

# Labour Force, June 2016

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 14 July 2016, 11:30 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)

<b>Employment:</b> Queensland, (persons, growth)	↓ 4,900	(0.2%)
Australia, (persons, growth)	↑ 8,300	(0.1%)
<b>Unemployment:</b> Queensland, (persons, rate)	↑ 1,700	(6.5%)
Australia, (persons, rate)	↓ 200	(5.7%)
<b>Labour force:</b> Queensland, (persons, growth)	↓ 3,200	(0.1%)
Australia, (persons, growth)	↑ 8,200	(0.1%)

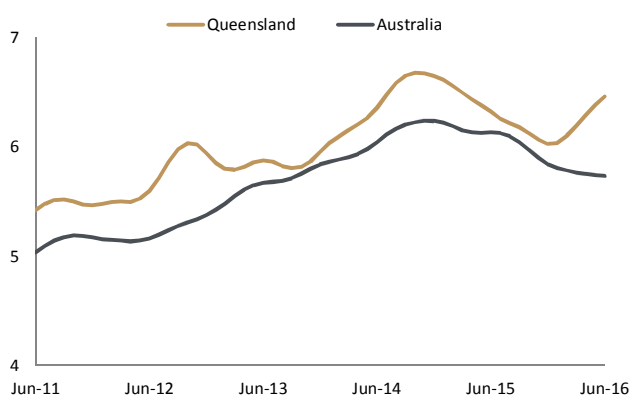
## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland fell by 4,900 persons (down 0.2%) in June 2016, the fifth consecutive fall following fourteen consecutive monthly rises. Both full-time (down 4,400 persons) and part-time (down 500 persons) employment fell in the month.

Despite the fall in the month, trend employment in Queensland was 0.4% (or 10,400 persons) higher over the year to June 2016.

With employment falling at a greater pace than the labour force in June 2016, Queensland's trend unemployment rate increased to 6.5%, from 6.4% in May. After a period of moderation for much of 2015, Queensland's unemployment rate has moved higher over the past five months (see Chart 1), with an increase in both the male and female unemployment rates.

Chart 1: Unemployment rate (%), trend



Queensland's trend participation rate fell slightly in June 2016, to 64.9%, from a downwardly revised 65.0% in May. Consistent with trends in employment, Queensland's participation rate has edged lower since the beginning of 2016, following a steady increase throughout 2015.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 8,300 persons in June, to be 1.8% higher over the year. The majority of the 212,000 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was in New South Wales (up 112,400 persons). Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.7% in June 2016.

In year-average terms, employment in Queensland grew 1.6% in 2015-16, while the unemployment rate fell from 6.5% in 2014-15 to 6.2%. In comparison, national employment growth was 2.1% in 2015-16 and the unemployment rate fell from 6.1% to 5.9%.

Table 1 Labour force outcomes, June 2016

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employed	2,349.3	11,933.4	-4.9	8.3	10.4	212.0	-0.2	0.1	0.4	1.8	
Full-time	1,632.1	8,172.2	-4.4	0.7	-14.9	67.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.9	0.8	
Part-time	717.2	3,761.2	-0.5	7.7	25.3	144.8	-0.1	0.2	3.7	4.0	
Unemployed	162.3	725.9	1.7	-0.2	4.4	-40.2	1.1	0.0	2.8	-5.2	
Labour force	2,511.6	12,659.4	-3.2	8.2	14.8	171.9	-0.1	0.1	0.6	1.4	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employed	2,350.3	11,939.6	-1.4	7.9	6.0	225.0	-0.1	0.1	0.3	1.9	
Full-time	1,636.5	8,198.9	6.4	38.5	-20.0	90.7	0.4	0.5	-1.2	1.1	
Part-time	713.8	3,740.7	-7.8	-30.6	26.0	134.4	-1.1	-0.8	3.8	3.7	
Unemployed	162.5	734.2	0.8	9.9	11.9	-23.1	0.5	1.4	7.9	-3.1	
Labour force	2,512.8	12,673.8	-0.6	17.8	17.9	201.9	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.6	
			<b>Current</b>	<b>A month ago</b>	<b>A year ago</b>						
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus			
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.5	5.7	6.4	5.7	6.3	6.1					
Seas. Adjusted	6.5	5.8	6.4	5.7	6.0	6.1					
Participation rate											
Trend	64.9	64.8	65.0	64.8	65.4	64.9					
Seas. Adjusted	64.9	64.9	64.9	64.8	65.3	64.8					

Table 2 Interstate comparison, June 2016

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
<b>Employed (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	-4,900	7,400	8,700	200	-800	0	8,300
% change on a year ago	0.4	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.0	-1.3	1.8
Change on a year ago (no.)	10,400	112,400	85,500	6,900	0	-3,100	212,000
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
June-16	6.5	5.2	5.7	6.9	5.6	6.5	5.7
May-16	6.4	5.2	5.7	6.9	5.6	6.5	5.7
June-15	6.3	5.9	6.1	7.7	5.8	6.7	6.1
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
June-16	64.9	64.2	65.0	61.9	67.7	59.7	64.8
May-16	65.0	64.1	64.9	62.0	67.7	59.7	64.8
June-15	65.4	63.7	64.7	62.4	68.6	60.9	64.9
<b>Employed (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	-0.1	-0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	-1,400	-11,900	24,200	4,600	-10,300	-300	7,900
% change on a year ago	0.3	3.2	3.4	1.1	-0.6	-1.6	1.9
Change on a year ago (no.)	6,000	117,100	101,000	8,700	-7,600	-3,900	225,000
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June-16	6.5	5.3	5.7	7.0	5.7	6.6	5.8
May-16	6.4	5.1	5.8	6.8	5.8	6.5	5.7
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