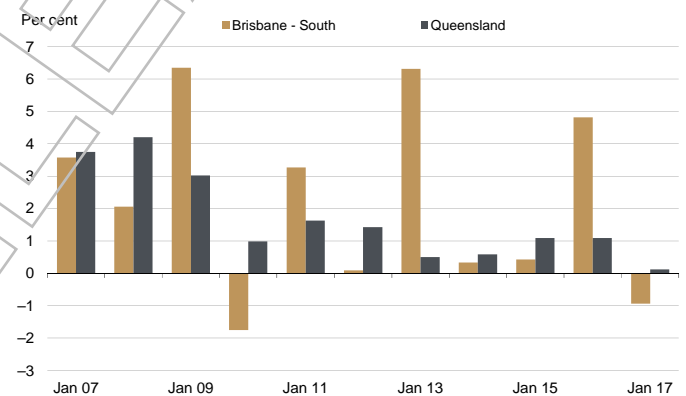
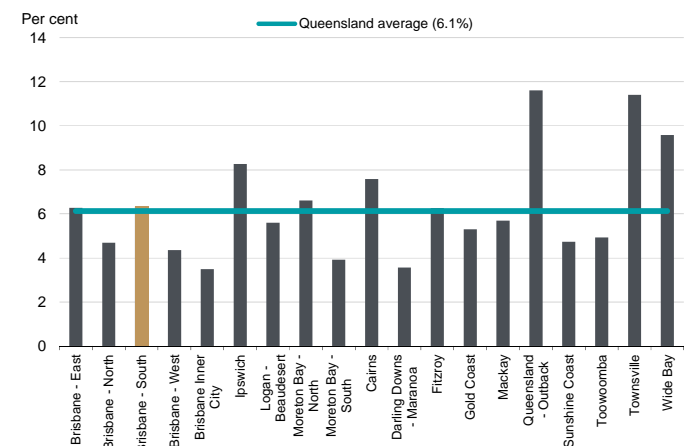


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Brisbane - West SA4, Jan 17

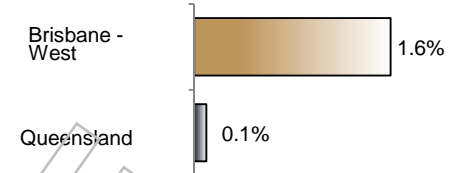
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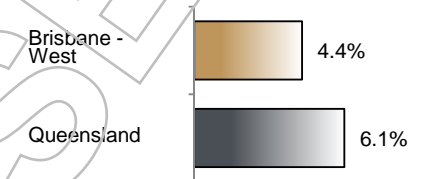
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	94,300	96,100	95,800	1,500	1.6
Total unemployed	5,700	4,400	4,400	-1,300	-22.8
Total labour force	100,000	100,400	100,200	200	0.2
Not in the labour force	49,100	49,600	49,900	800	1.6
Total persons 15+	149,100	150,000	150,100	1,000	0.7
Participation rate (%)	67.1	67.0	66.7	..	-0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	4.3	4.4	..	-1.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 1.6%
 Unemployment rate 4.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.3 ppt
 Participation rate 66.7%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Brisbane - West SA4 in January 2017 was 95,800 persons, an increase of 1,500 employed persons, or 1.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in January 2017 was 4.4 per cent, a decrease of 1.3 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Brisbane - West SA4 in January 2017 was 66.7 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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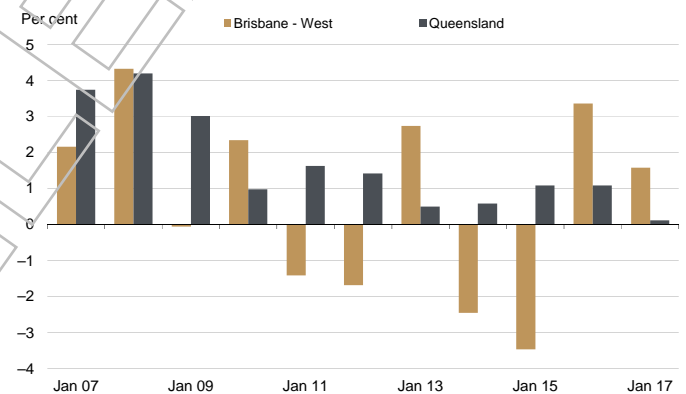
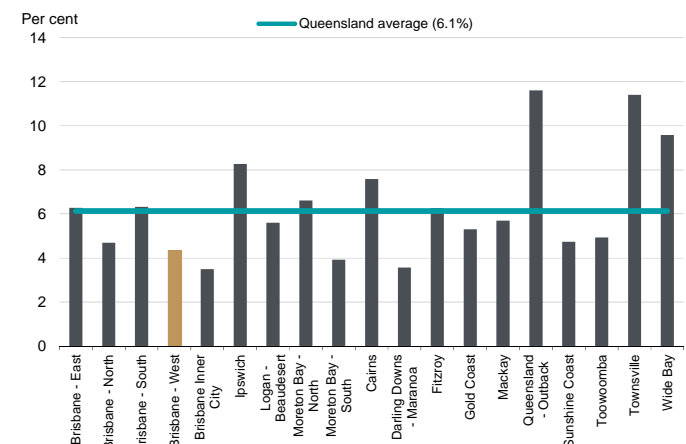


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Cairns SA4, Jan 17

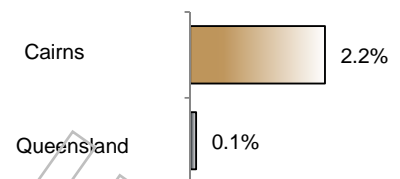
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Table 1 Labour force status, Cairns SA4

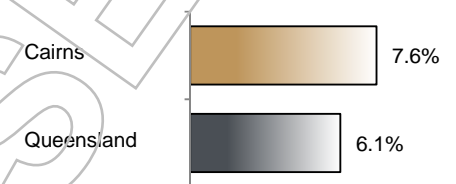
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	108,300	109,900	110,700	2,400	2.2
Total unemployed	9,400	9,200	9,100	-300	-3.2
Total labour force	117,700	119,100	119,800	2,100	1.8
Not in the labour force	77,300	78,300	77,800	500	0.7
Total persons 15+	195,000	197,400	197,600	2,600	1.4
Participation rate (%)	60.4	60.4	60.6	..	0.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	7.8	7.6	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.2%
 Unemployment rate 7.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Cairns SA4 in January 2017 was 110,700 persons, an increase of 2,400 employed persons, or 2.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Cairns SA4 in January 2017 was 7.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fifth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Cairns SA4 in January 2017 was 60.6 per cent, an increase of 0.3 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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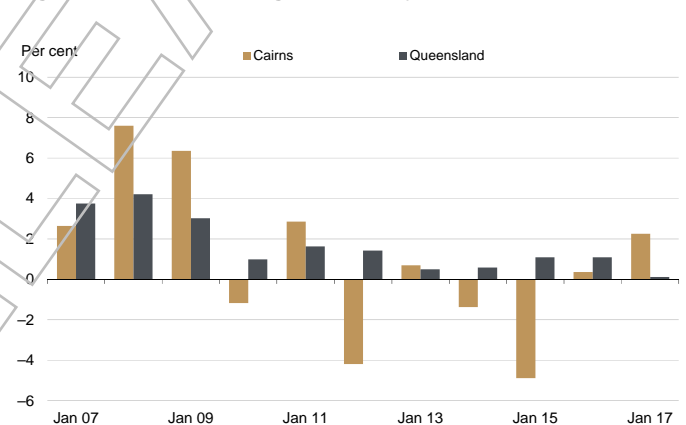
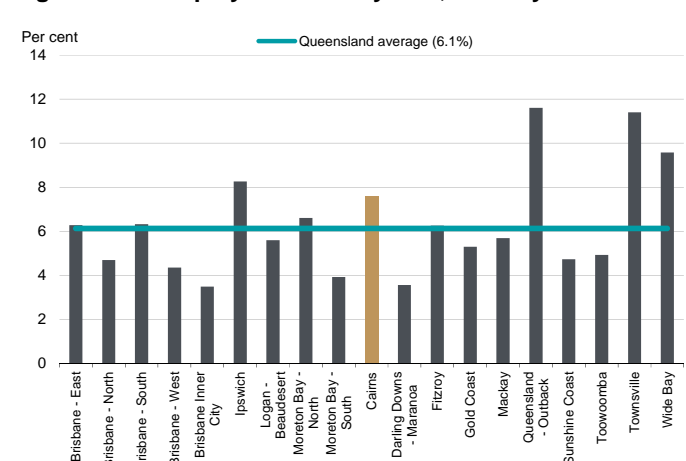


