

# ABS Labour Force, July 2013

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## Key data (trend)

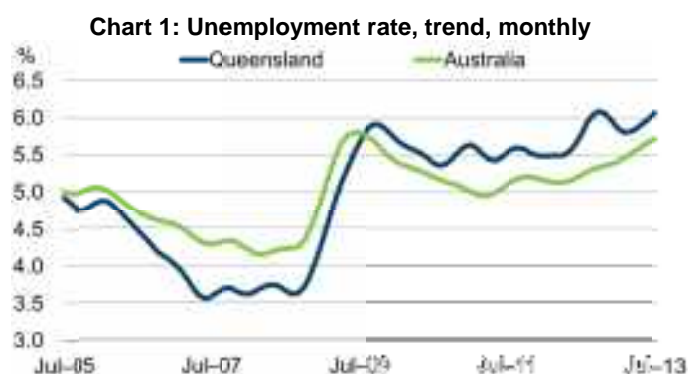
<b>Employment:</b> Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia,	0 ↑ 1,000	(0.0%) (0.0%)
<b>Unemployment:</b> Queensland, (persons, rate) Australia,	↑ 2,100 ↑ 5,300	(6.1%) (5.7%)
<b>Labour Force:</b> Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 2,100 ↑ 6,200	(0.1%) (0.1%)

## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland was unchanged in July 2013, the tenth consecutive month in which employment either increased or was unchanged. Consequently, over the year to July 2013, trend employment grew 16,000 persons, with a 19,900 person rise in part-time employment more than offsetting a 3,900 person fall in full-time employment.

With trend unemployment rising and employment flat in July, Queensland's trend unemployment rate edged up 0.1 percentage point to 6.1% in the month (see Chart 1).

The trend participation rate in Queensland remained at 65.8% in July 2013, well below its recent peak of 67.4% recorded in October 2011.



In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland rose 18,400 persons (0.8%) in July 2013. With sa employment rising faster than the labour force, the sa unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage point to 5.9% (with the June 2013 rate downwardly revised 0.1 percentage point to 6.3%). Queensland was the only mainland state to record sa employment growth in July 2013 (see Table 2).

Nationally, sa employment fell 10,200 persons in July 2013, a much weaker result than market expectations of a 5,000 person rise. The sa unemployment rate remained at 5.7%. Market expectations were for the unemployment rate to rise 0.1 percentage point, from 5.7% to 5.8%.

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**Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, July 2013**

Trend	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change			
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year	
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust
Employment	2,356.0	11,660.0	0.0	1.0	16.0	135.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.2
Full-time	1,678.3	8,139.9	2.5	-1.7	-3.9	40.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.5
Part-time	677.7	3,520.1	-2.5	2.7	19.9	95.4	-0.4	0.1	3.0	2.8
Unemployed	152.2	706.9	2.1	5.3	8.7	70.9	1.4	0.8	6.1	11.1
Labour Force	2,508.2	12,366.9	2.1	6.2	24.7	206.4	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.7
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>										
Employment	2,366.6	11,653.2	18.4	-10.2	25.6	122.9	0.8	-0.1	1.1	1.1
Full-time	1,691.7	8,133.9	14.3	-6.8	11.9	37.6	0.9	-0.1	0.7	0.5
Part-time	674.9	3,519.3	4.1	-3.4	13.7	85.3	0.6	-0.1	2.1	2.5
Unemployed	149.7	705.4	-9.0	-5.7	3.9	68.9	-5.7	-0.8	2.7	10.8
Labour Force	2,516.3	12,358.6	9.4	-15.9	29.5	191.8	0.4	-0.1	1.2	1.6
<b>Unemploy. Rate</b>										
Trend	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.2				
Seas. Adjusted	5.9	5.7	6.3	5.7	5.9	5.2				
<b>Participation Rate</b>										
Trend	65.8	65.2	65.8	65.2	66.5	65.2				
Seas. Adjusted	66.0	65.1	65.8	65.3	66.6	65.3				

**Table 2: Interstate comparison, July 2013**

	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aust
<b>Employment (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change on a month ago (No.)	0	-900	4,800	-2,400	-100	-300	1,000
% change on a year ago	0.7	2.0	1.1	0.4	1.0	-0.9	1.2
Change on a year ago (No.)	16,000	71,300	30,800	3,100	12,900	-2,100	135,500
<b>Unemployment Rate (trend)</b>							
July-13	6.1	5.6	5.6	6.4	4.8	8.4	5.7
June-13	6.0	5.5	5.7	6.3	4.8	8.2	5.7
July-12	5.8	5.1	5.5	5.7	3.8	6.9	5.2
<b>Participation Rate (trend)</b>							
July-13	65.8	64.1	65.2	62.9	68.1	60.5	65.2
June-13	65.8	64.1	65.1	63.0	68.3	60.4	65.2
July-12	66.5	63.4	65.4	62.8	69.0	60.3	65.2
<b>Employment (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-1.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Change on a month ago (No.)	18,400	-7,400	-12,300	-12,300	-3,500	300	-10,200
% change on a year ago	1.1	1.8	0.8	-1.2	1.4	-0.8	1.1
Change on a year ago (No.)	25,600	64,000	24,100	-10,200	18,700	-1,800	122,900
<b>Unemployment Rate (sa)</b>							
July-13	5.9	5.6	5.7	7.1	4.6	8.2	5.7
June-13	6.3	5.4	5.8	6.1	4.6	9.0	5.7
July-12	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.3	3.7	6.5	5.2
<b>Participation Rate (sa)</b>							
July-13	66.0	63.9	65.0	62.5	67.9	60.4	65.1
June-13	65.8	64.0	65.5	62.8	68.3	60.8	65.3
July-12	66.6	63.4	65.4	62.7	68.6	60.0	65.3

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