

Labour Force, January 2015

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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 is undertaking a review of the whole time series, along with further analysis to refine state-level series, as part of the next annual seasonal re-analysis which is expected to be undertaken in March 2015.

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

With employment growing at a faster pace than the labour force in the month, the trend unemployment rate edged lower in January 2015, down 0.1 percentage point to 6.5%.

Nationally, trend employment rose 15,200 persons (0.1%) in January 2015, to be 1.4% higher over the year. The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged in the month, from an upwardly revised 6.3%.

Table 1: Labour force outcomes, January 2015

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
Trend											
Employed	2,334.9	11,666.0	1.6	15.2	8.1	162.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.4	
Full-time	1,642.4	8,081.3	4.4	6.2	6.7	98.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.2	
Part-time	692.5	3,584.6	-2.8	8.9	1.4	64.5	-0.4	0.2	0.2	1.8	
Unemployed	162.8	782.3	-1.2	3.6	13.0	63.2	-0.7	0.5	8.7	8.8	
Labour force	2,497.7	12,448.3	0.4	18.8	21.1	225.9	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.8	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employed	2,339.5	11,668.7	-7.1	-12.2	34.3	185.0	-0.3	-0.1	1.5	1.6	
Full-time	1,643.4	8,078.0	-13.0	-28.1	8.7	114.2	-0.8	-0.3	0.5	1.4	
Part-time	696.1	3,590.7	5.9	15.9	25.6	70.8	0.9	0.4	3.8	2.0	
Unemployed	162.8	795.2	7.2	34.5	10.8	64.6	4.6	4.5	7.1	8.8	
Labour force	2,502.3	12,463.9	0.1	22.4	45.1	249.6	0.0	0.2	1.8	2.0	
	Current		A month ago		A year ago						
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.9					
Seas. Adjusted	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0					
Participation rate											
Trend	65.2	64.7	65.2	64.7	65.8	64.7					
Seas. Adjusted	65.3	64.8	65.4	64.8	65.3	64.6					

Key data (trend)

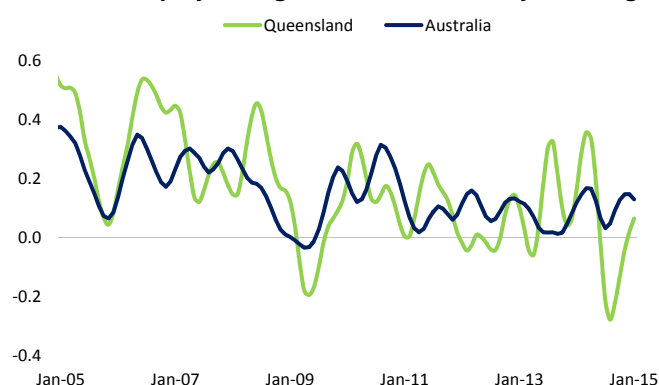
Employment: Queensland, (persons, growth)	↑ 1,600	(0.1%)
Australia, (persons, growth)	↑ 15,200	(0.1%)
Unemployment: Queensland, (persons, rate)	↓ 1,200	(6.5%)
Australia, (persons, rate)	↑ 3,600	(6.3%)
Labour force: Queensland, (persons, growth)	↑ 400	(0.0%)
Australia, (persons, growth)	↑ 18,800	(0.2%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 1,600 persons (0.1%) in January 2015 (see Chart 1). This result was driven by a 4,400 person increase in full-time employment, with a fourth consecutive monthly rise in female full-time workers. Consistent with this shift towards full-time employment, trend aggregate hours worked in Queensland has increased over the past three months.

Over the year to January 2015, Queensland's trend employment rose by 8,100 persons (0.3%), driven by an 11,600 increase in female employment.

Chart 1: Employment growth, trend, monthly % change



Following seven consecutive monthly falls (a cumulative decline of 1.2 percentage points), the trend participation rate was unchanged in January 2015, at 65.2%.

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Table 2: Interstate comparison, January 2015

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	1,600	800	7,400	-700	2,600	500	15,200
% change on a year ago	0.3	0.9	2.3	0.2	3.4	4.0	1.4
Change on a year ago (no.)	8,100	32,100	65,600	1,800	45,700	9,200	162,700
Unemployment rate (trend)							
January-15	6.5	6.2	6.6	6.9	5.7	6.6	6.3
December-14	6.6	6.1	6.7	6.8	5.6	6.7	6.3
January-14	6.0	5.7	6.4	6.7	4.9	7.5	5.9
Participation rate (trend)							
January-15	65.2	63.0	65.0	61.7	69.0	61.5	64.7
December-14	65.2	63.0	65.0	61.7	68.9	61.5	64.7
January-14	65.8	63.0	64.5	62.0	68.2	60.0	64.7
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	-7,100	-14,500	-6,300	3,600	5,300	-1,200	-12,200
% change on a year ago	1.5	0.6	2.3	0.6	3.5	2.4	1.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	34,300	20,600	66,300	4,600	47,600	5,600	185,000
Unemployment rate (sa)							
January-15	6.5	6.3	6.6	7.3	5.6	6.6	6.4
December-14	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.6	5.9	6.6	6.1
January-14	6.2	5.7	6.5	6.5	5.2	7.6	6.0
Participation rate (sa)							
January-15	65.3	62.9	65.1	62.1	68.9	61.1	64.8
December-14	65.4	63.0	65.2	61.4	69.0	61.5	64.8
January-14	65.3	63.1	64.6	61.8	68.3	60.6	64.6

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