

**Summary** (trend)

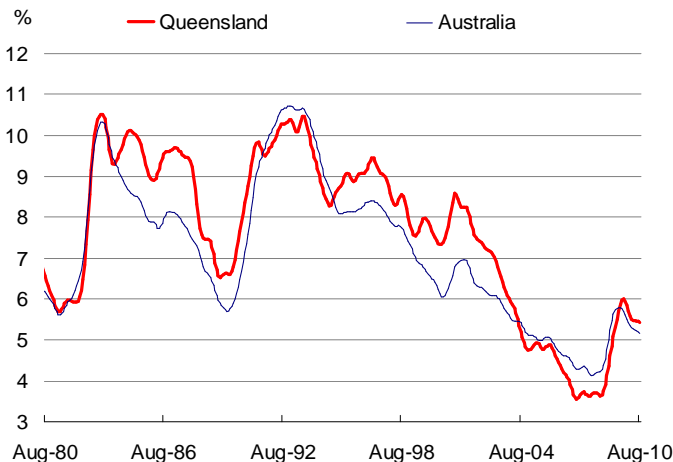
<b>Employment:</b>	Queensland,	↑	300	(0.0%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	22,100	(0.2%)
<b>Unemployment:</b>	Queensland,	↓	-500	(5.4%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓	-2,400	(5.2%)
<b>Labour Force:</b>	Queensland,	↓	-200	(0.0%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	19,700	(0.2%)

- Trend employment in Queensland rose by 300 persons (0.0%) in August 2010, to be 64,200 persons (2.9%) higher over the year. Jobs growth in August was the weakest since July 2009, and was well below the long-run average rate.
- Queensland's trend labour force fell by 200 persons in August, which offset the weak employment growth. This resulted in the trend unemployment rate remaining unchanged at a downwardly revised rate (by 0.1 percentage point) of 5.4%, 0.6 percentage point lower than the cyclical high rate reached in October 2009 (see Chart 1).
- National trend employment rose 0.2% (22,100 persons) in August 2010, to be 2.9% (316,600 persons) higher over the year. The trend national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.2% in August.
- In seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, national employment rose 30,900 persons in August 2010, in line with market expectations of a 29,000 person increase. Combined with weaker labour force growth, this saw the sa unemployment rate in August fall 0.2 percentage point to 5.1%. Market expectations were for the unemployment rate to fall from 5.3% in July 2010 to 5.2%.

**Analysis**

- Through the second half of 2010, employment growth in Queensland should be supported by an improvement in domestic economic conditions, led by a turnaround in business investment. Nevertheless, household consumption and dwelling investment are likely to remain relatively subdued during the period.

**Chart 1: Unemployment rate, trend**

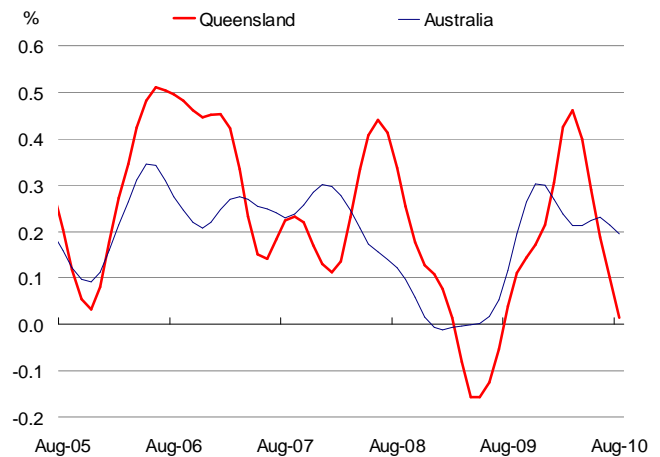


Note: Charts may not be consistent with Tables due to rounding.

**Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, August 2010**

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change			
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year	
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust
<b>Trend</b>										
Employment	2,311.8	11,258.2	0.3	22.1	64.2	316.6	0.0	0.2	2.9	2.9
Full-time	1,645.2	7,904.8	-1.5	14.9	35.1	219.1	-0.1	0.2	2.2	2.9
Part-time	666.6	3,353.3	1.8	7.1	29.1	97.4	0.3	0.2	4.6	3.0
Unemployed	132.7	612.6	-0.5	-2.4	-7.7	-59.9	-0.4	-0.4	-5.5	-8.9
Labour Force	2,444.5	11,870.8	-0.2	19.7	56.5	256.7	0.0	0.2	2.4	2.2
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>										
Employment	2,297.7	11,272.0	-12.4	30.9	44.2	349.7	-0.5	0.3	2.0	3.2
Full-time	1,634.7	7,920.4	-4.2	53.0	33.3	267.1	-0.3	0.7	2.1	3.5
Part-time	663.0	3,351.6	-8.2	-22.1	10.9	82.6	-1.2	-0.7	1.7	2.5
Unemployed	131.6	607.7	-4.4	-22.5	-0.8	-63.9	-3.2	-3.6	-0.6	-9.5
Labour Force	2,429.3	11,879.7	-16.8	8.4	43.4	285.8	-0.7	0.1	1.8	2.5
<b>Unemploy. Rate</b>										
	<b>Current</b>		<b>A month ago</b>		<b>A year ago</b>					
	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust				
Trend	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.9	5.8				
Seas. Adjusted	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.8				
<b>Participation Rate</b>										
Trend	67.5	65.4	67.5	65.4	67.6	65.4				
Seas. Adjusted	67.0	65.4	67.6	65.5	67.5	65.2				

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



**Table 2: Interstate comparison, August 2010**

Monthly Trend Data	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aust
<b>Employment</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2
Change on a month ago (No.)	300	8,500	7,900	1,800	4,300	300	22,100
% change on a year ago	2.9	2.0	3.8	1.9	4.6	2.0	2.9
Change on a year ago (No.)	64,200	70,100	102,100	15,400	53,700	4,700	316,600
<b>Labour Force</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Change on a month ago (No.)	-200	6,700	9,300	1,700	4,200	200	19,700
% change on a year ago	2.4	1.1	3.3	1.6	3.2	3.5	2.2
Change on a year ago (No.)	56,500	41,000	96,600	13,900	39,800	8,600	256,700
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>							
August-10	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.3	4.2	6.4	5.2
July-10	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.3	4.3	6.4	5.2
August-09	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.0	5.8
Monthly Difference	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Annual Difference	-0.5	-0.9	-0.4	-0.3	-1.3	1.4	-0.6
<b>Participation Rate</b>							
August-10	67.5	63.2	65.6	63.4	68.7	61.9	65.4
July-10	67.5	63.2	65.5	63.3	68.6	61.8	65.4
August-09	67.6	63.7	65.0	63.2	68.5	60.4	65.4
Monthly Difference	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Annual Difference	-0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.0

**\*Note:** The ABS revised the population benchmarks underpinning the Labour Force Survey in the July 2010 release, due to revisions made to New Overseas Migration estimates published in September 2008 and September 2009 issues of Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0). The Labour Force Survey population benchmarks were revised for the period July 2006 to June 2010. The revisions impacted level estimates, upwardly revising employment and civilian population levels, though the upward revisions were greater earlier in the period, resulting in some downward revision to monthly employment growth in 2009-10 for Queensland.