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4, Jan 17

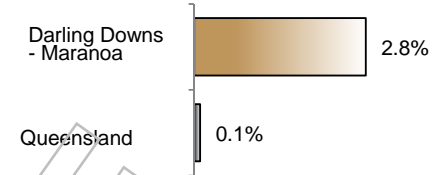
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Table 1 Labour force status, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

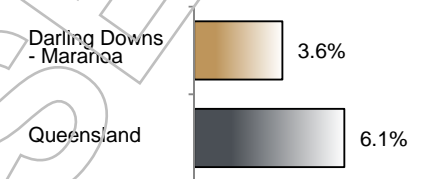
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	62,400	64,700	64,200	1,800	2.8
Total unemployed	2,600	2,400	2,400	-200	-8.0
Total labour force	65,000	67,100	66,600	1,500	2.4
Not in the labour force	36,500	35,100	35,700	-700	-2.0
Total persons 15+	101,500	102,200	102,300	800	0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.1	65.6	65.1	..	1.0 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	3.5	3.6	..	-0.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.8%
 Unemployment rate 3.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 65.1%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in January 2017 was 64,200 persons, an increase of 1,800 employed persons, or 2.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in January 2017 was 3.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4 in January 2017 was 65.1 per cent, an increase of 1.0 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Darling Downs - Maranoa SA4

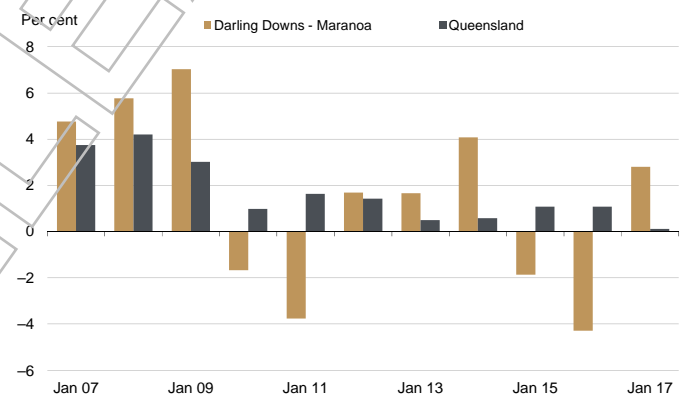
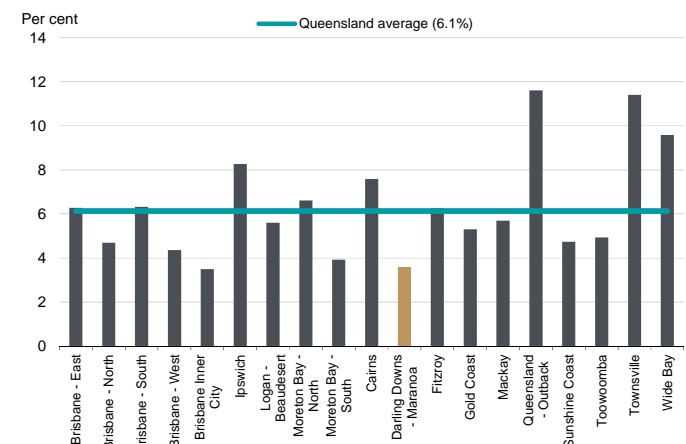


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Fitzroy SA4, Jan 17

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Table 1 Labour force status, Fitzroy SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	113,800	119,100	118,000	4,100	3.6
Total unemployed	8,900	7,600	7,900	-1,000	-11.6
Total labour force	122,700	126,700	125,800	3,100	2.5
Not in the labour force	56,400	54,300	55,400	-1,000	-1.8
Total persons 15+	179,200	181,000	181,200	2,100	1.1
Participation rate (%)	68.5	70.0	69.4	..	0.9 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.3	6.0	6.3	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 3.6%
 Unemployment rate 6.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 69.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Fitzroy SA4 in January 2017 was 118,000 persons, an increase of 4,100 employed persons, or 3.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Fitzroy SA4 in January 2017 was 6.3 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Fitzroy SA4 in January 2017 was 69.4 per cent, an increase of 0.9 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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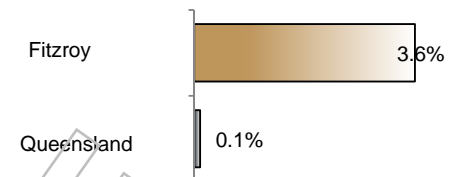
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

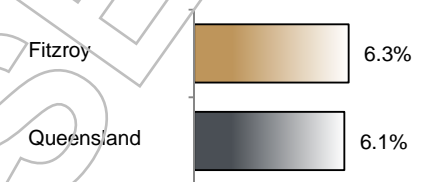


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Fitzroy SA4

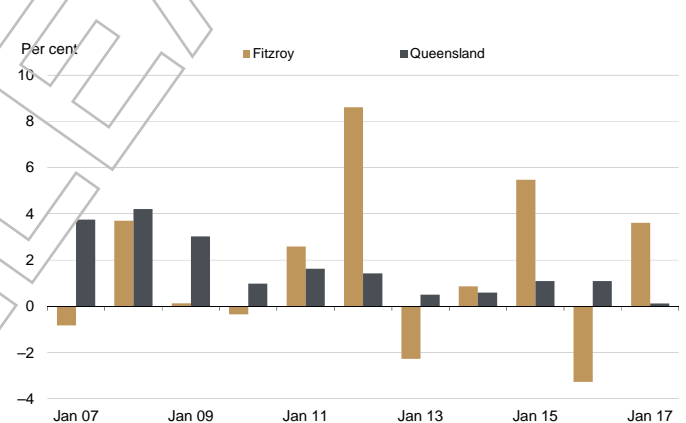
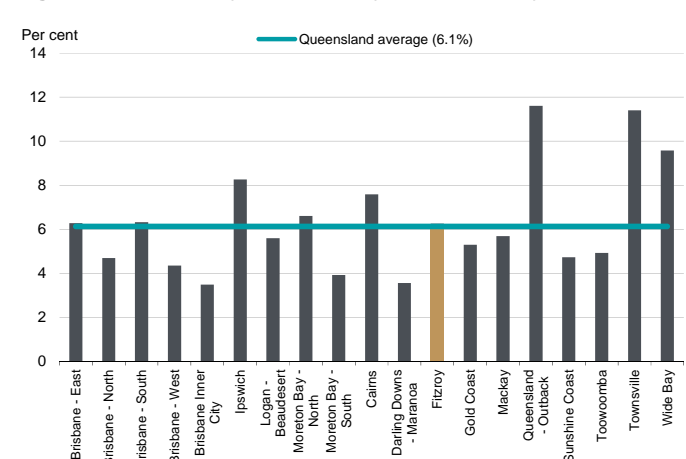


