

ABS Labour Force, September 2013

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Key data (trend)

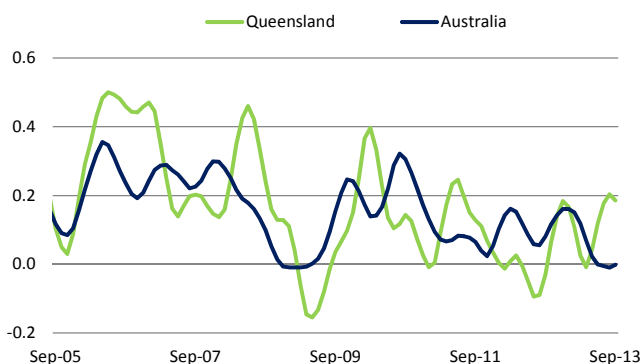
Employment: Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 4,400 ↓ 200	(0.2%) (0.0%)
Unemployment: Queensland, (persons, rate) Australia,	0 ↑ 300	(6.0%) (5.7%)
Labour Force: Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 4,400 ↑ 100	(0.2%) (0.0%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.2% in September 2013, the third consecutive month of solid 0.2% growth. In the last 12 months, trend employment in Queensland has risen in all but 1 month, to be 1.4% higher over the year (see Chart 1). Over the year to September 2013, trend employment grew 33,100 persons, with part-time employment rising 22,700 persons and full-time employment 10,400 persons. Today's results show Queensland recorded the strongest trend employment growth, both in monthly and annual terms, of any State in September 2013 (see Table 2).

With the trend labour force also rising 0.2% in the month, Queensland's trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.0% in September. The trend participation rate in Queensland remained at 65.9% in September 2013 (from an upwardly revised 65.9% in August), well below the recent peak of 67.4% recorded in October 2011.

Chart 1: Employment growth, trend, monthly % change



In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland rose 16,500 persons in September 2013. With the sa labour force rising a similar amount, the sa unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9%.

Nationally, sa employment rose 9,100 persons in September, following similar sized declines in the previous two months and below market expectations of a 15,000 person rise. The sa unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage point, from 5.8% to 5.6%, compared with market expectations of an unchanged rate of 5.8%.

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Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, September 2013

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	
Trend											
Employment	2,370.6	11,646.8	4.4	-0.2	33.1	106.9	0.2	0.0	1.4	0.9	
Full-time	1,691.7	8,131.7	4.7	-1.9	10.4	7.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.1	
Part-time	678.9	3,515.1	-0.3	1.7	22.7	99.6	0.0	0.0	3.5	2.9	
Unemployed	150.6	706.4	0.0	0.3	-0.1	59.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	9.1	
Labour Force	2,521.2	12,353.2	4.4	0.1	33.0	166.0	0.2	0.0	1.3	1.4	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employment	2,378.9	11,645.8	16.5	9.1	50.0	95.5	0.7	0.1	2.1	0.8	
Full-time	1,696.1	8,133.7	17.0	5.0	19.3	-5.2	1.0	0.1	1.2	-0.1	
Part-time	682.8	3,512.1	-0.5	4.1	30.7	100.7	-0.1	0.1	4.7	3.0	
Unemployed	148.3	697.1	-1.1	-14.8	-6.9	28.2	-0.7	-2.1	-4.4	4.2	
Labour Force	2,527.2	12,342.9	15.4	-5.7	43.1	123.7	0.6	0.0	1.7	1.0	
			Current		A month ago		A year ago				
Unemploy. Rate	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust					
Trend	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.7	6.1	5.3					
Seas. Adjusted	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.5					
Participation Rate											
Trend	65.9	65.0	65.9	65.0	66.4	65.2					
Seas. Adjusted	66.1	64.9	65.8	65.0	66.2	65.4					

Table 2: Interstate comparison, September 2013

	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aus.
Employment (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	4,400	-5,300	-900	-2,700	1,500	-200	-200
% change on a year ago	1.4	1.1	0.9	-0.8	0.8	-1.6	0.9
Change on a year ago (no.)	33,100	39,900	24,900	-6,200	10,600	-3,800	106,900
Unemployment rate (trend)							
September-13	6.0	5.7	5.7	6.6	4.7	8.5	5.7
August-13	6.0	5.7	5.7	6.5	4.7	8.5	5.7
September-12	6.1	5.1	5.5	5.6	4.1	6.9	5.3
Participation rate (trend)							
September-13	65.9	63.7	64.9	62.2	68.0	60.2	65.0
August-13	65.9	63.8	64.9	62.5	68.0	60.3	65.0
September-12	66.4	63.5	65.2	62.7	69.2	60.5	65.2
Employment (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.8	0.9	-0.3	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	16,500	-22,200	-6,700	6,400	12,400	-600	9,100
% change on a year ago	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.0	1.0	-1.7	0.8
Change on a year ago (no.)	50,000	15,600	14,700	-300	13,800	-4,000	95,500
Unemployment rate (sa)							
September-13	5.9	5.6	5.8	6.0	4.6	8.3	5.6
August-13	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.8	5.0	8.3	5.8
September-12	6.2	5.3	5.6	5.6	4.1	7.4	5.5
Participation rate (sa)							
September-13	66.1	63.4	64.6	62.1	68.1	59.9	64.9
August-13	65.8	64.0	64.8	62.2	68.0	60.1	65.0
September-12	66.2	63.8	65.3	62.6	69.3	60.7	65.4

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