

# Labour Force, June 2018

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 19 July 2018, 11:30 am AEST.

**Note: As noted by the ABS, trend estimates provide the best measure of state level labour market conditions.**

## Key data (trend)

<b>Employment:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 3,900	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 26,900	(0.2%)
<b>Unemployment:</b>	Queensland,	↓ 500	(6.1%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓ 1,300	(5.4%)
<b>Labour force:</b>	Queensland,	↑ 3,400	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 25,600	(0.2%)

## Main findings – Trend estimates

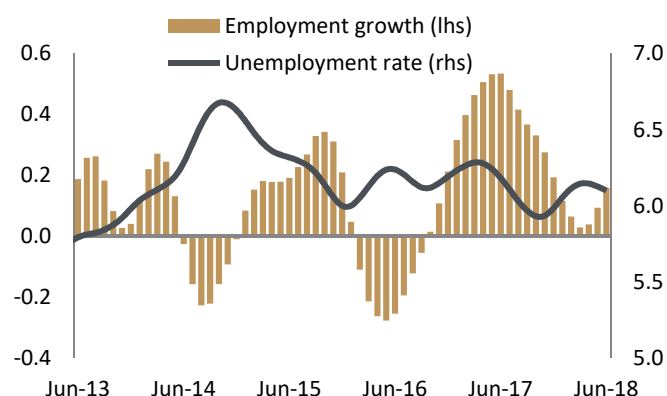
Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.2% (or 3,900 persons) in June 2018 (Chart 1), with a rise in part-time employment (up 5,500 persons) more than offsetting a fall in full-time employment (down 1,600 persons).

Over the year to June 2018, trend employment in Queensland was 2.6% (or 62,700 persons) higher. This increase was the result of rises in both full-time (up 39,900 persons) and part-time (up 22,800 persons) employment.

Queensland's trend unemployment rate was 6.1% in June 2018, unchanged from a downwardly revised rate in May.

Queensland's trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.8% in June. The participation rate has eased in recent months following a period of sustained increases (rising 1.9 percentage points between November 2016 and January 2018), where strong employment growth encouraged more people to enter the labour market.

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



Nationally, trend employment rose by 26,900 persons (up 0.2%) in June, to be 2.6% higher over the year. New South Wales (up 143,900 persons), Victoria (up 64,000 persons) and Queensland (up 62,700 persons) were the largest contributors to the 317,800 persons gain in national employment over the past year, with all states recording growth over the period (Table 2).

The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% in June, but 0.2 percentage point lower than a year ago.

## Seasonally adjusted estimates

In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland rose 14,800 persons in June, driven by gains in both full-time (up 6,200 persons) and part-time employment (up 8,600 persons). Over the year, sa employment in Queensland rose 3.5% (or 83,900 persons, Table 1).

Queensland's sa unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage point in the month to 5.9%, to be 0.5 percentage point lower over the year. Meanwhile, at 65.8%, Queensland's sa participation rate rose marginally in June, to be 0.7 percentage point higher over the year.

Nationally, sa employment rose 50,900 persons in the month, substantially above market expectations for a 17,000 rise. The national sa unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% in June 2018, in line with market expectations.

**Table 1: Labour force outcomes, June 2018**

	Level (000s)		Difference (000s)				% Change				
	Qld	Aus	Month		Year		Month		Year		
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>											
Employed	2,482.1	12,562.8	3.9	26.9	62.7	317.8	0.2	0.2	2.6	2.6	
Full-time	1,690.9	8,566.7	-1.6	13.4	39.9	186.6	-0.1	0.2	2.4	2.2	
Part-time	791.2	4,006.1	5.5	13.4	22.8	131.2	0.7	0.3	3.0	3.4	
Unemployed	161.2	719.0	-0.5	-1.3	1.8	-12.2	-0.3	-0.2	1.1	-1.7	
Labour force	2,643.4	13,281.8	3.4	25.6	64.6	305.6	0.1	0.2	2.5	2.4	
<b>Seas. Adjusted</b>											
Employed	2,487.4	12,573.6	14.8	50.9	83.9	339.0	0.6	0.4	3.5	2.8	
Full-time	1,688.4	8,565.2	6.2	41.2	35.7	158.2	0.4	0.5	2.2	1.9	
Part-time	799.0	4,008.4	8.6	9.7	48.2	180.8	1.1	0.2	6.4	4.7	
Unemployed	156.7	714.1	-6.5	-1.1	-8.8	-18.9	-4.0	-0.2	-5.3	-2.6	
Labour force	2,644.1	13,287.7	8.3	49.9	75.1	320.2	0.3	0.4	2.9	2.5	
			Current		A month ago		A year ago				
			Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus	Qld	Aus			
Unemploy. Rate											
Trend			6.1	5.4	6.1	5.4	6.2	5.6			
Seas. Adjusted			5.9	5.4	6.2	5.4	6.4	5.7			
Participation rate											
Trend			65.8	65.6	65.8	65.6	65.3	65.1			
Seas. Adjusted			65.8	65.7	65.7	65.5	65.1	65.1			

**Table 2: Interstate comparison, June 2018**

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
<b>Employed (trend)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	3,900	13,000	7,000	1,200	2,900	300	26,900
% change on a year ago	2.6	3.7	2.0	2.3	1.3	1.3	2.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	62,700	143,900	64,000	19,000	17,500	3,200	317,800
<b>Unemployment rate (trend)</b>							
June-18	6.1	4.8	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.0	5.4
May-18	6.1	4.8	5.2	5.6	6.3	6.0	5.4
June-17	6.2	4.8	6.1	6.4	5.6	5.9	5.6
<b>Participation rate (trend)</b>							
June-18	65.8	65.0	65.4	62.8	68.6	61.4	65.6
May-18	65.8	64.9	65.4	62.8	68.5	61.4	65.6
June-17	65.3	63.7	66.2	62.3	67.8	61.1	65.1
<b>Employed (sa)</b>							
% change on a month ago	0.6	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.8	0.4
Change on a month ago (no.)	14,800	27,300	-6,500	-1,300	2,900	2,100	50,900
% change on a year ago	3.5	3.9	1.9	2.1	1.1	0.6	2.8
Change on a year ago (no.)	83,900	150,400	60,100	17,000	14,100	1,400	339,000
<b>Unemployment rate (sa)</b>							
June-18	5.9	4.7	5.6	5.4	6.1	5.8	5.4
May-18	6.2	4.9	5.1	5.6	6.3	6.6	5.4
June-17	6.4	4.8	6.0	6.6	5.6	5.6	5.7
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