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Gold Coast SA4, Jan 17

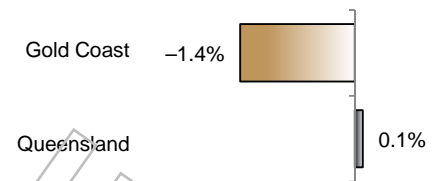
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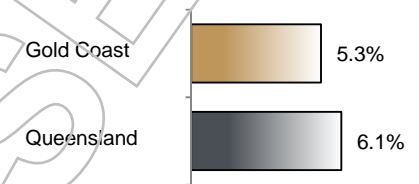
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	306,300	302,800	301,900	-4,400	-1.4
Total unemployed	17,600	17,600	16,900	-700	-3.8
Total labour force	323,800	320,400	318,800	-5,100	-1.6
Not in the labour force	144,600	155,200	157,500	12,900	9.0
Total persons 15+	468,400	475,600	476,300	7,800	1.7
Participation rate (%)	69.1	67.4	66.9	..	-2.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	5.4	5.5	5.3	..	-0.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 1.4%
 Unemployment rate 5.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 66.9%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Gold Coast SA4 in January 2017 was 301,900 persons, a decrease of 4,400 employed persons, or 1.4% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Gold Coast SA4 in January 2017 was 5.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the eighth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Gold Coast SA4 in January 2017 was 66.9 per cent, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Gold Coast SA4

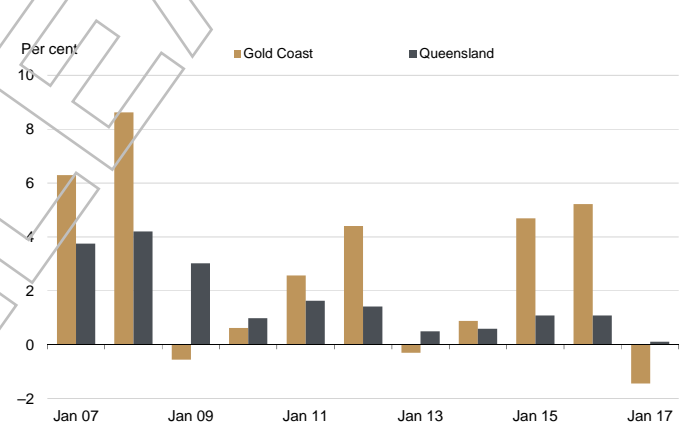
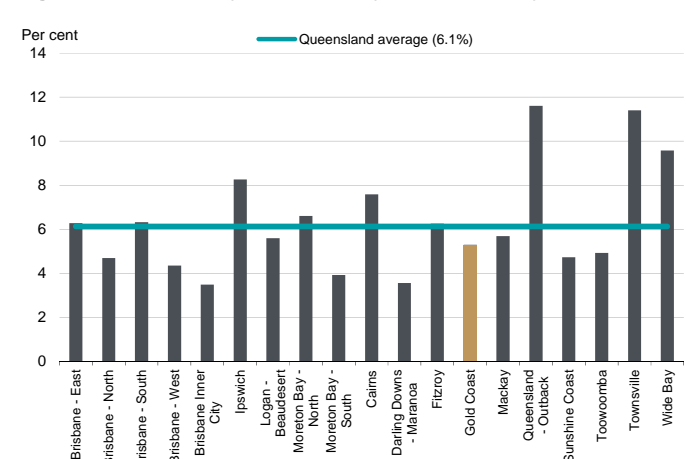


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Ipswich SA4, Jan 17

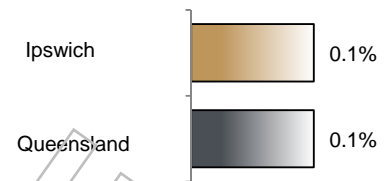
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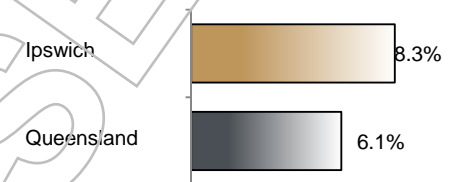
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	149,200	148,900	149,400	200	0.1
Total unemployed	11,400	14,000	13,500	2,000	17.7
Total labour force	160,700	162,800	162,900	2,200	1.4
Not in the labour force	85,500	88,000	88,400	3,000	3.5
Total persons 15+	246,100	250,900	251,300	5,200	2.1
Participation rate (%)	65.3	64.9	64.8	..	-0.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	8.6	8.3	..	1.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.1%
 Unemployment rate 8.3%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 1.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 64.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Ipswich SA4 in January 2017 was 149,400 persons, an increase of 200 employed persons, or 0.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Ipswich SA4 in January 2017 was 8.3 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the fourth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Ipswich SA4 in January 2017 was 64.8 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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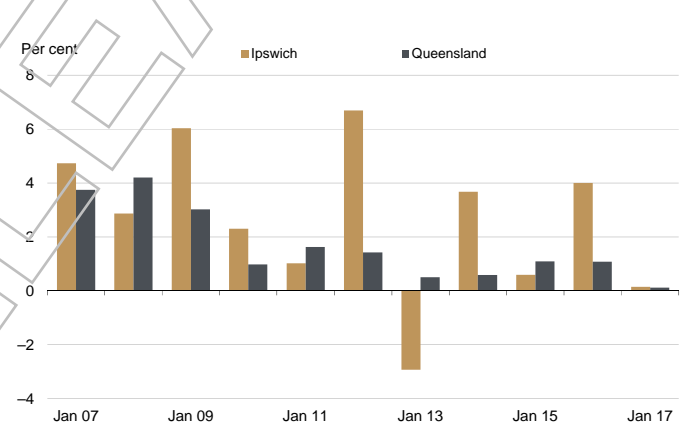
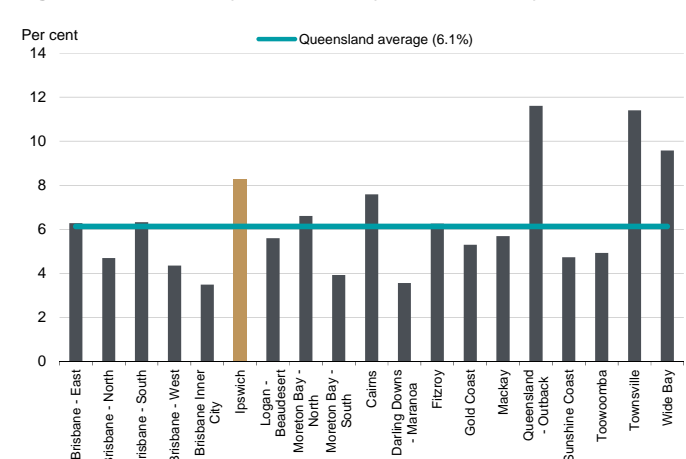


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Logan - Beaudesert SA4, Jan 17

