

Labour Force, January 2016

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 18 February 2016, 10:30 am AEST.

Note: In response to the changed timing and content of the supplementary survey program, the ABS 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.

Key data (trend)

Employment:	Queensland,	↑ 6,800	(0.3%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 19,800	(0.2%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	-	(6.1%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓ 4,300	(5.8%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↑ 6,700	(0.3%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 15,400	(0.1%)

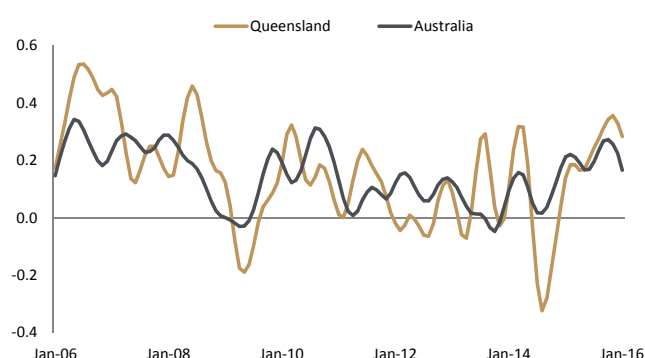
Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 6,800 persons (up 0.3%) in January 2016 (see Chart 1). This was the fourteenth consecutive monthly rise in employment. Part-time employment increased by 2,600 persons in January and full-time employment increased by 4,200 persons.

Trend employment in Queensland was 3.1% higher over the year to January 2016, the second strongest annual growth in the nation following New South Wales.

Queensland's trend participation rate increased slightly in January 2016 to 66.0%. Queensland's participation rate has edged higher since early 2015 following a sharp fall in the second half of 2014.

Chart 1: Employment growth, trend, monthly % change



With employment growing at a similar pace to the labour force in January 2016, Queensland's trend unemployment rate was unchanged from an upwardly revised 6.1%. Queensland's unemployment rate declined 0.5 percentage point over the past 12 months, comprising a fall in both the male and female unemployment rates.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 19,800 persons (up 0.2%) in January, to be 2.6% higher over the year. The majority of the 302,500 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was in New South Wales (up 170,300 persons). Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate declined slightly in the month to 5.8%, from an upwardly revised 5.9% in December.

Table 1 Labour force outcomes, January 2016

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
Trend											
Employed	2,386.6	11,909.9	6.8	19.8	71.7	302.5	0.3	0.2	3.1	2.6	
Full-time	1,658.2	8,210.9	4.2	11.2	28.3	169.8	0.3	0.1	1.7	2.1	
Part-time	728.4	3,699.0	2.6	8.6	43.4	132.7	0.4	0.2	6.3	3.7	
Unemployed	154.4	739.4	0.0	-4.3	-8.3	-29.7	0.0	-0.6	-5.1	-3.9	
Labour force	2,541.0	12,649.2	6.7	15.4	63.4	272.7	0.3	0.1	2.6	2.2	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employed	2,390.1	11,894.5	9.6	-7.9	75.5	298.3	0.4	-0.1	3.3	2.6	
Full-time	1,658.6	8,185.8	2.7	-40.6	34.7	157.8	0.2	-0.5	2.1	2.0	
Part-time	731.5	3,708.7	6.9	32.7	40.8	140.5	1.0	0.9	5.9	3.9	
Unemployed	163.2	761.4	13.7	30.2	3.9	-22.3	9.2	4.1	2.4	-2.8	
Labour force	2,553.3	12,655.9	23.3	22.3	79.3	276.0	0.9	0.2	3.2	2.2	
	Current	A month ago	A year ago								
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.6	6.2					
Seas. Adjusted	6.4	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.4	6.3					
Participation rate											
Trend	66.0	65.2	65.9	65.2	65.2	64.7					
Seas. Adjusted	66.3	65.2	65.8	65.2	65.1	64.7					

Table 2 Interstate comparison, January 2016

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	6,800	7,900	2,200	1,400	900	-700	19,800
% change on a year ago	3.1	4.7	1.5	1.3	0.3	-0.9	2.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	71,700	170,300	45,200	10,200	4,700	-2,100	302,500
Unemployment rate (trend)							
January-16	6.1	5.2	6.1	6.9	6.2	6.6	5.8
December-15	6.1	5.3	6.0	7.1	6.2	6.6	5.9
January-15	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.9	5.6	6.6	6.2
Participation rate (trend)							
January-16	66.0	64.4	64.6	62.1	68.6	60.4	65.2
December-15	65.9	64.4	64.7	62.1	68.6	60.5	65.2
January-15	65.2	63.0	65.0	61.8	68.8	61.2	64.7
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	-0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	9,600	-13,400	-9,000	900	-200	1,300	-7,900
% change on a year ago	3.3	4.7	1.2	1.0	0.6	-0.9	2.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	75,500	168,800	34,700	8,100	7,700	-2,100	298,300
Unemployment rate (sa)							
January-16	6.4	5.5	6.3	6.8	5.9	6.5	6.0
December-15	5.9	5.2	6.0	7.1	6.3	6.8	5.8
January-15	6.4	6.2	6.5	7.6	5.6	6.6	6.3
Participation rate (sa)							
January-16	66.3	64.3	64.5	62.0	68.4	60.2	65.2
December-15	65.8	64.4	64.6	62.1	68.7	60.1	65.2
January-15	65.1	62.9	65.0	62.4	68.7	61.2	64.7