

Labour Force, July 2014

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Key data (trend)

Employment:	Queensland,	↑ 1,300	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 4,500	(0.0%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↑ 2,400	(6.5%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑ 9,400	(6.1%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↑ 3,700	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 14,100	(0.1%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.1% in July 2014, the fifteenth consecutive month of growth. The monthly gain was driven by a rise in part-time employment, up 1,300 persons, while full-time employment was unchanged. Over the year to July 2014, Queensland recorded a 50,900 person increase in trend employment (up 2.2%), a larger employment gain than any other state (see Chart 1).

The trend participation rate was unchanged at 66.4% in July 2014. However, Queensland's participation rate has risen 0.7 percentage point since the start of the year, largely due to growth in the number of females entering the labour force. With the number of persons entering the labour force outpacing employment growth in the month, Queensland's trend unemployment rate edged higher in July 2014, to 6.5% (from an upwardly revised 6.4% in June).

Chart 1: Yearly employment growth, July 2014
(persons, thousands, trend)



In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland fell 12,600 persons (down 0.5%) in July 2014. This result was driven by a fall in full-time employment and follows five consecutive months of growth. Over the year to July 2014, Queensland sa employment rose 34,200. With the sharp fall in sa employment in July, the sa unemployment rate rose 0.5 percentage point to 6.8%.

Nationally, sa employment fell 300 persons in July 2014, substantially weaker than market expectations of a 12,000 person gain. With the labour force growing at a faster rate than employment in the month, the sa unemployment rate rose 0.4 percentage point in the month. At 6.4%, the national unemployment rate in July 2014 is at its highest point since mid-2002.

Table 1: Monthly labour force outcomes, July 2014

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
Trend											
Employed	2,357.0	11,582.2	1.3	4.5	50.9	110.6	0.1	0.0	2.2	1.0	
Full-time	1,647.4	8,076.1	0.0	6.3	3.1	59.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.7	
Part-time	709.6	3,506.1	1.3	-1.8	47.8	51.2	0.2	-0.1	7.2	1.5	
Unemployed	164.8	756.7	2.4	9.4	19.9	64.9	1.5	1.3	13.7	9.4	
Labour force	2,521.8	12,339.0	3.7	14.1	70.8	175.6	0.1	0.1	2.9	1.4	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employed	2,344.7	11,576.6	-12.6	-0.3	34.2	101.6	-0.5	0.0	1.5	0.9	
Full-time	1,637.2	8,077.4	-12.0	14.4	-14.6	61.0	-0.7	0.2	-0.9	0.8	
Part-time	707.5	3,499.2	-0.6	-14.8	48.8	40.7	-0.1	-0.4	7.4	1.2	
Unemployed	171.7	789.0	12.0	43.8	29.3	103.4	7.5	5.9	20.6	15.1	
Labour force	2,516.4	12,365.6	-0.6	43.4	63.5	205.0	0.0	0.4	2.6	1.7	
			Current		A month ago		A year ago				
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus			
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend			6.5	6.1	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.7			
Seas. Adjusted			6.8	6.4	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.6			
Participation rate											
Trend			66.4	64.7	66.4	64.7	65.8	65.0			
Seas. Adjusted			66.2	64.8	66.3	64.7	65.9	64.9			

Table 2: Interstate comparison, July 2014

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	1,300	-700	2,100	700	3,200	100	4,500
% change on a year ago	2.2	0.2	0.1	-0.2	3.0	2.2	1.0
Change on a year ago (no.)	50,900	7,800	3,600	-1,300	39,700	5,200	110,600
Unemployment rate (trend)							
July-14	6.5	5.8	6.6	7.1	5.0	7.5	6.1
June-14	6.4	5.7	6.6	7.0	5.0	7.5	6.1
July-13	5.9	5.6	5.8	6.4	4.7	8.2	5.7
Participation rate (trend)							
July-14	66.4	63.0	64.4	62.5	68.3	61.0	64.7
June-14	66.4	63.0	64.4	62.4	68.3	60.9	64.7
July-13	65.8	63.7	64.9	62.7	68.2	60.3	65.0
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	-0.5	-0.1	0.5	-0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	-12,600	-4,300	14,600	-4,200	1,300	-600	-300
% change on a year ago	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	3.2	2.0	0.9
Change on a year ago (no.)	34,200	7,500	9,700	1,400	42,400	4,600	101,600
Unemployment rate (sa)							
July-14	6.8	5.9	7.0	7.2	5.2	7.6	6.4
June-14	6.3	5.7	6.6	7.3	5.0	7.3	6.0
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