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Table 1 Labour force status, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	125,500	137,000	137,700	12,200	9.7
Total unemployed	10,500	8,200	8,200	-2,300	-22.2
Total labour force	136,000	145,200	145,900	9,800	7.2
Not in the labour force	112,000	106,000	105,700	-6,300	-5.6
Total persons 15+	248,000	251,300	251,600	3,600	1.4
Participation rate (%)	54.8	57.8	58.0	..	3.1 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.7	5.7	5.6	..	-2.1 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 9.7%
 Unemployment rate 5.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 2.1 ppt
 Participation rate..... 58.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in January 2017 was 137,700 persons, an increase of 12,200 employed persons, or 9.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in January 2017 was 5.6 per cent, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the ninth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Logan - Beaudesert SA4 in January 2017 was 58.0 per cent, an increase of 3.1 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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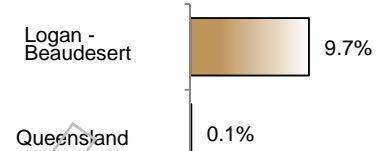
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Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate

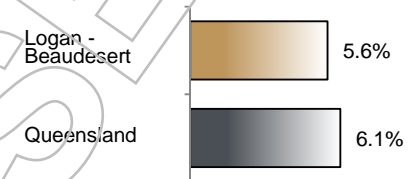


Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Logan - Beaudesert SA4

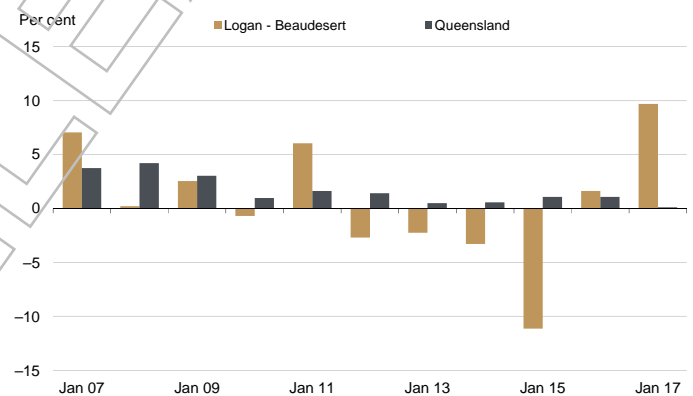
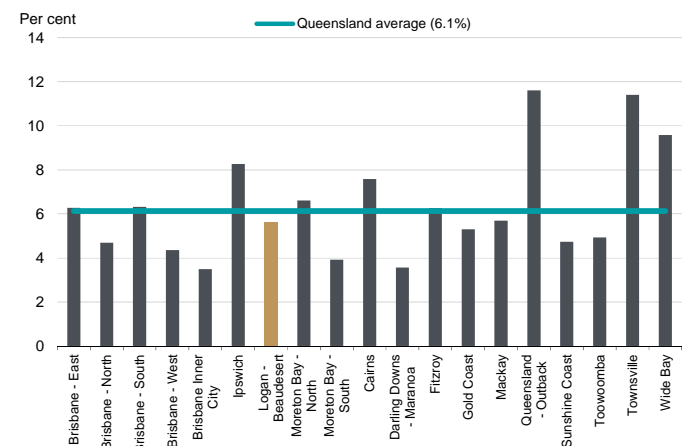


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Mackay SA4, Jan 17

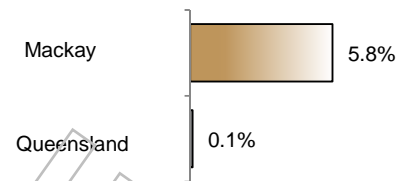
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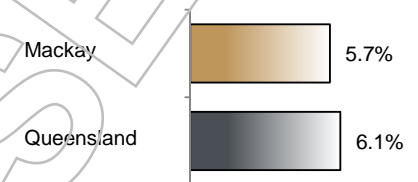
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	92,300	96,800	97,600	5,300	5.8
Total unemployed	7,600	5,900	5,900	-1,700	-22.0
Total labour force	99,900	102,800	103,500	3,700	3.7
Not in the labour force	44,900	43,800	43,300	-1,700	-3.7
Total persons 15+	144,800	146,600	146,800	2,000	1.4
Participation rate (%)	69.0	70.1	70.5	..	1.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	5.8	5.7	..	-1.9 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 5.8%
 Unemployment rate 5.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.9 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.5%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Mackay SA4 in January 2017 was 97,600 persons, an increase of 5,300 employed persons, or 5.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Mackay SA4 in January 2017 was 5.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the tenth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Mackay SA4 in January 2017 was 70.5 per cent, an increase of 1.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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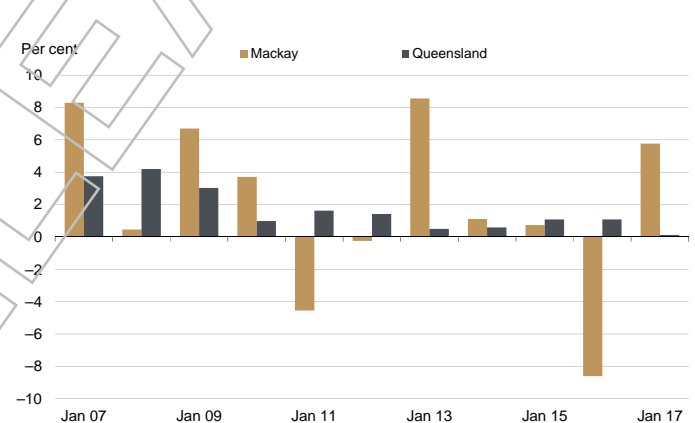
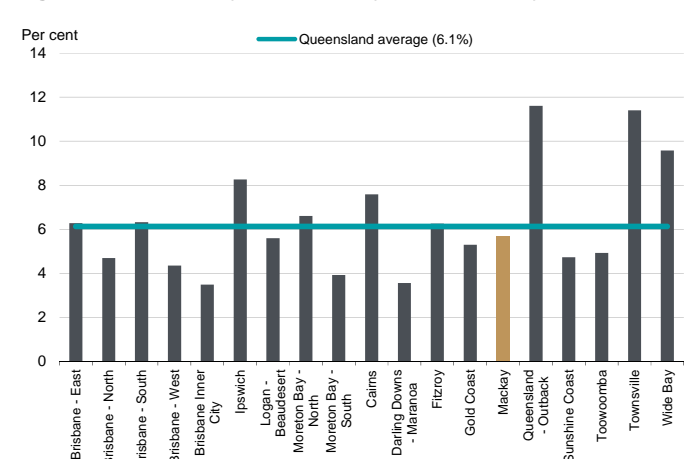


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Moreton Bay - North SA4, Jan 17

