

# Labour Force, September 2015

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 15 October 2015, 10:30 am AEST.

**Note: In response to the changed timing and content of the supplementary survey program, the ABS recently altered the way it estimated the seasonality of Labour Force data.**

**All data should be treated with caution until a new seasonal pattern can be established, which is not expected until at least 2017.**

Nationally, trend employment rose by 12,400 persons (up 0.1%) in September 2015, to be 2.0% higher over the year. The national employment gain of 232,400 persons over the past year has been driven largely by growth in New South Wales and Victoria. Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.2% in September 2015.

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

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employed	2,351.1	11,775.8	4.0	12.4	35.0	232.4	0.2	0.1	1.5	2.0	
Full-time	1,641.1	8,133.7	-2.5	5.3	25.0	124.4	-0.2	0.1	1.5	1.6	
Part-time	710.0	3,642.1	6.5	7.1	10.0	108.0	0.9	0.2	1.4	3.1	
Unemployed	158.9	780.6	0.1	3.8	-6.7	15.9	0.1	0.5	-4.0	2.1	
Labour force	2,509.9	12,556.4	4.1	16.2	28.3	248.3	0.2	0.1	1.1	2.0	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employed	2,353.1	11,769.9	4.7	-5.0	38.8	230.1	0.2	0.0	1.7	2.0	
Full-time	1,643.9	8,124.4	3.5	-13.9	35.9	129.0	0.2	-0.2	2.2	1.6	
Part-time	709.2	3,645.5	1.2	8.9	2.9	101.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	2.9	
Unemployed	158.6	772.5	-2.8	-8.2	-0.2	7.6	-1.7	-1.1	-0.1	1.0	
Labour force	2,511.7	12,542.4	1.8	-13.2	38.6	237.7	0.1	-0.1	1.6	1.9	
	<b>Current</b>	<b>A month ago</b>	<b>A year ago</b>								
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.2					
Seas. Adjusted	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.2					
Participation rate											
Trend	65.4	65.0	65.4	64.9	65.6	64.6					
Seas. Adjusted	65.5	64.9	65.5	65.0	65.4	64.6					

## Key data (trend)

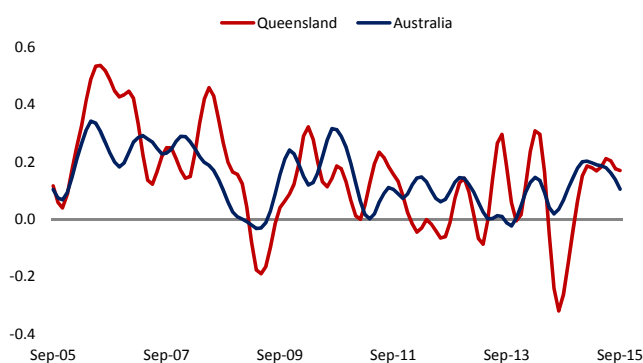
<b>Employment:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 4,000	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 12,400	(0.1%)
<b>Unemployment:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 100	(6.3%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑ 3,800	(6.2%)
<b>Labour force:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 4,100	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 16,200	(0.1%)

## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 4,000 persons (up 0.2%) in September 2015 (see Chart 1). This was the tenth consecutive monthly rise in employment. The gain in September was driven by a rise in part-time employment (up 6,500 persons), which more than offset the decline in full-time employment (down 2,500 persons). Trend employment in Queensland was 1.5% higher over the year to September 2015.

Queensland's trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.4% in September 2015. Following a sharp fall in the second half of 2014, Queensland's trend participation rate has edged higher, coinciding with a 38,100 person gain in trend employment so far in 2015.

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



With employment growing at a similar pace as the labour force in September 2015, the trend unemployment rate in Queensland was unchanged in the month, from a downwardly revised 6.3% in August. The unemployment rate for females and males in Queensland was unchanged at 5.6% and 7.0%, respectively.

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

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
<b>Employed (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	4,000	9,000	-700	-1,300	0	700	12,400
% change on a year ago	1.5	3.3	2.0	-0.1	0.7	1.3	2.0
Change on a year ago (no.)	35,000	119,500	57,900	-1,100	10,000	3,000	232,400
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
September-15	6.3	5.9	6.2	8.0	6.2	6.2	6.2
August-15	6.3	5.9	6.2	7.9	6.1	6.4	6.2
September-14	6.7	5.9	6.8	6.6	5.2	7.1	6.2
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
September-15	65.4	64.1	64.5	62.3	68.7	61.1	65.0
August-15	65.4	64.0	64.6	62.4	68.7	61.0	64.9
September-14	65.6	63.0	64.8	62.0	68.4	61.2	64.6
<b>Employed (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	4,700	-1,300	1,000	-8,400	-9,200	-900	-5,000
% change on a year ago	1.7	3.4	1.9	-0.7	0.5	1.7	2.0
Change on a year ago (no.)	38,800	123,000	54,200	-5,600	6,100	4,100	230,100
<b>Unemployment rate (sa)</b>							
September-15	6.3	5.9	6.2	7.7	6.1	6.0	6.2
August-15	6.4	6.0	6.1	7.9	6.1	6.4	6.2
September-14	6.4	5.9	6.7	6.8	5.1	7.6	6.2
<b>Participation rate (sa)</b>							
September-15	65.5	64.0	64.4	61.7	68.3	60.9	64.9
August-15	65.5	64.2	64.4	62.6	68.9	61.4	65.0
September-14	65.4	62.9	64.8	62.2	68.3	61.2	64.6