ABS Labour Force, September 2013

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Key data (trend)

Employment: Queensland, ↑ 4,400 (0.2%) (persons, growth) Australia, ↓ 200 (0.0%)
Unemployment: Queensland, 0 (6.0%) (persons, rate) Australia, ↑ 300 (5.7%)
Labour Force: Queensland, ↑ 4,400 (0.2%) (persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 100 (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 in Queensland has risen in all but 1 month, to be 1.4% higher over the year (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.

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%.