

# Regional labour force – Townsville SA4, Feb 18

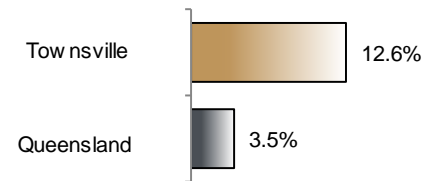
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**Table 1 Labour force status, Townsville SA4**

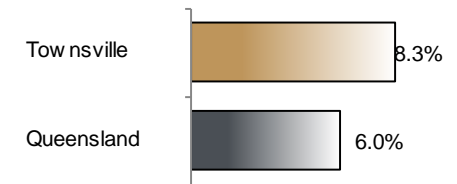
	Year ending			Annual change	
	Feb 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	persons	%
	— persons —			persons	%
Total employed	94,700	105,900	106,600	11,900	12.6
Total unemployed	12,400	9,600	9,700	-2,700	-22.1
Total labour force	107,100	115,500	116,300	9,200	8.6
Not in the labour force	74,700	67,400	66,800	-7,900	-10.6
Total persons 15+	181,700	182,900	183,000	1,300	0.7
Participation rate (%)	58.9	63.2	63.5	..	4.6 (a)
Unemployment rate (%)	11.6	8.3	8.3	..	-3.3 (a)

(a) Percentage point change.

**Employment growth, annual**



**Unemployment rate**



## Key data

Employment (annual change)..... ↑ 12.6%  
 Unemployment rate ..... 8.3%  
 Unemployment rate (annual change) ..... ↓ 3.3 ppt  
 Participation rate..... 63.5%

ppt = percentage point

## Main findings

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

- The number of employed persons in Townsville SA4 in February 2018 was 106,600 persons, an increase of 11,900 employed persons, or 12.6% over the year (Figure 1).
- The unemployment rate in Townsville SA4 in February 2018 was 8.3 per cent, a decrease of 3.3 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 Townsville SA4 in February 2018 was 63.5 per cent, an increase of 4.6 percentage points over the year (Table 1).

SA4 = Statistical Area Level 4 (ASGS 2011 edition)

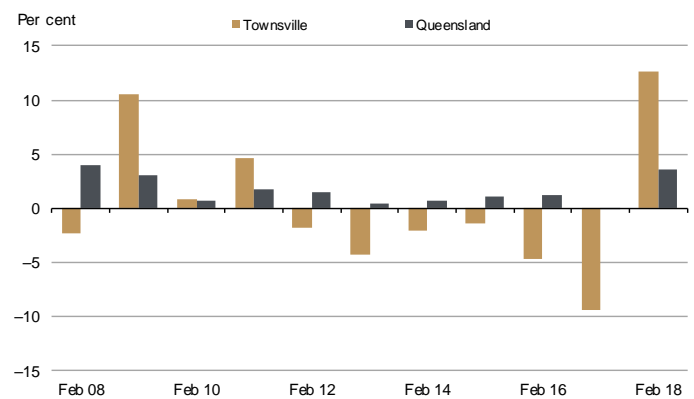
Notes (refer to website for more detailed notes):

Data for Queensland as a whole are provided for reference purposes only.

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

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

**Figure 1 Annual change in employment, Townsville SA4**



**Figure 2 Unemployment rate by SA4, February 2018**

