# Labour Force, June 2015

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 9 July 2015, 11:30 am AEST.

**Note: In the March 2015 Labour Force release, the ABS fully implemented an approach to re-estimate the seasonality of Labour Force data with specific adjustments for the changed timing and content of the supplementary survey program.**

**Despite these adjustments, the ABS note that the impact of the new program on the core Labour Force Survey will not be known with any degree of certainty until a new seasonal pattern can be established. This is not expected until at least 2017.**

**Consequently, all data should be treated with caution.**

## Key data (trend)

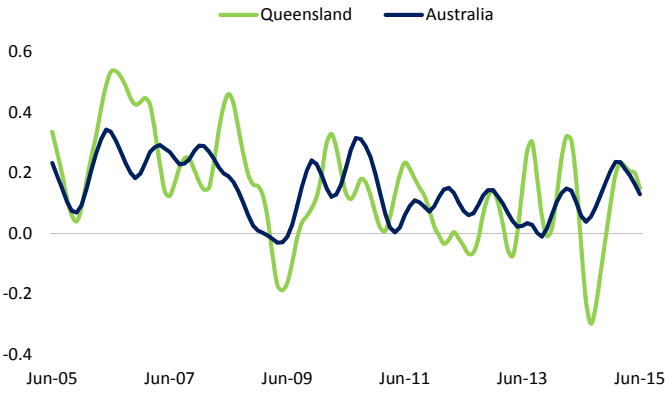
| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Employment:** | Queensland, | ↑ 3,500 | (0.1%) |
| (persons, growth) | Australia, | ↑ 15,200 | (0.1%) |
| **Unemployment:** | Queensland, | ↓ 900 | (6.3%) |
| (persons, rate) | Australia, | ↓ 2,700 | (6.0%) |
| **Labour force:** | Queensland, | ↑ 2,600 | (0.1%) |
| (persons, growth) | Australia, | ↑ 12,400 | (0.1%) |

## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 3,500 persons (up 0.1%) in June 2015 (see Chart 1). The monthly gain was entirely due to an increase in full-time workers (up 3,500 persons), while part-time employment was unchanged from the previous month. Trend employment in Queensland was 0.4% higher over the year to June 2015, largely driven by an increase in female full-time workers.

Queensland's trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.4% in the month, but was 0.8 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

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




With employment growing at a slightly faster pace than the labour force in June 2015, the trend unemployment rate in Queensland edged lower, to 6.3% (from a downwardly revised 6.4% in May). The improvement reflected a fall in the unemployment rate for females in Queensland (down 0.2 percentage point to 5.5%), while the unemployment rate for males was unchanged, at a somewhat higher 7.0%.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 15,200 persons (up 0.1%) in June 2015, to be 1.9% higher over the year. National employment growth over the past year has been driven by strong gains in New South Wales and Victoria. Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate was unchanged in the month, at 6.0%.

*In year-average terms*, employment in Queensland grew 0.5% in 2014-15, while the unemployment rate rose from 6.0% in 2013-14 to 6.5%. In comparison, national employment growth was 1.5% in 2014-15 and the unemployment rate increased from 5.9% to 6.1%.

**Table 1: Labour force outcomes, June 2015**

| | Level (000s) | | Difference (000s) | | | | % Change | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Month | | Year | | Month | | Year | |
| | Qld | Aus | Qld | Aus | Qld | Aus | Qld | Aus | Qld | Aus |
| **Trend** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed | 2,346.7 | 11,767.2 | 3.5 | 15.2 | 9.0 | 214.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| Full-time | 1,666.2 | 8,147.5 | 3.5 | 8.7 | 37.3 | 114.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| Part-time | 680.5 | 3,619.7 | 0.0 | 6.5 | -28.3 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -4.0 | 2.8 |
| Unemployed | 158.8 | 753.8 | -0.9 | -2.7 | -1.8 | 10.0 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -1.1 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 2,505.5 | 12,521.0 | 2.6 | 12.4 | 7.2 | 224.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| **Seas. Adjusted** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed | 2,350.2 | 11,768.6 | -1.3 | 7.4 | 12.2 | 224.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| Full-time | 1,663.9 | 8,156.2 | -5.4 | 24.6 | 32.6 | 133.5 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| Part-time | 686.3 | 3,612.4 | 4.1 | -17.2 | -20.4 | 91.0 | 0.6 | -0.5 | -2.9 | 2.6 |
| Unemployed | 152.6 | 756.1 | -5.6 | 12.7 | -5.6 | 10.4 | -3.5 | 1.7 | -3.5 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 2,502.8 | 12,524.7 | -6.9 | 20.1 | 6.6 | 234.9 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.9 |

| | Current | | A month ago | | A year ago | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Qld | Aus | Qld | Aus | Qld | Aus |
| Unemploy. Rate | | | | | | |
| Trend | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| Seas. Adjusted | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Participation rate | | | | | | |
| Trend | 65.4 | 64.8 | 65.4 | 64.8 | 66.2 | 64.7 |
| Seas. Adjusted | 65.3 | 64.8 | 65.5 | 64.7 | 66.2 | 64.7 |

**Table 2: Interstate comparison, June 2015**

| | Qld | NSW | Vic | SA | WA | Tas | Aus |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Employed (trend)** | | | | | | | |
| % change on a month ago | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| *Change on a month ago (no.)* | *3,500* | *12,200* | *100* | *800* | *1,200* | *0* | *15,200* |
| % change on a year ago | 0.4 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| *Change on a year ago (no.)* | *9,000* | *80,900* | *86,300* | *2,400* | *30,400* | *2,000* | *214,900* |
| **Unemployment rate (trend)** | | | | | | | |
| June-15 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 7.8 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| May-15 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 6.0 |
| June-14 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 6.0 |
| **Participation rate (trend)** | | | | | | | |
| June-15 | 65.4 | 63.4 | 64.7 | 62.5 | 68.6 | 60.7 | 64.8 |
| May-15 | 65.4 | 63.3 | 64.8 | 62.3 | 68.7 | 60.7 | 64.8 |
| June-14 | 66.2 | 63.0 | 64.5 | 62.3 | 68.2 | 60.9 | 64.7 |
| **Employed (sa)** | | | | | | | |
| % change on a month ago | -0.1 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| *Change on a month ago (no.)* | *-1,300* | *11,400* | *-5,500* | *-5,700* | *4,200* | *2,100* | *7,400* |
| % change on a year ago | 0.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | -0.2 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| *Change on a year ago (no.)* | *12,200* | *91,300* | *86,200* | *-1,600* | *30,900* | *3,100* | *224,500* |
| **Unemployment rate (sa)** | | | | | | | |
| June-15 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 6.0 |
| May-15 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 5.9 |
| June-14 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 6.1 |
| **Participation rate (sa)** | | | | | | | |
| June-15 | 65.3 | 63.5 | 64.6 | 62.5 | 68.9 | 60.9 | 64.8 |
| May-15 | 65.5 | 63.3 | 64.8 | 62.6 | 68.3 | 60.7 | 64.7 |
| June-14 | 66.2 | 62.9 | 64.3 | 62.5 | 68.3 | 60.9 | 64.7 |

Economic Information, Monitoring and Forecasting Team
Contact: ryan.faulkner@treasury.qld.gov.au; (Ph: (07) 3035 1406).
www.qgso.qld.gov.au

http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/
© The State of Queensland
Queensland Treasury 2015

Queensland Government