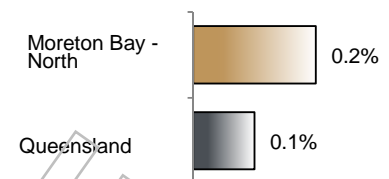
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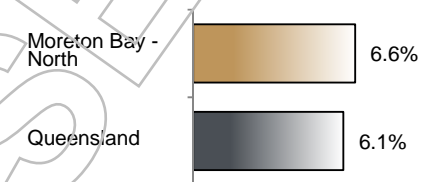
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
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Total employed	110,700	111,000	110,900	300	0.2
Total unemployed	8,100	7,800	7,800	-200	-3.1
Total labour force	118,800	118,800	118,800	0	0.0
Not in the labour force	75,200	78,600	79,000	3,900	5.2
Total persons 15+	193,900	197,500	197,800	3,900	2.0
Participation rate (%)	61.2	60.2	60.0	..	-1.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	6.6	6.6	..	-0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.2%
 Unemployment rate 6.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 60.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in January 2017 was 110,900 persons, an increase of 300 employed persons, or 0.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in January 2017 was 6.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - North SA4 in January 2017 was 60.0 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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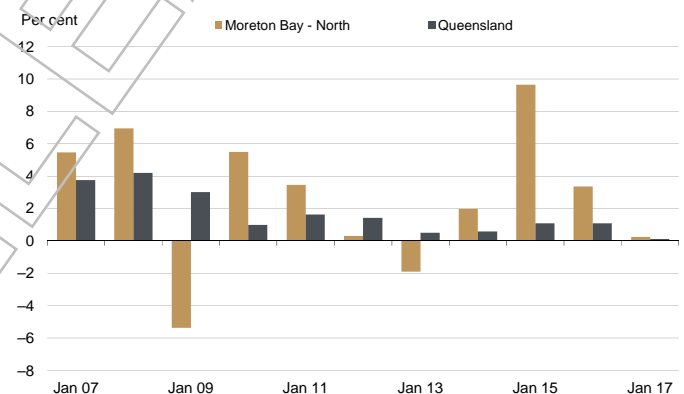
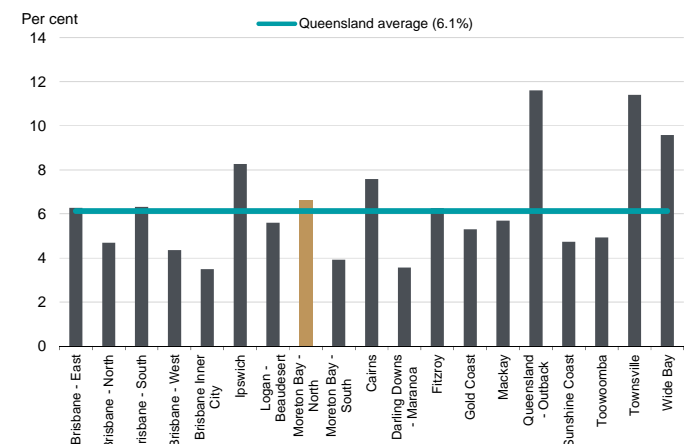


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Moreton Bay - South SA4, Jan 17

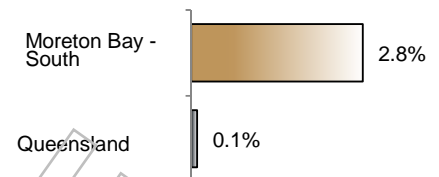
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Table 1 Labour force status, Moreton Bay - South SA4

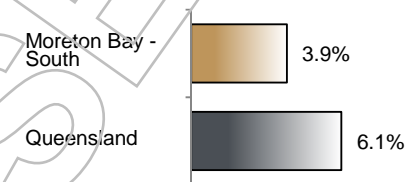
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	99,900	102,800	102,700	2,800	2.8
Total unemployed	5,200	4,300	4,200	-1,000	-19.1
Total labour force	105,100	107,100	106,900	1,800	1.7
Not in the labour force	42,800	44,100	44,600	1,800	4.1
Total persons 15+	147,900	151,200	151,500	3,600	2.4
Participation rate (%)	71.0	70.8	70.6	..	-0.5 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	4.0	3.9	..	-1.0 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 2.8%
 Unemployment rate 3.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.0 ppt
 Participation rate..... 70.6%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in January 2017 was 102,700 persons, an increase of 2,800 employed persons, or 2.8% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in January 2017 was 3.9 per cent, a decrease of 1.0 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Moreton Bay - South SA4 in January 2017 was 70.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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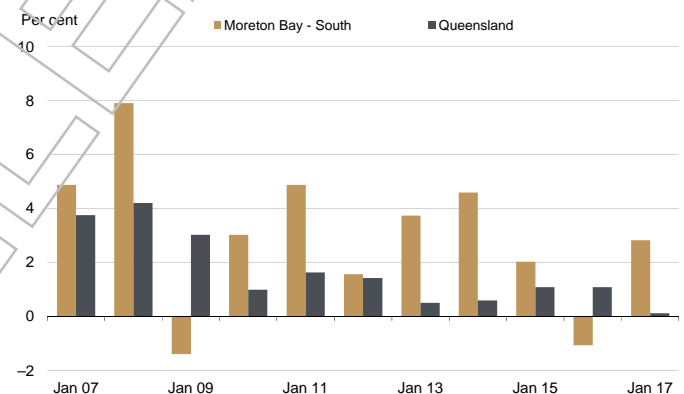
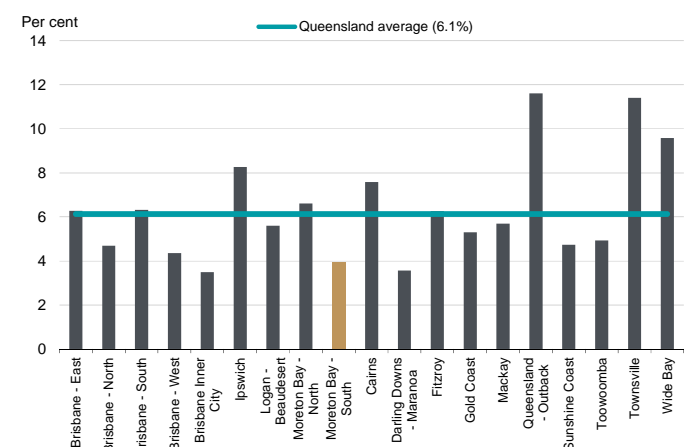


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Queensland - Outback SA4, Jan 17

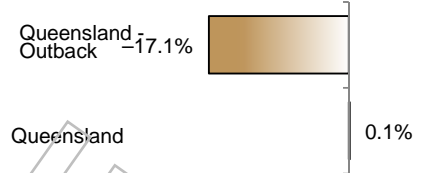
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Table 1 Labour force status, Queensland - Outback SA4

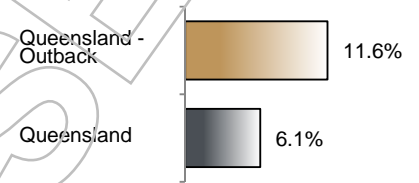
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	43,900	36,800	36,400	-7,500	-17.1
Total unemployed	3,900	4,800	4,800	800	21.3
Total labour force	47,900	41,600	41,200	-6,700	-13.9
Not in the labour force	20,900	27,700	28,200	7,300	35.1
Total persons 15+	68,800	69,300	69,400	600	0.9
Participation rate (%)	69.7	60.0	59.4	..	-10.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	11.5	11.6	..	3.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 17.1%
 Unemployment rate 11.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 3.4 ppt
 Participation rate 59.4%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Queensland - Outback SA4 in January 2017 was 36,400 persons, a decrease of 7,500 employed persons, or 17.1% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in January 2017 was 11.6 per cent, an increase of 3.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Queensland - Outback SA4 in January 2017 was 59.4 per cent, a decrease of 10.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Queensland - Outback SA4

