

# Labour Force, August 2016

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 15 September 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,	↑ 600	(0.0%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 9,800	(0.1%)
<b>Unemployment:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 100	(6.3%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓ 400	(5.7%)
<b>Labour force:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 700	(0.0%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 9,400	(0.1%)

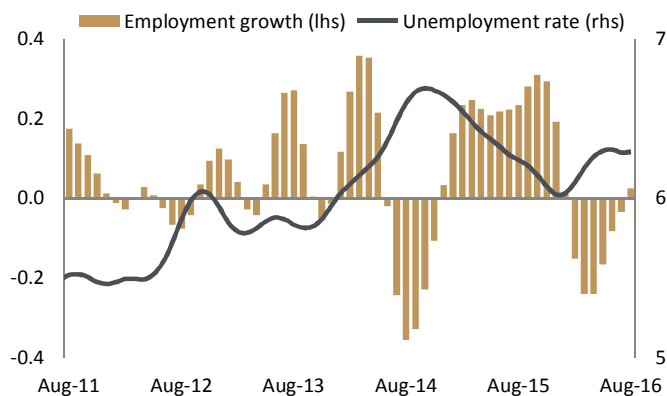
## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 600 persons in August 2016, the first increase following six consecutive monthly falls (see Chart 1). Full-time employment increased in August (up 600 persons), while part-time employment was unchanged in the month.

Trend employment in Queensland was 0.2% (or 4,600 persons) higher over the year to August 2016.

Queensland's trend unemployment rate was 6.3% in August, unchanged from July. After moderating throughout 2015, Queensland's unemployment rate has edged slightly higher since the beginning of 2016 (see Chart 1), with an increase in both the male and female unemployment rates.

**Chart 1: Employment growth and unemployment rate, Queensland (trend, monthly, %)**



Queensland's trend participation rate was 64.7% in August 2016, unchanged from a downwardly revised rate in July. 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 9,800 persons in August, to be 1.6% higher over the year. The majority of the 191,100 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was in Victoria (up 107,100 persons) and New South Wales (up 80,000 persons). Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.7% in August 2016.

**Table 1 Labour force outcomes, August 2016**

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employed	2,354.1	11,965.1	0.6	9.8	4.6	191.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.6	
Full-time	1,636.3	8,166.3	0.6	-0.3	-5.1	33.9	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.4	
Part-time	717.8	3,798.9	0.0	10.3	9.7	157.3	0.0	0.3	1.4	4.3	
Unemployed	158.0	721.0	0.1	-0.4	1.7	-42.4	0.1	-0.1	1.1	-5.6	
Labour force	2,512.1	12,686.1	0.7	9.4	6.3	148.7	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.2	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employed	2,355.1	11,963.7	-7.6	-3.9	5.0	180.4	-0.3	0.0	0.2	1.5	
Full-time	1,645.4	8,166.1	8.8	11.5	7.9	31.9	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.4	
Part-time	709.7	3,797.7	-16.4	-15.3	-2.9	148.6	-2.3	-0.4	-0.4	4.1	
Unemployed	155.3	713.3	2.2	-10.5	-3.9	-51.7	1.4	-1.5	-2.4	-6.8	
Labour force	2,510.4	12,677.0	-5.4	-14.4	1.0	128.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	1.0	
	Current		A month ago		A year ago						
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.3	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.1					
Seas. Adjusted	6.2	5.6	6.1	5.7	6.3	6.1					
Participation rate											
Trend	64.7	64.8	64.7	64.8	65.5	65.0					
Seas. Adjusted	64.6	64.7	64.8	64.9	65.6	65.0					

**Table 2 Interstate comparison, August 2016**

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
<b>Employed (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	600	1,600	8,100	500	-1,900	-100	9,800
% change on a year ago	0.2	2.1	3.6	1.1	-0.6	-2.0	1.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	4,600	80,000	107,100	9,200	-8,400	-4,900	191,100
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
August-16	6.3	5.1	5.7	6.6	6.2	6.7	5.7
July-16	6.3	5.1	5.7	6.7	6.1	6.6	5.7
August-15	6.2	5.8	6.1	7.8	6.1	6.4	6.1
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
August-16	64.7	64.0	65.4	61.8	67.6	59.6	64.8
July-16	64.7	64.1	65.3	61.9	67.6	59.6	64.8
August-15	65.5	64.1	64.6	62.3	68.8	61.0	65.0
<b>Employed (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	-0.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	-7,600	-9,200	20,800	-1,700	-6,600	1,100	-3,900
% change on a year ago	0.2	1.8	4.2	0.7	-1.5	-2.3	1.5
Change on a year ago (no.)	5,000	66,200	125,000	5,900	-19,900	-5,600	180,400
<b>Unemployment rate (sa)</b>							
August-16	6.2	5.0	5.5	6.8	6.3	7.2	5.6
July-16	6.1	5.2	5.8	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.7
August-15	6.3	5.9	6.0	7.7	6.0	6.3	6.1
<b>Participation rate (sa)</b>							
August-16	64.6	63.7	65.5	62.0	67.4	60.1	64.7
July-16	64.8	64.1	65.4	61.8	67.8	59.2	64.9
August-15	65.6	64.2	64.4	62.5	69.0	61.2	65.0