Labour Force, November 2016

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 15 December 2016, 10:30 am AEST.

Note: All data should be treated with caution until the ABS evaluates a new seasonal pattern from late 2017. Trend estimates provide the best measure of labour market conditions across the states.

Key data (trend)

Employment:	Queensland,	↓	800	(0.0%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	3,100	(0.0%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↓	1,500	(5.9%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓	600	(5.6%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↓	2,300	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	2,400	(0.0%)

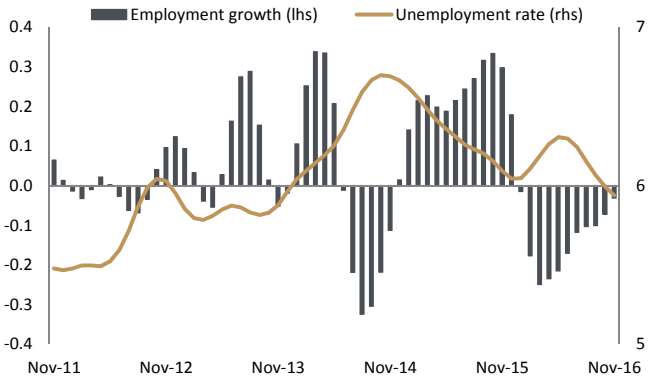
Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland fell marginally in November 2016 (down 800 persons). This fall in November was due to a 500 persons fall in full-time employment and a 300 persons fall in part-time employment.

Over the year to November 2016, trend employment in Queensland fell 1.3% (or 30,900 persons).

With employment falling at a lesser pace than the labour force in November 2016, Queensland's trend unemployment rate fell to 5.9% in the month, down from 6.0% in October. 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 was 63.9% in November 2016, down from an upwardly revised 64.0% in October. Consistent with trends in employment, Queensland's participation rate has edged lower since December 2015. The decline in the participation rate throughout 2016 has kept downward pressure on the State's unemployment rate.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 3,100 persons in November, to be 0.7% higher over the year. The majority of the 87,300 person gain in national employment over the past 12 months was in Victoria (up 106,300 persons) and New South Wales (up 20,900 persons). In contrast, employment in Western Australia (down 17,300 persons) continues to be weak while Tasmania also recorded a fall in employment (down 1,800 persons) over the year. The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% in November 2016.

Table 1 Labour force outcomes, November 2016

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change			
			Month		Year		Month		Year	
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus
Trend										
Employed	2,340.5	11,949.3	-0.8	3.1	-30.9	87.3	0.0	0.0	-1.3	0.7
Full-time	1,623.1	8,129.2	-0.5	0.0	-28.3	-51.0	0.0	0.0	-1.7	-0.6
Part-time	717.4	3,820.1	-0.3	3.1	-2.6	138.3	0.0	0.1	-0.4	3.8
Unemployed	147.8	714.0	-1.5	-0.6	-6.1	-31.3	-1.0	-0.1	-4.0	-4.2
Labour force	2,488.3	12,663.2	-2.3	2.4	-37.0	55.9	-0.1	0.0	-1.5	0.4
Seas. Adjusted										
Employed	2,359.0	11,973.2	38.6	39.1	-9.1	84.9	1.7	0.3	-0.4	0.7
Full-time	1,637.3	8,166.2	25.3	39.3	-11.8	-22.2	1.6	0.5	-0.7	-0.3
Part-time	721.7	3,807.0	13.3	-0.2	2.7	107.1	1.9	0.0	0.4	2.9
Unemployed	150.1	725.2	6.6	17.0	-0.2	-8.1	4.6	2.4	-0.1	-1.1
Labour force	2,509.1	12,698.4	45.2	56.0	-9.3	76.8	1.8	0.4	-0.4	0.6

	Current		A month ago		A year ago	
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus
Unemploy. Rate						
Trend	5.9	5.6	6.0	5.6	6.1	5.9
Seas. Adjusted	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.8
Participation rate						
Trend	63.9	64.5	64.0	64.5	65.8	65.1
Seas. Adjusted	64.4	64.6	63.3	64.4	65.6	65.2

Table 2 Interstate comparison, November 2016

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	*-800*	*-1,900*	*5,000*	*1,200*	*300*	*300*	*3,100*
% change on a year ago	-1.3	0.6	3.6	1.2	-1.3	-0.8	0.7
Change on a year ago (no.)	*-30,900*	*20,900*	*106,300*	*9,500*	*-17,300*	*-1,800*	*87,300*
Unemployment rate (trend)							
November-16	5.9	4.9	5.8	6.7	6.7	6.5	5.6
October-16	6.0	4.9	5.8	6.7	6.5	6.5	5.6
November-15	6.1	5.4	6.0	7.3	6.2	6.5	5.9
Participation rate (trend)							
November-16	63.9	63.4	65.6	62.1	67.4	59.8	64.5
October-16	64.0	63.5	65.5	62.0	67.3	59.8	64.5
November-15	65.8	64.3	64.7	62.1	68.6	60.6	65.1
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.3
Change on a month ago (no.)	*38,600*	*5,600*	*1,200*	*200*	*7,400*	*2,000*	*39,100*
% change on a year ago	-0.4	0.0	3.0	0.8	-0.2	-1.0	0.7
Change on a year ago (no.)	*-9,100*	*-1,900*	*89,600*	*6,300*	*-3,200*	*-2,400*	*84,900*
Unemployment rate (sa)							
November-16	6.0	4.9	6.0	7.0	6.9	6.4	5.7
October-16	5.8	4.9	5.7	6.5	6.5	6.3	5.6
November-15	6.0	5.2	6.1	7.2	6.4	6.6	5.8
Participation rate (sa)							
November-16	64.4	63.5	65.7	62.3	67.9	59.8	64.6
October-16	63.3	63.5	65.6	61.9	67.3	59.3	64.4
November-15	65.6	64.6	65.1	62.3	68.4	60.9	65.2

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