

Labour Force, July 2015

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 6 August 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)

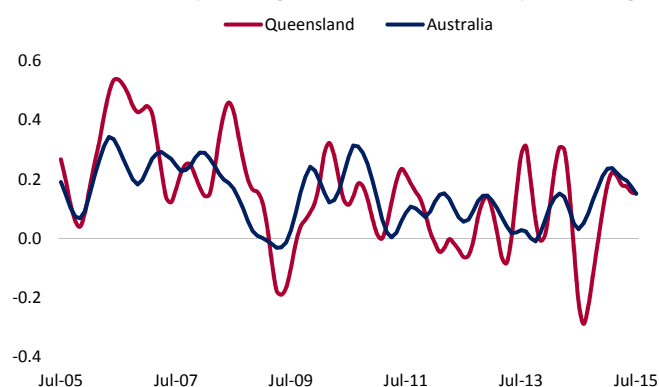
Employment:	Queensland,	↑ 3,600	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 17,800	(0.2%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↓ 1,200	(6.3%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑ 3,000	(6.1%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↑ 2,400	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 20,700	(0.2%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 3,600 persons (up 0.2%) in July 2015 (see Chart 1). The monthly gain was driven by a rise in part-time employment (up 3,300 persons), while full-time employment also increased marginally (up 300 persons). Trend employment in Queensland was 0.7% higher over the year to July 2015, largely driven by an increase in female full-time workers.

Queensland's trend participation rate was unchanged in the month, from a downwardly revised 65.3%. Following a sharp fall in 2014, Queensland's trend participation rate has been unchanged so far in 2015, coinciding with a 29,800 person gain in trend employment over this period.

Chart 1: Employment growth, trend, monthly % change



With employment growing at a slightly faster pace than the labour force in July 2015, the trend unemployment rate in Queensland edged lower, to 6.3% (from an upwardly revised 6.4% in June). This 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 7.0%.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 17,800 persons (up 0.2%) in July 2015, to be 2.1% higher over the year. The national employment gain of 241,400 persons over the past year has been driven by growth in New South Wales and Victoria. Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate was unchanged in the month, at 6.1%.

Table 1: Labour force outcomes, July 2015

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
Trend											
Employed	2,349.0	11,797.3	3.6	17.8	16.7	241.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	2.1	
Full-time	1,657.5	8,164.5	0.3	10.9	32.3	131.6	0.0	0.1	2.0	1.6	
Part-time	691.5	3,632.7	3.3	6.8	-15.6	109.7	0.5	0.2	-2.2	3.1	
Unemployed	159.1	772.3	-1.2	3.0	-4.2	18.6	-0.7	0.4	-2.6	2.5	
Labour force	2,508.1	12,569.6	2.4	20.7	12.5	260.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	2.1	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employed	2,346.2	11,810.7	-2.8	38.5	11.4	243.6	-0.1	0.3	0.5	2.1	
Full-time	1,639.8	8,170.4	-21.7	12.4	12.9	123.5	-1.3	0.2	0.8	1.5	
Part-time	706.4	3,640.3	18.9	26.1	-1.5	120.1	2.7	0.7	-0.2	3.4	
Unemployed	163.0	800.7	9.6	40.1	-3.7	31.8	6.3	5.3	-2.2	4.1	
Labour force	2,509.1	12,611.4	6.7	78.6	7.6	275.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	2.2	
	Current		A month ago		A year ago						
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.1					
Seas. Adjusted	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.7	6.2					
Participation rate											
Trend	65.3	64.9	65.3	64.9	66.1	64.7					
Seas. Adjusted	65.3	65.1	65.2	64.8	66.2	64.8					

Table 2: Interstate comparison, July 2015

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	3,600	14,800	1,000	200	400	100	17,800
% change on a year ago	0.7	2.9	2.8	0.2	2.0	0.8	2.1
Change on a year ago (no.)	16,700	105,900	81,900	1,400	27,200	1,900	241,400
Unemployment rate (trend)							
July-15	6.3	5.8	6.2	7.9	6.0	6.7	6.1
June-15	6.4	5.8	6.1	7.8	5.8	6.8	6.1
July-14	6.5	5.8	6.7	6.6	5.0	7.3	6.1
Participation rate (trend)							
July-15	65.3	63.8	64.8	62.6	68.9	60.8	64.9
June-15	65.3	63.6	64.8	62.5	68.8	60.8	64.9
July-14	66.1	63.0	64.6	62.2	68.2	61.0	64.7
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	-0.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
Change on a month ago (no.)	-2,800	29,600	6,900	900	-1,700	-500	38,500
% change on a year ago	0.5	3.3	2.6	0.3	2.0	1.1	2.1
Change on a year ago (no.)	11,400	118,000	75,700	2,100	27,100	2,600	243,600
Unemployment rate (sa)							
July-15	6.5	6.0	6.4	7.9	6.4	6.6	6.3
June-15	6.1	5.8	6.0	8.1	5.9	6.5	6.1
July-14	6.7	5.8	6.9	6.8	5.0	7.3	6.2
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