Revised data show that Queensland’s trend employment fell for the sixth consecutive month, down 2,600 persons (-0.1%) in June 2012, to be 12,300 persons (-0.5%) lower than December 2011. Trend employment was down 700 persons (0.0%) over the year.

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With global economic conditions continuing to weigh on business sentiment, any employment growth in Queensland will likely be subdued over the near–term, as also suggested by recent weakness in forward indicators, such as ANZ Job Advertisements.

### Chart 1: Unemployment rate, trend

![Unemployment rate, trend](chart)

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