Labour Force, June 2017

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 20 July 2017, 11:30 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,	↑	7,000	(0.3%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	26,500	(0.2%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↑	200	(6.3%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓	3,700	(5.6%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↑	7,100	(0.3%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	22,700	(0.2%)

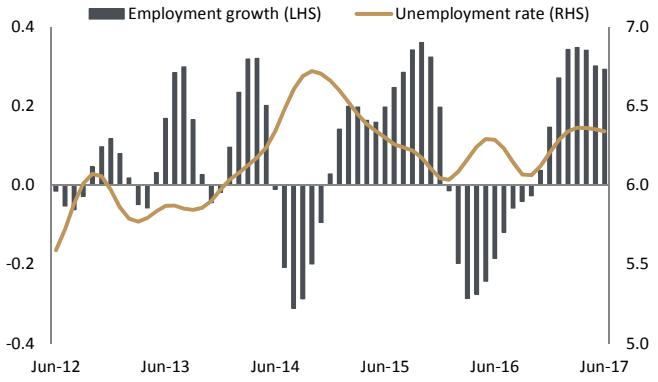
Main findings

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.3% in June 2017 (or 7,000 persons), the eighth consecutive monthly increase. Both full-time employment (up 5,100 persons) and part-time employment (up 1,900 persons) rose in June.

Trend employment in Queensland was 1.8% (or 43,300 persons) higher over the year to June 2017. The annual increase has been driven largely by part-time employment (up 4.0%), while full-time employment growth was more subdued (up 0.9%).

Queensland's trend unemployment rate fell to 6.3% in June 2017, from an upwardly revised 6.4% in May. After picking up marginally in late-2016, the rate has been largely steady so far in 2017 (see Chart 1).

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



Queensland's trend participation rate was 64.9% in June 2017, up from a revised 64.8% in May. The participation rate moderated for much of 2016 but has risen 0.9 percentage point since November 2016, consistent with the turnaround in employment.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 26,500 persons (up 0.2%) in June, to be 1.9% higher over the year.

Victoria (up 101,300 persons) was the largest contributor to the 227,200 persons gain in national employment over the past year, but all states and territories recorded growth over the period (see Table 2). The national trend unemployment rate was 5.6% in June, down from 5.7% in May.

Table 1: Labour force outcomes, June 2017

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change			
			Month		Year		Month		Year	
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus
Trend										
Employed	2,391.4	12,160.1	7.0	26.5	43.3	227.2	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.9
Full-time	1,643.5	8,318.7	5.1	29.9	14.6	169.5	0.3	0.4	0.9	2.1
Part-time	747.9	3,841.3	1.9	-3.6	28.7	57.5	0.3	-0.1	4.0	1.5
Unemployed	161.9	726.8	0.2	-3.7	4.4	4.6	0.1	-0.5	2.8	0.6
Labour force	2,553.3	12,886.8	7.1	22.7	47.7	231.6	0.3	0.2	1.9	1.8
Seas. Adjusted										
Employed	2,388.8	12,166.9	-1.0	14.1	44.6	240.3	0.0	0.1	1.9	2.0
Full-time	1,642.3	8,356.0	7.4	62.0	10.1	175.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.1
Part-time	746.5	3,810.8	-8.4	-48.1	34.5	64.8	-1.1	-1.2	4.8	1.7
Unemployed	166.1	728.1	10.1	13.1	6.8	1.1	6.5	1.8	4.3	0.2
Labour force	2,554.9	12,895.0	9.1	27.1	51.4	241.3	0.4	0.2	2.1	1.9

	Current		A month ago		A year ago	
	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus
Unemploy. Rate						
Trend	6.3	5.6	6.4	5.7	6.3	5.7
Seas. Adjusted	6.5	5.6	6.1	5.6	6.4	5.7
Participation rate						
Trend	64.9	64.9	64.8	64.9	64.7	64.8
Seas. Adjusted	64.9	65.0	64.7	64.9	64.6	64.8

Table 2: Interstate comparison, June 2017

	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	TAS	AUST
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	*7,000*	*11,600*	*7,300*	*600*	*4,800*	*1,200*	*26,500*
% change on a year ago	1.8	1.0	3.3	1.1	1.7	3.8	1.9
Change on a year ago (no.)	*43,300*	*37,300*	*101,300*	*9,000*	*22,800*	*9,100*	*227,200*
Unemployment rate (trend)							
June-17	6.3	4.8	6.0	7.0	5.6	5.8	5.6
May-17	6.4	4.8	6.0	6.9	5.7	5.8	5.7
June-16	6.3	5.1	5.7	6.8	6.0	6.5	5.7
Participation rate (trend)							
June-17	64.9	63.4	66.1	62.4	67.8	61.0	64.9
May-17	64.8	63.3	66.1	62.3	67.7	60.7	64.9
June-16	64.7	64.1	65.2	62.0	67.6	59.6	64.8
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.1
Change on a month ago (no.)	*-1,000*	*3,700*	*3,700*	*4,600*	*6,900*	*1,700*	*14,100*
% change on a year ago	1.9	1.1	3.2	1.8	2.2	4.6	2.0
Change on a year ago (no.)	*44,600*	*43,000*	*97,900*	*14,400*	*29,500*	*10,900*	*240,300*
Unemployment rate (sa)							
June-17	6.5	4.8	5.9	6.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
May-17	6.1	4.8	6.0	6.9	5.5	6.1	5.6
June-16	6.4	5.2	5.7	7.3	5.9	6.6	5.7
Participation rate (sa)							
June-17	64.9	63.5	66.0	62.5	68.0	61.2	65.0
May-17	64.7	63.5	66.1	62.3	67.6	61.0	64.9
June-16	64.6	64.2	65.3	62.2	67.4	59.5	64.8

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