

UNEMPLOYMENT BY ELECTORATE IN QUEENSLAND

While the national unemployment rate might be 5.7% this average unemployment hides important variations. The Australia Institute has assessed unemployment by regional variation by federal electorate using Department of Employment data. While the average unemployment rate in Queensland is 6.5% the unemployment rate varies across the electorates, from 4.4% in Maranoa to 10.5% in Hinkler.

Queensland electorate's unemployment rate and change in unemployment rate since last election

Electorate	Party	Unemployment rate	Change in unemployment rate since last election
MARANOA	NAT	4.4%	1.5%
BONNER	LIB	4.5%	-0.6%
DICKSON	LIB	4.7%	1.1%
GRIFFITH	ALP	4.8%	-0.8%
BRISBANE	LIB	4.8%	-1.2%
GROOM	LIB	4.9%	-0.7%
MCPHERSON	LIB	5.0%	-0.7%
RYAN	LIB	5.3%	0.8%
BOWMAN	LIB	5.3%	-1.2%
FADDEN	LIB	5.4%	-0.1%
LILLEY	ALP	5.6%	1.3%
WRIGHT	LIB	5.6%	0.3%
MORETON	ALP	5.7%	-0.2%
PETRIE	LIB	5.9%	0.8%
MONCRIEFF	LIB	6.0%	-0.6%
FAIRFAX	PUP	6.0%	0.2%
FISHER	LIB	6.2%	0.1%
OXLEY	ALP	6.2%	0.0%
FORDE	LIB	6.3%	0.7%
FLYNN	NAT	6.8%	0.9%
LONGMAN	LIB	7.1%	0.7%
CAPRICORNIA	NAT	7.3%	1.1%
BLAIR	ALP	7.5%	-0.4%
RANKIN	ALP	7.7%	0.9%
KENNEDY	KAP	8.0%	0.6%
LEICHHARDT	LIB	8.4%	0.5%
HERBERT	LIB	8.4%	2.5%
DAWSON	NAT	8.4%	3.7%
WIDE BAY	NAT	8.8%	0.7%
HINKLER	NAT	10.5%	1.3%

The unemployment rate has a strong division along party lines. The average unemployment rate in Liberal seats is 5.9%, almost exactly the same as the national average. Labor seats are slightly higher at 6.3%, still below the state average. While the national party seats average 7.7% well above the state and national averages.

This term of government has seen almost no impact on unemployment in Liberal and Labor seats, which have seen unemployment rise on average by 0.2% for Liberal and 0.1% for Labor. National party seats have experienced a dramatic rise in unemployment since the last election. It has increased 1.5% on average.

Average unemployment rate and change in average unemployment rate since last election by major party

Party	Average unemployment rate	Change in average unemployment rate since last election
LIB	5.9%	0.2%
ALP	6.3%	0.1%
NAT	7.7%	1.5%

The largest rise in unemployment since the last election has been in the National party seat of Dawson. It has seen unemployment rise by 3.7%. Almost all the seats that have seen unemployment rise by 1% or more are government seats, the only exception being the Labor seat of Lilly. The last term of government does not appear to have been good for many Queenslanders who have elected government members.

Electorates that have seen a 1% or larger rise in unemployment since the last election

Electorate	Party	Change in unemployment rate since last election
DAWSON	NAT	3.7%
HERBERT	LIB	2.5%
MARANOVA	NAT	1.5%
HINKLER	NAT	1.3%
LILLEY	ALP	1.3%
DICKSON	LIB	1.1%
CAPRICORNIA	NAT	1.1%

This list includes some seats that are a chance of changing hands including Dawson, Herbert, Capricornia and Bonner. This rising unemployment through this term of government in these electorates may be a decisive issue in these marginal electorates.