

# Labour Force, September 2016

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**Note:** In this edition of the *Labour Force Survey*, the ABS noted that the incoming rotation group of new survey participants for Queensland was 'noticeably different in its labour force characteristics' to the rest of the survey sample.

To reduce the incoming group's unusual influence on the September estimates, the remaining 7/8 of the Queensland sample has temporarily been given a greater weighting. The ABS will review these changes when October data become available.

This, along with a modified seasonal adjustment process in late 2014, means all data should be treated with caution. Users are advised to focus on trend estimates as the best measure of underlying labour market conditions in Queensland.

throughout 2016, keeping downward pressure on the State's unemployment rate.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 3,800 persons in September, to be 1.3% higher over the year. The 152,500 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was driven by growth in Victoria (up 104,200 persons) and New South Wales (up 61,300 persons). Meanwhile, the national trend unemployment rate fell to 5.6% in September 2016, from 5.7% a month earlier.

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

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employed	2,353.0	11,959.5	0.2	3.8	-3.5	152.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	1.3	
Full-time	1,631.6	8,136.9	0.2	-7.9	-10.3	-15.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	
Part-time	721.4	3,822.6	0.0	11.8	6.8	168.1	0.0	0.3	1.0	4.6	
Unemployed	153.1	715.1	-2.3	-3.1	-2.9	-44.8	-1.5	-0.4	-1.9	-5.9	
Labour force	2,506.1	12,674.7	-2.1	0.8	-6.4	107.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.9	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employed	2,349.2	11,947.2	-4.1	-9.8	-6.0	163.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	1.4	
Full-time	1,620.7	8,105.3	-22.9	-53.0	-24.5	-32.9	-1.4	-0.6	-1.5	-0.4	
Part-time	728.5	3,841.9	18.8	43.2	18.5	196.1	2.6	1.1	2.6	5.4	
Unemployed	151.0	705.1	-3.9	-12.4	-6.7	-65.3	-2.5	-1.7	-4.2	-8.5	
Labour force	2,500.2	12,652.2	-8.0	-22.4	-12.7	97.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	
	Current		A month ago		A year ago						
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus					
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend	6.1	5.6	6.2	5.7	6.2	6.0					
Seas. Adjusted	6.0	5.6	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.1					
Participation rate											
Trend	64.5	64.7	64.6	64.7	65.6	65.1					
Seas. Adjusted	64.3	64.5	64.6	64.7	65.6	65.0					

## Key data (trend)

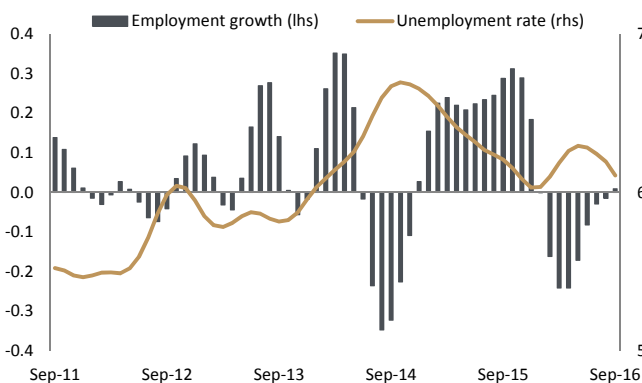
<b>Employment:</b> Queensland, ↑ 200 (0.0%)	↑ 200 (0.0%)
(persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 3,800 (0.0%)	↑ 3,800 (0.0%)
<b>Unemployment:</b> Queensland, ↓ 2,300 (6.1%)	↓ 2,300 (6.1%)
(persons, rate) Australia, ↓ 3,100 (5.6%)	↓ 3,100 (5.6%)
<b>Labour force:</b> Queensland, ↓ 2,100 (0.1%)	↓ 2,100 (0.1%)
(persons, growth) Australia, ↑ 800 (0.0%)	↑ 800 (0.0%)

## Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 200 persons in September 2016 (see Chart 1), entirely driven by an increase in full-time employment. Trend employment in Queensland was 0.1% (or 3,500 persons) lower over the year to September 2016.

Queensland's trend unemployment rate fell to 6.1% in September, from a downwardly revised 6.2% in August. After increasing through the first half of 2016, Queensland's unemployment rate has edged lower over the past few months (see Chart 1).

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



Queensland's trend participation rate fell to 64.5% in September 2016, from a downwardly revised rate (64.6%) in August. Queensland's participation rate has declined

**Table 2 Interstate comparison, September 2016**

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
<b>Employed (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.2	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	200	200	6,500	100	-4,400	400	3,800
% change on a year ago	-0.1	1.6	3.5	1.1	-1.4	-1.4	1.3
Change on a year ago (no.)	-3,500	61,300	104,200	8,900	-18,600	-3,400	152,500
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
September-16	6.1	5.0	5.7	6.7	6.3	6.7	5.6
August-16	6.2	5.0	5.7	6.7	6.2	6.7	5.7
September-15	6.2	5.7	6.0	7.6	6.2	6.4	6.0
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
September-16	64.5	63.8	65.4	61.8	67.1	59.9	64.7
August-16	64.6	63.9	65.3	61.9	67.3	59.8	64.7
September-15	65.6	64.2	64.6	62.2	68.8	60.9	65.1
<b>Employed (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	1.0	-0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	-4,100	6,700	-11,700	0	-7,600	2,300	-9,800
% change on a year ago	-0.3	1.8	3.6	1.8	-1.3	-0.8	1.4
Change on a year ago (no.)	-6,000	68,900	105,800	14,200	-18,100	-1,900	163,200
<b>Unemployment rate (sa)</b>							
September-16	6.0	4.9	5.7	6.7	6.2	6.5	5.6
August-16	6.2	5.0	5.6	6.8	6.3	7.2	5.7
September-15	6.3	5.8	6.2	7.6	6.0	6.0	6.1
<b>Participation rate (sa)</b>							
September-16	64.3	63.7	65.2	61.8	66.8	60.3	64.5
August-16	64.6	63.8	65.4	62.0	67.3	60.1	64.7
September-15	65.6	64.1	64.6	61.7	68.4	60.8	65.0