

Labour Force, July 2016

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 18 August 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)

Employment: Queensland, ↓ 1,500 (-0.1%)
(persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 11,800 (0.1%)

Unemployment: Queensland, ↓ 300 (6.3%)
(persons, rate) Australia, ↓ 1,200 (5.7%)

Labour force: Queensland, ↓ 1,700 (-0.1%)
(persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 10,600 (0.1%)

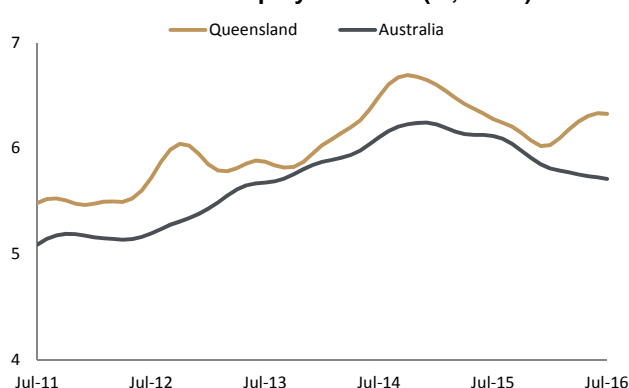
Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland fell by 1,500 persons (down 0.1%) in July 2016, the sixth consecutive fall following fourteen consecutive monthly rises. Full-time employment fell in July (down 2,600 persons), while part-time employment rose in the month (up 1,100 persons).

Despite the fall in the month, trend employment in Queensland was 0.4% (or 8,900 persons) higher over the year to July 2016.

Queensland's trend unemployment rate was 6.3% in July, unchanged from a downwardly revised unemployment rate in June. After a period of moderation for much of 2015, Queensland's unemployment rate has moved higher since the beginning of 2016 (see Chart 1), with an increase in both the male and female unemployment rates.

Chart 1: Unemployment rate (%), trend



Queensland's trend participation rate declined 0.1 percentage point to 64.8% in July 2016. 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 11,800 persons in July, to be 1.8% higher over the year. The majority of the 212,300 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was in New South Wales (up 102,800 persons) and Victoria (up 94,400 persons). Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.7% in July 2016.

Table 1 Labour force outcomes, July 2016

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change			
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year	
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus
Trend										
Employed	2,352.7	11,955.1	-1.5	11.8	8.9	212.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	1.8
Full-time	1,630.6	8,167.1	-2.6	1.2	-13.6	51.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.8	0.6
Part-time	722.1	3,788.0	1.1	10.6	22.5	161.0	0.2	0.3	3.2	4.4
Unemployed	158.9	724.1	-0.3	-1.2	1.9	-41.1	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	-5.4
Labour force	2,511.6	12,679.2	-1.7	10.6	10.8	171.2	-0.1	0.1	0.4	1.4
Seas. Adjusted										
Employed	2,363.5	11,968.6	12.3	26.2	25.9	219.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	1.9
Full-time	1,636.0	8,153.9	-0.3	-45.4	5.7	29.8	0.0	-0.6	0.3	0.4
Part-time	727.5	3,814.7	12.6	71.6	20.2	190.0	1.8	1.9	2.9	5.2
Unemployed	153.5	725.5	-7.9	-5.5	-8.8	-63.5	-4.9	-0.8	-5.4	-8.0
Labour force	2,517.0	12,694.1	4.4	20.7	17.1	156.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.2
Unemploy. Rate										
	Current		A month ago		A year ago					
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus				
Trend	6.3	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.3	6.1				
Seas. Adjusted	6.1	5.7	6.4	5.8	6.5	6.3				
Participation rate										
Trend	64.8	64.8	64.9	64.8	65.4	64.9				
Seas. Adjusted	64.9	64.9	64.8	64.9	65.4	65.1				

Table 2 Interstate comparison, July 2016

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	-1,500	6,500	8,000	600	-400	-300	11,800
% change on a year ago	0.4	2.8	3.2	1.2	0.0	-1.9	1.8
Change on a year ago (no.)	8,900	102,800	94,400	9,700	-400	-4,600	212,300
Unemployment rate (trend)							
July-16	6.3	5.2	5.7	6.6	6.0	6.4	5.7
June-16	6.3	5.2	5.7	6.7	5.9	6.4	5.7
July-15	6.3	5.8	6.1	7.8	6.0	6.5	6.1
Participation rate (trend)							
July-16	64.8	64.2	65.2	61.9	67.8	59.3	64.8
June-16	64.9	64.2	65.1	61.9	67.8	59.5	64.8
July-15	65.4	63.9	64.6	62.4	68.7	61.0	64.9
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	12,300	1,400	2,100	3,000	3,500	-700	26,200
% change on a year ago	1.1	2.4	3.2	1.6	-0.1	-1.9	1.9
Change on a year ago (no.)	25,900	90,000	93,000	12,600	-1,800	-4,500	219,800
Unemployment rate (sa)							
July-16	6.1	5.2	5.9	6.4	6.3	6.2	5.7
June-16	6.4	5.3	5.7	7.0	5.7	6.6	5.8
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