ABS Labour Force, November 2013

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Key data (trend)

| Employment: Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia, | 4,300 (0.2%) |
| Unemployment: Queensland, (persons, rate) Australia, | 1,700 (5.7%) |
| Labour Force: Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia, | 2,700 (0.1%) |

Main findings
Trend employment in Queensland rose 4,700 persons in November 2013, to be 0.2% higher than a year ago. Queensland’s trend unemployment rate fell to 5.7% in November, 0.3 percentage point to 5.6%. Queensland was the only state to record a fall in its sa unemployment rate in November, down 0.3 percentage point to 5.8% in November, in line with market expectations.

With trend employment growth stronger than labour force growth, Queensland’s trend unemployment rate fell to 5.7% in November, from a downwardly revised 5.8% in October. Today’s results show that Queensland recorded the strongest trend employment growth of any State over the year to November 2013, and equal strongest monthly gain along with Western Australia (Table 2).

In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland rose 4,700 persons in November 2013, to be 1.7% higher than a year ago. Queensland was the only state to record a fall in its sa unemployment rate in November, down 0.3 percentage point to 5.6%. Queensland’s unemployment rate, in both sa and trend terms, was below the national rate in November.

Nationally, sa employment rose 21,000 persons in November, well above market expectations of a 10,000 person rise. However, with growth in the labour force outpacing that in employment, the sa unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point to 5.8% in November, in line with market expectations.

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