

# Labour Force, November 2014

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**Note:** As a result of changes to its supplementary survey program, the ABS implemented a new seasonal adjustment process from the October edition of the *Labour Force Survey*. This interim measure was applied to estimates from December 2013 onwards.

The ABS will undertake a review of the full time series, along with further analysis to refine State series, as part of the annual seasonal re-analysis which is expected to be completed in early 2015.

**Until these issues are resolved, all data should be treated with caution.**

faster rate than the labour force in November, the trend unemployment rate edged higher, to 6.9%.

Nationally, trend employment rose 7,100 persons (0.1%) in November 2014, to be 1.2% higher over the year. The national trend unemployment rate was also slightly higher in the month, up 0.1 percentage point to 6.3%.

**Table 1: Labour force outcomes, November 2014**

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employed	2,323.3	11,613.9	-5.5	7.1	0.2	133.5	-0.2	0.1	0.0	1.2	
Full-time	1,620.6	8,052.8	-3.6	-1.7	-23.8	65.8	-0.2	0.0	-1.4	0.8	
Part-time	702.7	3,561.1	-1.9	8.8	24.0	67.7	-0.3	0.2	3.5	1.9	
Unemployed	171.6	775.4	2.1	4.8	27.3	64.3	1.2	0.6	18.9	9.0	
Labour force	2,494.9	12,389.2	-3.4	11.8	27.5	197.7	-0.1	0.1	1.1	1.6	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employed	2,323.0	11,637.4	0.8	42.7	-4.6	140.0	0.0	0.4	-0.2	1.2	
Full-time	1,621.9	8,059.4	-8.1	1.8	-19.7	52.5	-0.5	0.0	-1.2	0.7	
Part-time	701.1	3,578.0	8.9	40.9	15.1	87.5	1.3	1.2	2.2	2.5	
Unemployed	171.6	777.7	-5.0	4.7	31.2	73.5	-2.8	0.6	22.2	10.4	
Labour force	2,494.6	12,415.1	-4.2	47.4	26.6	213.5	-0.2	0.4	1.1	1.7	
<b>Current</b>											
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.9	6.3	6.8	6.2	5.8	5.8					
Seas. Adjusted	6.9	6.3	7.1	6.2	5.7	5.8					
Participation rate											
Trend	65.3	64.6	65.5	64.6	65.8	64.7					
Seas. Adjusted	65.3	64.7	65.5	64.6	65.8	64.8					

## Key data (trend)

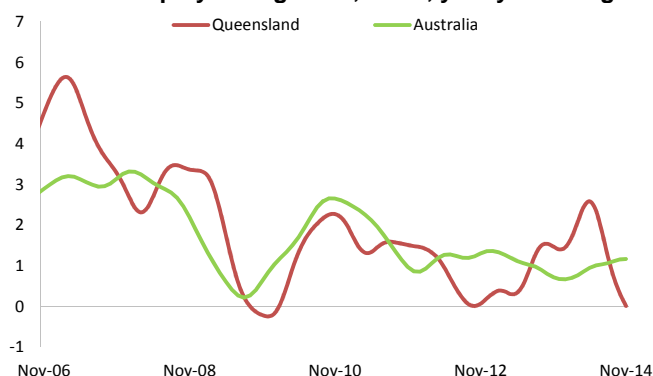
<b>Employment:</b> Queensland,	↓ 5,500	(-0.2%)
(persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 7,100	(0.1%)
<b>Unemployment:</b> Queensland,	↑ 2,100	(6.9%)
(persons, rate) Australia,	↑ 4,800	(6.3%)
<b>Labour force:</b> Queensland,	↓ 3,400	(-0.1%)
(persons, growth) Australia,	↑ 11,800	(0.1%)

## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland fell by 5,500 persons (-0.2%) in November 2014, following similar declines in the previous four months. Both full-time and part-time employment fell in the month, down 3,600 persons and 1,900 persons respectively.

Over the year to November 2014, Queensland's trend employment remained almost unchanged, with a 24,000 person increase in part-time employment offsetting fall in full-time employment of the similar magnitude (see Chart 1).

**Chart 1: Employment growth, trend, yearly % change**



The trend participation rate has fallen 1.0 percentage point over the past six months, to be 65.3% in November 2014, the lowest rate in a decade. With employment declining at a

**Table 2: Interstate comparison, November 2014**

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
<b>Employed (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	-5,500	4,500	3,100	-700	4,400	1,200	7,100
% change on a year ago	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.7	3.4	4.4	1.2
Change on a year ago (no.)	200	42,600	32,400	5,600	45,000	10,200	133,500
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
November-14	6.9	5.9	6.9	6.5	5.1	7.0	6.3
October-14	6.8	5.9	6.8	6.6	5.1	7.1	6.2
November-13	5.8	5.8	6.2	6.7	4.6	7.7	5.8
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
November-14	65.3	63.1	64.7	61.8	68.8	61.7	64.6
October-14	65.5	63.0	64.7	61.9	68.6	61.4	64.6
November-13	65.8	63.1	64.7	62.1	68.2	59.7	64.7
<b>Employed (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.6	0.4
Change on a month ago (no.)	800	19,600	10,800	600	4,700	3,900	42,700
% change on a year ago	-0.2	1.5	1.1	0.5	3.8	5.3	1.2
Change on a year ago (no.)	-4,600	53,200	30,300	3,600	51,300	12,300	140,000
<b>Unemployment rate (sa)</b>							
November-14	6.9	6.0	6.8	6.6	5.2	6.9	6.3
October-14	7.1	5.8	6.8	6.7	5.1	6.9	6.2
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