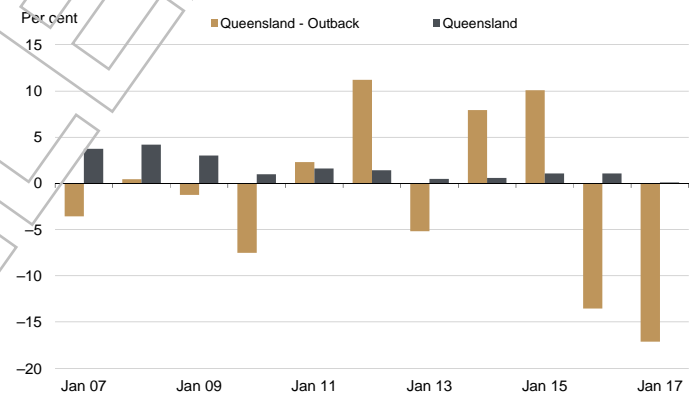
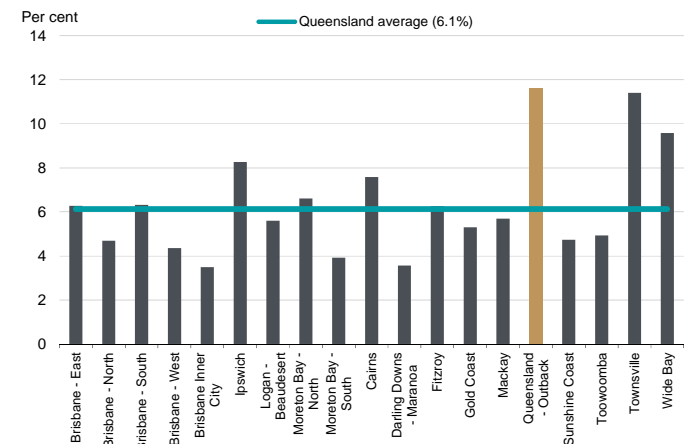


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Sunshine Coast SA4, Jan 17

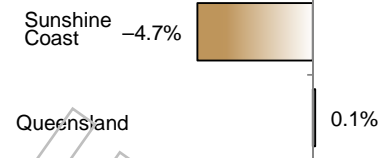
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Table 1 Labour force status, Sunshine Coast SA4

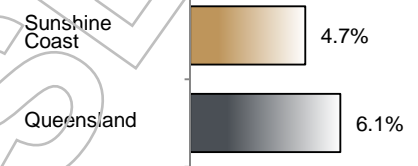
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	167,400	160,500	159,500	-7,900	-4.7
Total unemployed	10,600	8,000	7,900	-2,700	-25.3
Total labour force	178,000	168,500	167,400	-10,600	-5.9
Not in the labour force	100,000	113,300	114,700	14,700	14.7
Total persons 15+	278,000	281,700	282,100	4,100	1.5
Participation rate (%)	64.0	59.8	59.3	..	-4.7 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	4.7	4.7	..	-1.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 4.7%
 Unemployment rate 4.7%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 1.2 ppt
 Participation rate 59.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Sunshine Coast SA4 in January 2017 was 159,500 persons, a decrease of 7,900 employed persons, or 4.7% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in January 2017 was 4.7 per cent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the sixth-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Sunshine Coast SA4 in January 2017 was 59.3 per cent, a decrease of 4.7 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Sunshine Coast SA4

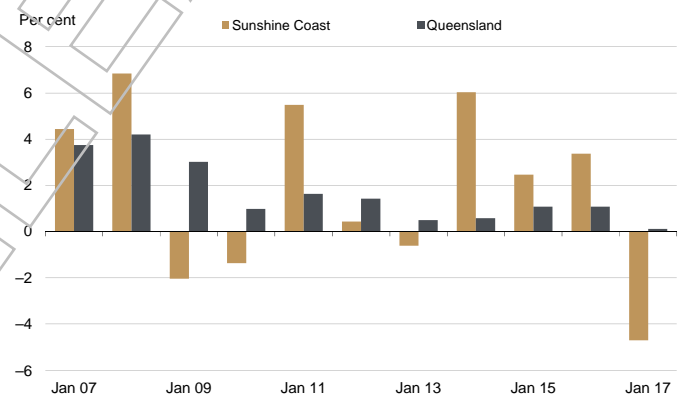
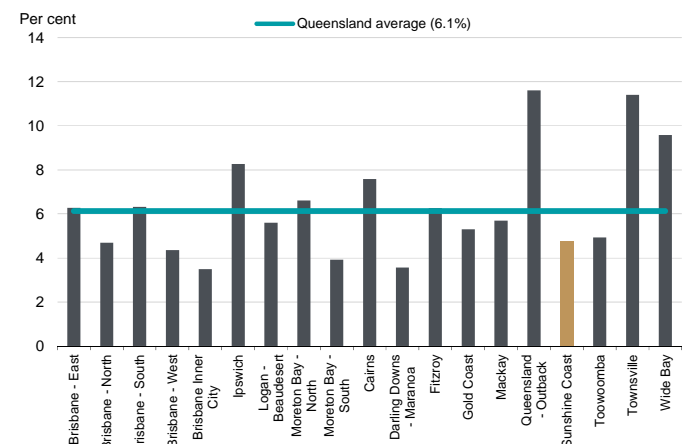


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Toowoomba SA4, Jan 17

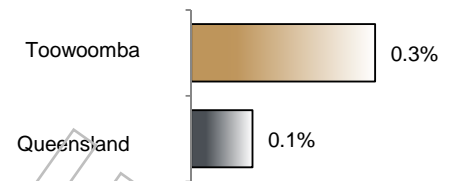
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Table 1 Labour force status, Toowoomba SA4

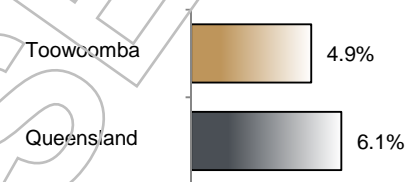
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	70,300	70,200	70,500	200	0.3
Total unemployed	3,500	3,400	3,700	100	4.1
Total labour force	73,800	73,600	74,200	400	0.5
Not in the labour force	44,200	45,300	44,800	600	1.4
Total persons 15+	118,000	118,900	119,000	1,000	0.8
Participation rate (%)	62.5	61.9	62.3	..	-0.2 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8	4.6	4.9	..	0.2 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 0.3%
 Unemployment rate 4.9%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 0.2 ppt
 Participation rate..... 62.3%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Toowoomba SA4 in January 2017 was 70,500 persons, an increase of 200 employed persons, or 0.3% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Toowoomba SA4 in January 2017 was 4.9 per cent, an increase of 0.2 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the seventh-lowest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Toowoomba SA4 in January 2017 was 62.3 per cent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Toowoomba SA4

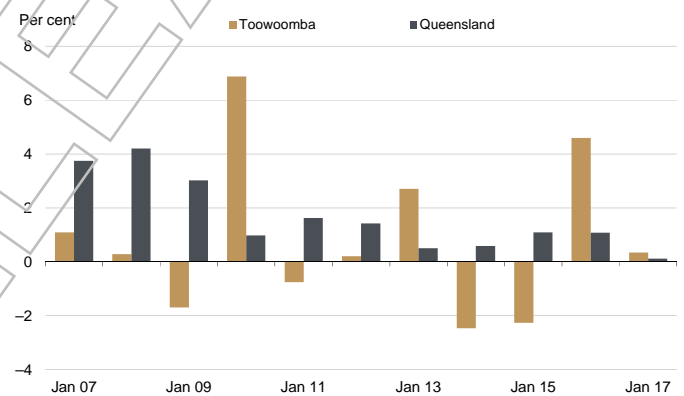
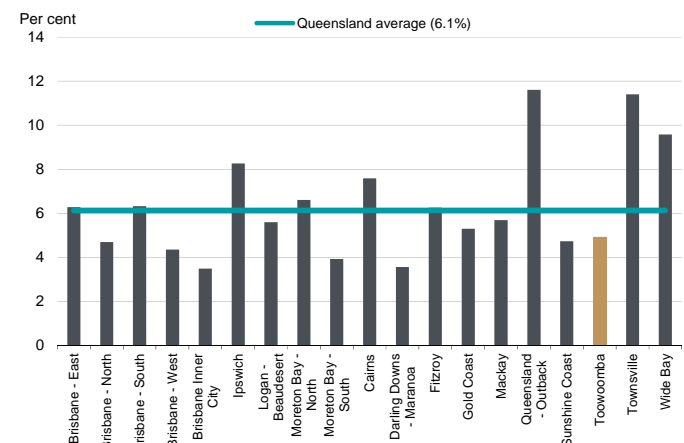


