

Labour Force, November 2015

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 10 December 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.

This edition of the *Labour Force Survey* incorporates updated population benchmarks which have resulted in minor downward revisions to level estimates of employment and unemployment.

12 months, largely driven by a 0.8 percentage point fall in the unemployment rate for females. Meanwhile, the male unemployment rate declined 0.2 percentage point over the year to November 2015.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 25,300 persons (up 0.2%) in November, to be 2.5% higher over the year. The majority of the 293,300 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was in New South Wales (up 160,100 persons). Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate was unchanged in the month, from a downwardly revised 6.0% in October.

Key data (trend)

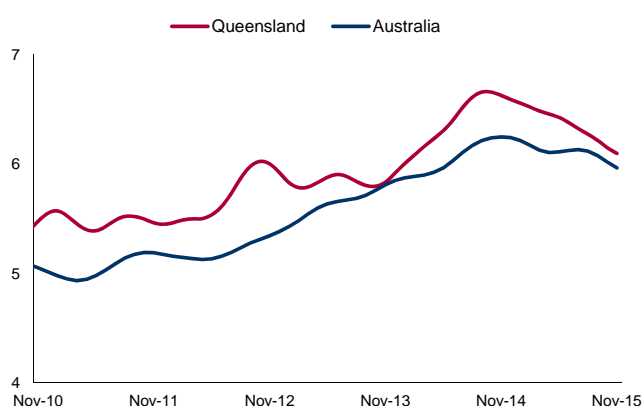
Employment:	Queensland,	↑ 5,100	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 25,300	(0.2%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↓ 1,100	(6.1%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓ 5,600	(6.0%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↑ 4,000	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 19,800	(0.2%)

Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 5,100 persons (up 0.2%) in November 2015, the twelfth consecutive monthly rise. Part-time employment increased by 3,600 persons and full-time employment by 1,500 persons. In original terms, employment was 1.5% higher over the five months to November 2015 compared with the same period a year ago.

Queensland's trend participation rate was unchanged in November 2015, at 65.6%. Queensland's participation rate has edged higher over 2015 following a sharp fall in the second half of 2014.

Chart 1: Unemployment rate, trend (%)



With employment growing at a slightly faster pace than the labour force in November 2015, Queensland's trend unemployment rate fell to 6.1%, from a downwardly revised 6.2% in the previous month (see Chart 1). Queensland's unemployment rate has edged lower over the past

Table 1: Labour force outcomes, November 2015

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
Trend											
Employed	2,366.1	11,855.8	5.1	25.3	55.6	293.3	0.2	0.2	2.4	2.5	
Full-time	1,644.6	8,178.8	1.5	14.1	26.4	165.5	0.1	0.2	1.6	2.1	
Part-time	721.5	3,677.0	3.6	11.2	29.2	127.8	0.5	0.3	4.2	3.6	
Unemployed	153.7	752.3	-1.1	-5.6	-10.3	-18.5	-0.7	-0.7	-6.3	-2.4	
Labour force	2,519.8	12,608.2	4.0	19.8	45.3	274.9	0.2	0.2	1.8	2.2	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employed	2,372.1	11,900.6	7.5	71.3	71.6	344.2	0.3	0.6	3.1	3.0	
Full-time	1,653.9	8,205.8	11.3	41.6	47.4	206.3	0.7	0.5	3.0	2.6	
Part-time	718.2	3,694.8	-3.8	29.7	24.2	137.9	-0.5	0.8	3.5	3.9	
Unemployed	149.2	739.1	-5.6	-2.8	-19.7	-35.4	-3.6	-0.4	-11.7	-4.6	
Labour force	2,521.2	12,639.8	1.8	68.6	51.8	308.9	0.1	0.5	2.1	2.5	
	Current		A month ago		A year ago						
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.0	6.6	6.2					
Seas. Adjusted	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.8	6.3					
Participation rate											
Trend	65.6	65.1	65.6	65.1	65.3	64.6					
Seas. Adjusted	65.6	65.3	65.6	65.0	65.2	64.6					

Table 2: Interstate comparison, November 2015

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	5,100	14,700	6,700	800	-300	100	25,300
% change on a year ago	2.4	4.4	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	2.5
Change on a year ago (no.)	55,600	160,100	67,000	5,100	4,700	1,200	293,300
Unemployment rate (trend)							
November-15	6.1	5.5	6.0	7.5	6.5	6.4	6.0
October-15	6.2	5.6	6.0	7.6	6.4	6.3	6.0
November-14	6.6	6.0	6.6	6.7	5.4	6.8	6.2
Participation rate (trend)							
November-15	65.6	64.5	64.7	62.2	68.8	61.1	65.1
October-15	65.6	64.3	64.7	62.2	68.8	61.1	65.1
November-14	65.3	63.0	64.8	61.8	68.6	61.4	64.6
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.8	-0.8	0.5	0.6
Change on a month ago (no.)	7,500	50,300	12,900	6,300	-11,400	1,300	71,300
% change on a year ago	3.1	4.9	3.2	1.3	-0.4	-0.5	3.0
Change on a year ago (no.)	71,600	176,600	91,600	10,600	-5,000	-1,200	344,200
Unemployment rate (sa)							
November-15	5.9	5.2	6.2	7.3	6.6	6.6	5.8
October-15	6.1	5.5	5.6	7.6	6.4	6.5	5.9
November-14	6.8	6.1	6.7	6.8	5.3	6.8	6.3
Participation rate (sa)							
November-15	65.6	64.7	65.1	62.4	68.7	61.2	65.3
October-15	65.6	64.1	64.5	62.2	69.2	60.9	65.0
November-14	65.2	63.2	64.6	61.8	68.9	62.0	64.6