

# ABS Labour Force, October 2013

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## Key data (trend)

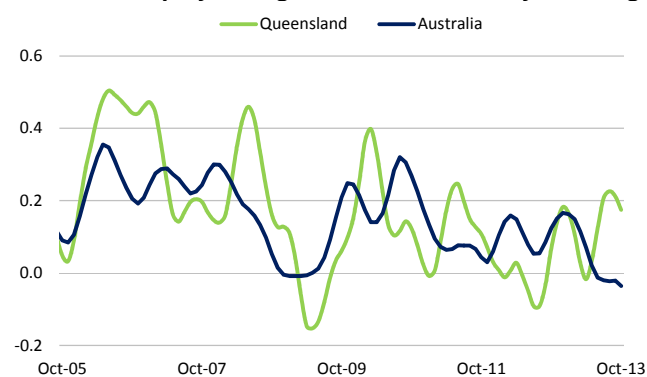
<b>Employment:</b> Queensland, (persons, growth)	↑ 4,200	(0.2%)
Australia, (persons, growth)	↓ 4,200	(0.0%)
<b>Unemployment:</b> Queensland, (persons, rate)	↓ 400	(5.9%)
Australia, (persons, rate)	↑ 1,100	(5.8%)
<b>Labour Force:</b> Queensland, (persons, growth)	↑ 3,800	(0.2%)
Australia, (persons, growth)	↓ 3,100	(0.0%)

## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.2% in October 2013, the fourth consecutive month of solid 0.2% growth. In the last 13 months, trend employment in Queensland has risen in all but one month (see Chart 1). Over the year to October, trend employment grew 37,500 persons (1.6%), with part-time employment rising 29,500 and full-time employment rising 8,000. Today's results show in October, Queensland recorded the strongest trend employment growth of any State over the year, and equal strongest monthly gain along with Western Australia (Table 2).

With the trend labour force also rising 0.2% in the month, Queensland's trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9% in October, from a downwardly revised rate in September. The trend participation rate in Queensland rose 0.1 percentage point to 66.0% in October 2013 but remains 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 fell 600 persons in October 2013, following a strong 16,500 rise in September. With the sa labour force in October falling a similar amount to employment, the sa unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9%.

Nationally, sa employment rose 1,100 persons in October, well below market expectations of a 10,000 person rise. The sa unemployment rate was 5.7% in October, unchanged from an upwardly revised 5.7% in September.

Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, October 2013

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employment	2,376.5	11,636.6	4.2	-4.2	37.5	83.6	0.2	0.0	1.6	0.7	
Full-time	1,691.2	8,107.9	1.9	-8.1	8.0	-25.6	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.3	
Part-time	685.3	3,528.7	2.3	3.9	29.5	109.2	0.3	0.1	4.5	3.2	
Unemployed	149.6	710.0	-0.4	1.1	-2.2	58.4	-0.3	0.2	-1.4	9.0	
Labour force	2,526.1	12,346.6	3.8	-3.1	35.3	142.0	0.2	0.0	1.4	1.2	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employment	2,378.3	11,639.2	-0.6	1.1	52.5	89.2	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.8	
Full-time	1,685.6	8,094.7	-11.2	-27.8	5.5	-59.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.3	-0.7	
Part-time	692.7	3,544.5	10.6	28.9	47.0	148.7	1.6	0.8	7.3	4.4	
Unemployed	148.7	709.3	0.4	9.0	-3.0	53.5	0.3	1.3	-2.0	8.2	
Labour force	2,527.0	12,348.5	-0.2	10.1	49.5	142.7	0.0	0.1	2.0	1.2	
	<b>Current</b>	<b>A month ago</b>	<b>A year ago</b>								
	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.1	5.3					
Seas. Adjusted	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.1	5.4					
Participation rate											
Trend	66.0	64.8	65.9	64.9	66.3	65.2					
Seas. Adjusted	65.9	64.8	66.1	64.8	66.0	65.2					

Table 2: Interstate comparison, October 2013

	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aus.
<b>Employment (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	4,200	-6,400	-900	-2,400	2,900	-300	-4,200
% change on a year ago	1.6	0.6	0.9	-1.4	0.9	-1.7	0.7
Change on a year ago (no.)	37,500	22,900	26,400	-11,100	12,000	-4,000	83,600
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
October-13	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.6	4.5	8.2	5.8
September-13	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.6	4.6	8.3	5.7
October-12	6.1	5.1	5.5	5.6	4.2	7.0	5.3
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
October-13	66.0	63.5	64.9	61.9	67.9	60.0	64.8
September-13	65.9	63.7	64.9	62.2	68.0	60.1	64.9
October-12	66.3	63.5	65.1	62.8	69.4	60.5	65.2
<b>Employment (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.1	0.5	-0.7	0.5	0.4	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	-600	3,800	14,200	-5,900	6,600	900	1,100
% change on a year ago	2.3	0.3	0.9	-1.6	1.4	-2.4	0.8
Change on a year ago (no.)	52,500	10,300	25,600	-13,400	19,000	-5,700	89,200
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September-13	66.1	63.4	64.7	62.0	68.1	59.9	64.8
October-12	66.0	63.7	65.1	63.0	69.7	61.0	65.2

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