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Townsville SA4, Jan 17

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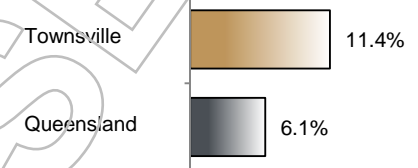
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	107,200	97,600	97,400	-9,900	-9.2
Total unemployed	9,300	12,400	12,500	3,200	34.1
Total labour force	116,600	110,000	109,900	-6,700	-5.7
Not in the labour force	68,000	76,900	77,100	9,200	13.5
Total persons 15+	184,500	186,800	187,000	2,500	1.4
Participation rate (%)	63.2	58.9	58.8	..	-4.4 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	11.2	11.4	..	3.4 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↓ 9.2%
 Unemployment rate 11.4%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↑ 3.4 ppt
 Participation rate..... 58.8%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in January 2017 was 97,400 persons, a decrease of 9,900 employed persons, or 9.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in January 2017 was 11.4 per cent, an increase of 3.4 percentage points over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the second-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Townsville SA4 in January 2017 was 58.8 per cent, a decrease of 4.4 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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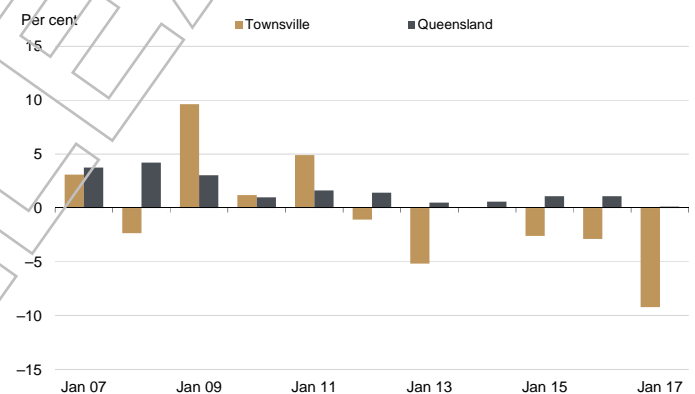
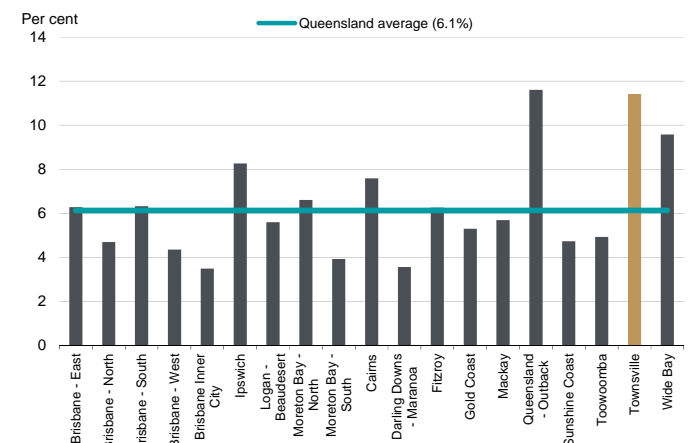


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – Wide Bay SA4, Jan 17

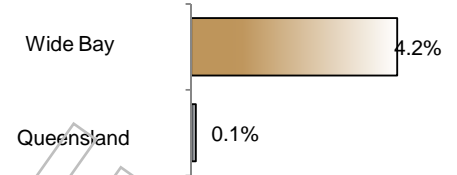
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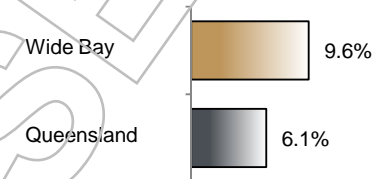
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Jan 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	persons	%
	— persons —				
Total employed	109,300	113,400	113,800	4,600	4.2
Total unemployed	12,000	12,100	12,100	0	0.4
Total labour force	121,300	125,500	125,900	4,600	3.8
Not in the labour force	117,700	116,300	116,100	-1,500	-1.3
Total persons 15+	239,000	241,800	242,000	3,100	1.3
Participation rate (%)	50.7	51.9	52.0	..	1.3 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	9.9	9.7	9.6	..	-0.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

Employment growth, annual



Unemployment rate



Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 4.2%
 Unemployment rate 9.6%
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ↓ 0.3 ppt
 Participation rate..... 52.0%

ppt = percentage point

Main findings

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- The number of employed persons in Wide Bay SA4 in January 2017 was 113,800 persons, an increase of 4,600 employed persons, or 4.2% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Wide Bay SA4 in January 2017 was 9.6 per cent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point over the year. The unemployment rate for this area was the third-highest of all 19 SA4s within Queensland (Figure 2).
- The participation rate in Wide Bay SA4 in January 2017 was 52.0 per cent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

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Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Wide Bay SA4

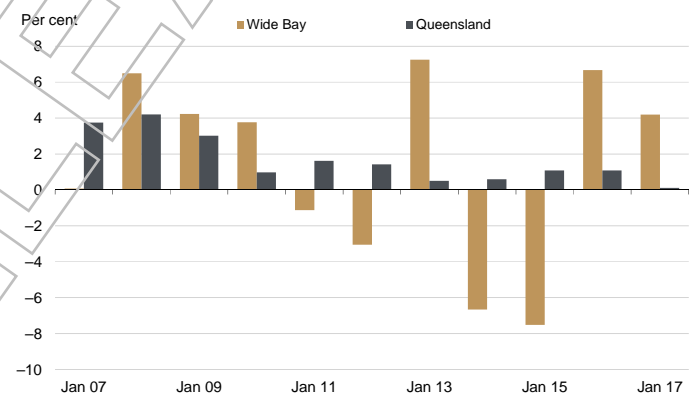
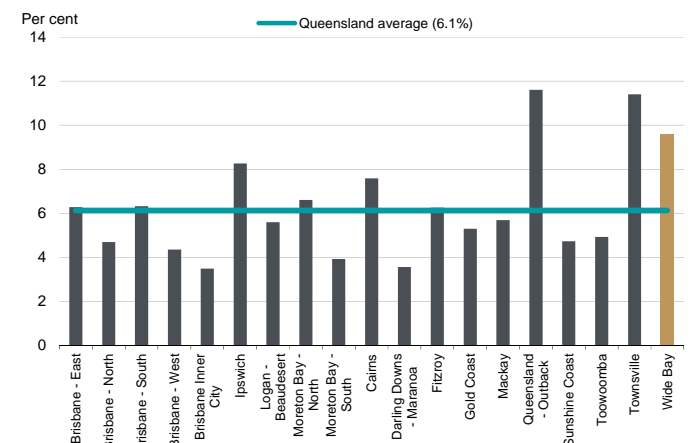


Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, January 2017



Labour force – region summary, January 2017

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Table 1 Labour force status by SA4, Jan 17

