

**Summary** (trend)

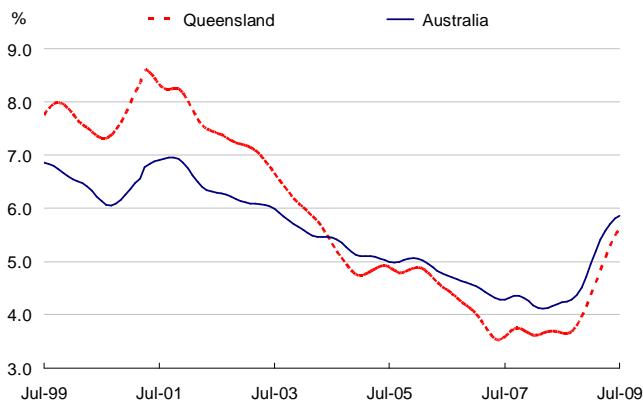
<b>Employment:</b>	Queensland,	↓	3,900	(-0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↓	800	(-0.0%)
<b>Unemployment:</b>	Queensland,	↑	3,600	(5.6%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑	6,400	(5.9%)
<b>Labour Force:</b>	Queensland,	↓	300	(-0.0%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	5,600	(0.0%)

- Trend employment in Queensland fell 0.2% in July 2009 (down 3,900 persons), to be largely unchanged over the year. Trend employment has fallen 0.7% from the peak reached in February 2009.
- The trend participation rate in Queensland fell to 67.4% in July 2009, 0.3 percentage point lower than the historic high reached in March 2009. The fall in participation likely reflects a withdrawal from the labour force by marginally attached workers.
- However, with employment falling by more than the labour force, the trend unemployment rate in Queensland rose to 5.6% in July 2009, 0.1 percentage point higher than the June result. This is the highest trend unemployment rate since May 2004 (see Chart 1).
- National trend employment fell marginally in July (down 800 persons) and the trend unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point, to 5.9%.
- Nationally, seasonally adjusted (sa) employment rose 32,200 persons in July 2009, much better than market expectations of a 20,000 fall. Similar labour force growth saw the national sa unemployment rate remain unchanged in July, at 5.8%. Markets expected a 0.2 percentage point rise, to 6.0%.
- Ongoing comparatively weak labour market outcomes in Queensland saw the sa unemployment rate match the national rate of 5.8% in July 2009.

**Analysis**

- The latest ANZ *Job Advertisement Series* data show that the average number of newspaper job ads per week (trend) in Queensland in July 2009 was 43.4% lower than the previous low reached in the 1980s recession. This implies weak employment outcomes in the coming months in Queensland. As a result, the unemployment rate is likely to rise further.

**Chart 1: Unemployment rate, trend**

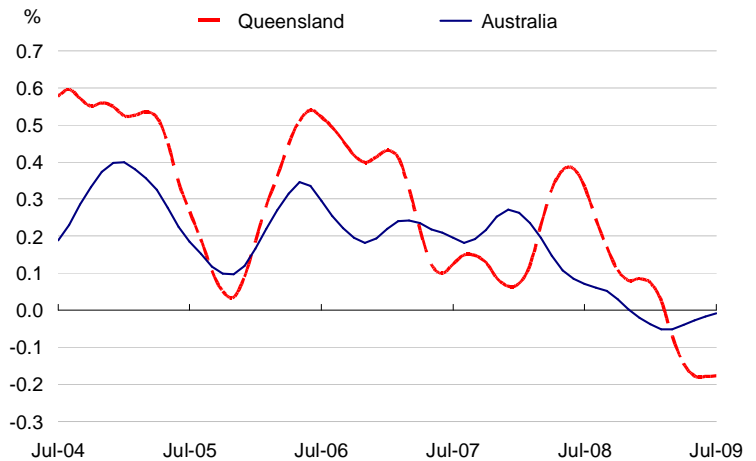


Note: Charts may not be consistent with Tables due to rounding.

**Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, July 2009**

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employment	2,216.7	10,778.3	-3.9	-0.8	0.9	-11.7	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
Full-time	1,598.8	7,600.3	-3.7	-11.9	-12.0	-145.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-1.9	
Part-time	617.9	3,178.0	-0.2	11.1	12.9	133.8	0.0	0.4	2.1	4.4	
Unemployed	132.4	670.5	3.6	6.4	48.4	193.7	2.8	1.0	57.6	40.6	
Labour Force	2,349.1	11,448.8	-0.3	5.6	49.3	182.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.6	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employment	2,218.5	10,793.6	8.5	32.2	-1.4	1.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0	
Full-time	1,594.9	7,590.4	-6.6	-16.0	-40.6	-189.4	-0.4	-0.2	-2.5	-2.4	
Part-time	623.6	3,203.2	15.1	48.2	39.2	190.7	2.5	1.5	6.7	6.3	
Unemployed	135.5	664.1	7.7	0.9	50.6	180.3	6.0	0.1	59.6	37.3	
Labour Force	2,354.0	11,457.7	16.2	33.1	49.2	181.6	0.7	0.3	2.1	1.6	
<b>Unemploy. Rate</b>											
Trend	5.6	5.9	5.5	5.8	3.7	4.2					
Seas. Adjusted	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.8	3.7	4.3					
<b>Participation Rate</b>											
Trend	67.4	65.3	67.5	65.4	67.4	65.4					
Seas. Adjusted	67.5	65.3	67.1	65.3	67.6	65.5					

**Chart 2: Monthly employment growth, trend**



**Table 2: Interstate comparison, July 2009**

Monthly Trend Data	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aust
<b>Employment</b>							
% change on a month ago	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Change on a month ago (No.)	-3,900	5,500	2,200	-100	-1,800	-500	-800
% change on a year ago	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-0.1
Change on a year ago (No.)	900	-2,500	-9,900	3,100	-2,500	-5,300	-11,700
<b>Labour Force</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Change on a month ago (No.)	-300	4,400	3,700	-400	200	-800	5,600
% change on a year ago	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.0	2.5	-1.5	1.6
Change on a year ago (No.)	49,300	56,200	35,600	8,600	29,400	-3,700	182,000
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>							
July-09	5.6	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.9
June-09	5.5	6.4	6.0	5.5	5.3	4.9	5.8
July-08	3.7	4.8	4.5	4.9	3.0	4.1	4.2
Monthly Difference	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Annual Difference	1.9	1.5	1.5	0.6	2.5	0.7	1.7
<b>Participation Rate</b>							
July-09	67.4	63.8	64.5	63.4	68.8	60.7	65.3
June-09	67.5	63.8	64.5	63.5	68.9	60.9	65.4
July-08	67.4	63.7	64.9	63.5	68.9	62.3	65.4
Monthly Difference	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Annual Difference	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1

**\*Note:** The ABS reduced the sample size of this survey by 24% (or 13,300 persons nationally) in the July 2008 survey month, citing "a tight budget situation in 2008-09, which has led to a range in reductions in the ABS work program". This raised the sample standard error, and the volatility of the series. Hence, particular caution should be used when interpreting labour force data from July 2008. This follows an 11% reduction (6,800 persons) between November 2007 and June 2008. In May 2009, the ABS announced that the 24% reduction in the sample size will be reversed between September and December 2009, which will decrease the standard error of the sample by approximately 15%.