ABS Labour Force, June 2014

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Key data (trend)

Employment: Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 5,700 (0.2%)
Unemployment: Queensland, (persons, rate) Australia, ↑ 700 (6.3%)
Labour Force: Queensland, (persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 6,400 (0.3%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.2% in June 2014, the fourteenth consecutive month of growth (see Chart 1). Both full-time and part-time employment rose in June, up 2,800 persons and 2,900 persons respectively. Over the year to June 2014, Queensland recorded a 62,100 person increase in trend employment (up 2.7%), accounting for more than half of national employment growth over the period (see Table 2).

The trend participation rate continued to edge higher, to 66.5% in June 2014. Consistent with improved labour market conditions, the participation rate has risen 0.7 percentage point in the first half of 2014. With trend labour force growing at a similar rate to employment in the month, Queensland’s trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.3%.

Chart 1: Employment growth, trend, monthly % change

In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland rose 2,200 persons (up 0.1%) in June 2014, with a rise in part-time employment more than offsetting a fall in full-time employment. Over the year to June 2014, Queensland employment rose 65,200, accounting for the majority of the national gain in sa employment. With the sa labour force growing at a faster rate than employment in the month, the sa unemployment rate rose to 6.0%, from an upwardly revised 5.9%.

In year-average terms, employment in Queensland rose 1.8% in 2013-14, while the unemployment rate was 6.0%. The 40,600 year-average employment gain in Queensland during the year accounted for 43% of employment growth nationally.

Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, June 2014

Table 2: Interstate comparison, June 2014