

ABS Labour Force, November 2013

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Key data (trend)

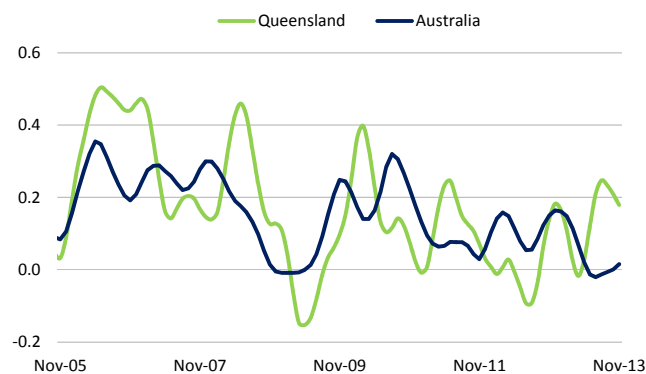
Employment: Queensland,	↑ 4,300	(0.2%)
(persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 1,800	(0.0%)
Unemployment: Queensland,	↓ 1,700	(5.7%)
(persons, rate) Australia,	↑ 900	(5.8%)
Labour Force: Queensland,	↑ 2,600	(0.1%)
(persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 2,700	(0.0%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.2% in November 2013, the fifth consecutive month of solid 0.2% growth (see Chart 1). Over the year to November, trend employment grew 40,100 persons (1.7%), led by a 38,800 increase in part-time employment, while full-time employment rose only 1,300. 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).

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. The trend participation rate in Queensland was unchanged at 65.9% in November 2013 but remains well below the 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 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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Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, November 2013

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	QLD	Aust	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	
Trend											
Employment	2,382.4	11,645.5	4.3	1.8	40.1	74.8	0.2	0.0	1.7	0.6	
Full-time	1,686.2	8,103.5	-0.6	-5.0	1.3	-36.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	
Part-time	696.2	3,542.0	4.9	6.8	38.8	111.1	0.7	0.2	5.9	3.2	
Unemployed	145.3	710.7	-1.7	0.9	-5.9	55.3	-1.2	0.1	-3.9	8.4	
Labour force	2,527.7	12,356.2	2.6	2.7	34.2	130.1	0.1	0.0	1.4	1.1	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employment	2,383.3	11,659.9	4.7	21.0	30.7	87.8	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.8	
Full-time	1,678.9	8,107.9	-5.5	15.5	-11.7	-38.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.7	-0.5	
Part-time	704.4	3,552.0	10.2	5.5	42.4	125.8	1.5	0.2	6.4	3.7	
Unemployed	142.5	712.5	-5.5	3.4	-9.5	69.7	-3.7	0.5	-6.3	10.8	
Labour force	2,525.8	12,372.4	-0.8	24.4	21.2	157.5	0.0	0.2	0.8	1.3	
	Current		A month ago		A year ago						
	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.1	5.4					
Seas. Adjusted	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.1	5.3					
Participation rate											
Trend	65.9	64.8	65.9	64.8	66.3	65.2					
Seas. Adjusted	65.8	64.8	65.9	64.8	66.6	65.2					

Table 2: Interstate comparison, November 2013

	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	Tas	Aus.
Employment (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	4,300	-4,500	-300	-1,300	3,300	-300	1,800
% change on a year ago	1.7	0.3	0.9	-1.6	1.0	-1.9	0.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	40,100	10,200	25,000	-13,300	13,100	-4,400	74,800
Unemployment rate (trend)							
November-13	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.6	4.4	7.9	5.8
October-13	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.6	4.4	8.0	5.7
November-12	6.1	5.1	5.6	5.6	4.3	7.1	5.4
Participation rate (trend)							
November-13	65.9	63.4	64.9	61.9	67.9	59.7	64.8
October-13	65.9	63.5	64.9	62.0	67.9	59.8	64.8
November-12	66.3	63.5	65.1	62.8	69.4	60.5	65.2
Employment (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	4,700	-1,900	-2,600	800	-2,700	-1,200	21,000
% change on a year ago	1.3	0.6	1.2	-1.3	1.0	-1.6	0.8
Change on a year ago (no.)	30,700	22,500	33,400	-10,900	12,700	-3,800	87,800
Unemployment rate (sa)							
November-13	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.8	4.3	7.8	5.8
October-13	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.6	4.3	7.8	5.7
November-12	6.1	5.1	5.5	5.3	4.2	6.8	5.3
Participation rate (sa)							
November-13	65.8	63.4	65.0	62.1	67.8	59.6	64.8
October-13	65.9	63.5	65.0	62.0	68.1	59.9	64.8
November-12	66.6	63.3	64.9	62.6	69.4	60.1	65.2

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