SA4	Employment			Unemployment		Participation rate ^(a)	
	Level	Annual change		Rate	Annual change	Rate	Annual change
	— persons —		%	%	percentage point	%	percentage point
Brisbane - East	118,300	-6,400	-5.1	6.3	1.1	66.6	-3.8
Brisbane - North	114,300	100	0.1	4.7	-1.0	68.5	-1.6
Brisbane - South	195,000	-1,800	-0.9	6.3	1.4	71.1	-0.6
Brisbane - West	95,800	1,500	1.6	4.4	-1.3	66.7	-0.3
Brisbane Inner City	157,900	5,100	3.3	3.5	-1.1	75.3	0.8
Ipswich	149,400	200	0.1	8.3	1.1	64.8	-0.5
Logan - Beaudesert	137,700	12,200	9.7	5.6	-2.1	58.0	3.1
Moreton Bay - North	110,900	300	0.2	6.6	-0.2	60.0	-1.2
Moreton Bay - South	102,700	2,800	2.8	3.9	-1.0	70.6	-0.5
Cairns	110,700	2,400	2.2	7.6	-0.4	60.6	0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	64,200	1,800	2.8	3.6	-0.4	65.1	1.0
Fitzroy	118,000	4,100	3.6	6.3	-1.0	69.4	0.9
Gold Coast	301,900	-4,400	-1.4	5.3	-0.1	66.9	-2.2
Mackay	97,600	5,300	5.8	5.7	-1.9	70.5	1.6
Queensland - Outback	36,400	-7,500	-17.1	11.6	3.4	59.4	-10.3
Sunshine Coast	159,500	-7,900	-4.7	4.7	-1.2	59.3	-4.7
Toowoomba	70,500	200	0.3	4.9	0.2	62.3	-0.2
Townsville	97,400	-9,900	-9.2	11.4	3.4	58.8	-4.4
Wide Bay	113,800	4,600	4.2	9.6	-0.3	52.0	1.3
Queensland	2,352,000	2,700	0.1	6.1	-0.2	64.6	-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

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- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest annual growth in employment of all 19 SA4s during January 2017 with a growth of 12,200 employed persons (Figure 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the lowest unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2017 with an unemployment rate of 3.5 per cent (Figure 2).
- Logan - Beaudesert SA4 had the largest percentage point decrease in unemployment rate of all 19 SA4s over the year to January 2017 with an unemployment rate decrease of 2.1 percentage points (Table 1).
- Brisbane Inner City SA4 had the highest participation rate of all 19 SA4s during January 2017 with 75.3% and Wide Bay had the lowest participation rate with 52.0%.

Figure 1 Annual change in employment by SA4, Jan 17

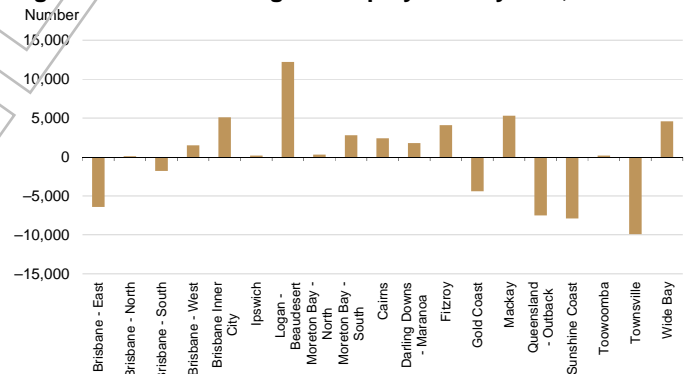
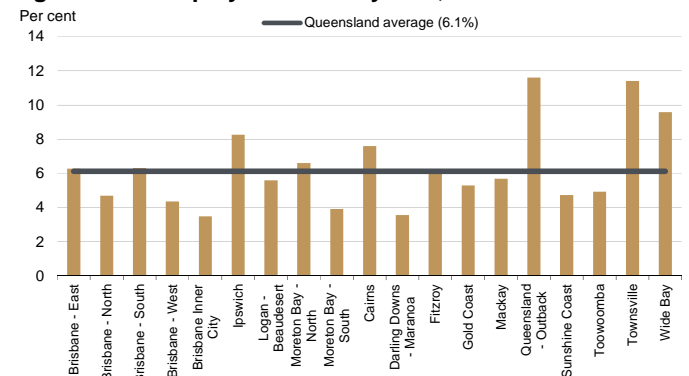


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Employment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Jan 17

SA4	Employment		
	Jan 15	Jan 17	Change
	— persons —		
Brisbane - East	121,200	118,300	-3,000
Brisbane - North	118,400	114,300	-4,100
Brisbane - South	187,800	195,000	7,200
Brisbane - West	91,200	95,800	4,600
Brisbane Inner City	154,800	157,900	3,100
Ipswich	143,500	149,400	6,000
Logan - Beaudesert	123,500	137,700	14,200
Moreton Bay - North	107,100	110,900	3,900
Moreton Bay - South	101,000	102,700	1,700
Cairns	107,900	110,700	2,800
Darling Downs - Maranoa	65,200	64,200	-1,000
Fitzroy	117,700	118,000	300
Gold Coast	291,100	301,900	10,800
Mackay	101,000	97,600	-3,400
Queensland - Outback	50,800	36,400	-14,400
Sunshine Coast	161,900	159,500	-2,400
Toowoomba	67,200	70,500	3,300
Townsville	110,400	97,400	-13,000
Wide Bay	102,400	113,800	11,400
Queensland	2,324,100	2,352,000	27,900

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Unemployment by Queensland Statistical Region, Jan 15 to Jan 17

SA4	Latest 12-month employment change	Unemployment rate			Unemployment change since	
		Jan 15	Dec 16	Jan 17	Dec 16	Jan 15
	persons	— % —			— percentage points —	
Brisbane - East	-6,400	4.5	6.0	6.3	0.3	1.7
Brisbane - North	100	4.6	4.8	4.7	-0.1	0.1
Brisbane - South	-1,800	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0
Brisbane - West	1,500	6.1	4.3	4.4	0.0	-1.7
Brisbane Inner City	5,100	3.8	3.5	3.5	0.0	-0.3
Ipswich	200	8.6	8.6	8.3	-0.3	-0.4
Logan - Beaudesert	12,200	8.4	5.7	5.6	-0.1	-2.8
Moreton Bay - North	300	8.9	6.6	6.6	0.0	-2.3
Moreton Bay - South	2,800	4.9	4.0	3.9	-0.1	-1.0
Cairns	2,400	7.9	7.8	7.6	-0.2	-0.3
Darling Downs - Maranoa	1,800	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.0	0.1
Fitzroy	4,100	5.2	6.0	6.3	0.2	1.0
Gold Coast	-4,400	6.0	5.5	5.3	-0.2	-0.7
Mackay	5,300	5.6	5.8	5.7	-0.1	0.1
Queensland - Outback	-7,500	5.5	11.5	11.6	0.1	6.1
Sunshine Coast	-7,900	7.3	4.7	4.7	0.0	-2.6
Toowoomba	200	4.3	4.6	4.9	0.3	0.7
Townsville	-9,900	8.6	11.2	11.4	0.2	2.8
Wide Bay	4,600	10.1	9.7	9.6	-0.1	-0.5
Queensland	2,700	6.4	6.1	6.1	0.0	-0.3

The labour force statistics presented in this table are on a sample basis and will include a sampling error.

All data in this table are based on a 12-month moving average.

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