

**Summary** (trend)

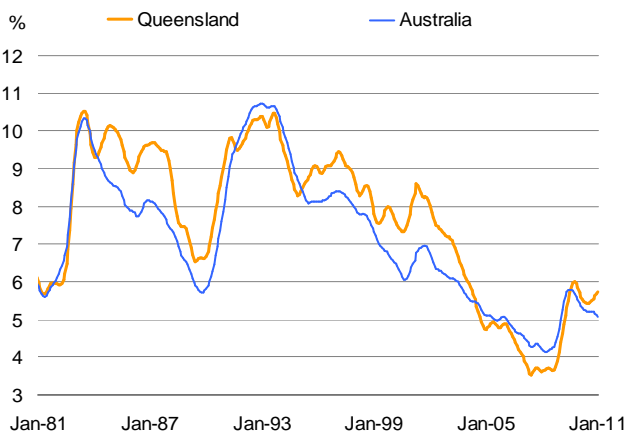
<b>Employment:</b>	Queensland,	↑	4,600	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	21,600	(0.2%)
<b>Unemployment:</b>	Queensland,	↑	1,400	(5.7%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓	5,000	(5.1%)
<b>Labour Force:</b>	Queensland,	↑	6,000	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	16,600	(0.1%)

- Revised trend data indicate that employment in Queensland rose by 4,600 persons (0.2%) in January 2011, to be 73,300 persons (3.2%) higher over the year. January was the fifth straight month in which jobs growth was near or at the long-run average rate.
- Queensland's trend labour force rose by 6,000 persons (0.2%) in January 2011. The strong labour force growth in the month coincided with the trend participation rate reaching an historic high of 68.1%.
- With labour force growth outpacing employment growth in recent months, the unemployment rate has been creeping higher, rising 0.3 percentage point since August 2010, to reach 5.7% in January 2011.
- In sa terms, national employment rose 24,000 persons in January 2011, significantly higher than market expectations of a 15,000 person increase. With only a mildly stronger rise in the national sa labour force, the national sa unemployment rate in January remained at 5.0%, in line with market expectations of an unchanged rate of 5.0%.
- National trend employment rose 0.2% (21,600 persons) in January 2011, to be 3.2% (358,200 persons) higher over the year. With labour force growth broadly the same as employment growth, the trend national unemployment rate remained at 5.1%.

**Analysis**

- Employment growth is likely to be modest in coming months reflecting modest domestic activity as well as the impacts of flooding in some regions. However, employment growth is expected to strengthen into late 2011, reflecting strength in business investment and the rebuilding process following multiple natural disasters.

**Chart 1: Unemployment rate, trend**

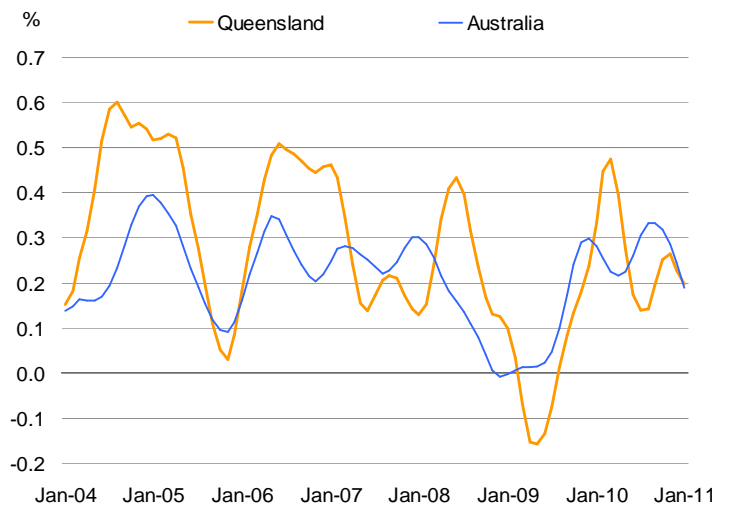


Note: Charts may not be consistent with Tables due to rounding.

**Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, January 2011**

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change			
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year	
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust
<b>Trend</b>										
Employment	2,342.3	11,442.8	4.6	21.6	73.3	358.2	0.2	0.2	3.2	3.2
Full-time	1,664.8	8,040.1	3.5	12.9	47.2	286.8	0.2	0.2	2.9	3.7
Part-time	677.5	3,402.7	1.1	8.7	26.1	71.4	0.2	0.3	4.0	2.1
Unemployed	142.2	610.3	1.4	-5.0	4.9	-25.7	1.0	-0.8	3.6	-4.0
Labour Force	2,484.5	12,053.1	6.0	16.6	78.2	332.5	0.2	0.1	3.2	2.8
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>										
Employment	2,336.6	11,441.5	-5.1	24.0	66.5	330.4	-0.2	0.2	2.9	3.0
Full-time	1,659.8	8,022.4	-6.1	-8.0	44.4	263.8	-0.4	-0.1	2.7	3.4
Part-time	676.8	3,419.1	1.0	32.0	22.1	66.6	0.1	0.9	3.4	2.0
Unemployed	138.5	606.5	-9.7	8.9	6.2	-12.0	-6.5	1.5	4.7	-1.9
Labour Force	2,475.1	12,048.0	-14.8	32.9	72.7	318.4	-0.6	0.3	3.0	2.7
<b>Unemploy. Rate</b>										
	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust				
Trend	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.1	5.7	5.4				
Seas. Adjusted	5.6	5.0	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.3				
<b>Participation Rate</b>										
Trend	68.1	66.0	68.0	65.9	67.4	65.4				
Seas. Adjusted	67.8	65.9	68.3	65.8	67.3	65.4				

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



**Table 2: Interstate comparison, January 2011**

Monthly Trend Data	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aust
<b>Employment</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Change on a month ago (No.)	4,600	8,300	6,400	-300	1,000	400	21,600
% change on a year ago	3.2	3.9	3.4	0.9	3.1	2.1	3.2
Change on a year ago (No.)	73,300	136,200	93,500	7,200	36,400	4,800	358,200
<b>Labour Force</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1
Change on a month ago (No.)	6,000	5,100	3,800	-400	800	700	16,600
% change on a year ago	3.2	2.9	3.1	1.3	2.5	1.9	2.8
Change on a year ago (No.)	78,200	108,800	91,700	10,900	31,700	4,800	332,500
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>							
January-11	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.5	4.5	5.6	5.1
December-10	5.7	4.9	5.2	5.5	4.6	5.5	5.1
January-10	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.4
Monthly Difference	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Annual Difference	0.0	-0.9	-0.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
<b>Participation Rate</b>							
January-11	68.1	64.1	66.1	63.4	68.5	61.3	66.0
December-10	68.0	64.1	66.0	63.4	68.5	61.2	65.9
January-10	67.4	63.3	65.4	63.4	68.4	60.7	65.4
Monthly Difference	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Annual Difference	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.6

**\*Note:** Due to flooding in Queensland, some difficulty was experienced by the ABS in conducting the labour force survey in January 2011. The ABS has attempted to compensate for the smaller sample, and believe the impact on estimates is not statistically significant for most series. However, the ABS do note that there will be volatility in the Queensland estimates, particularly in the original and seasonally adjusted estimates.