Labour Force, September 2015

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Key data (trend)

Employment: Queensland, 14,000 (0.2%) (persons, growth) Australia, 12,400 (0.1%)
Unemployment: Queensland, 100 (6.3%) (persons, rate) Australia, 3,800 (6.2%)
Labour force: 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.