

Labour Force, November 2018

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 20 December 2018, 10:30 am AEST.

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

Key data (trend)

Employment:	Queensland,	↑ 2,900	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 28,800	(0.2%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↑ 1,600	(6.3%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↓ 3,000	(5.1%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	↑ 4,500	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑ 25,800	(0.2%)
Underemployment:	Queensland,	↑ 2,100	(9.0%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑ 5,600	(8.4%)

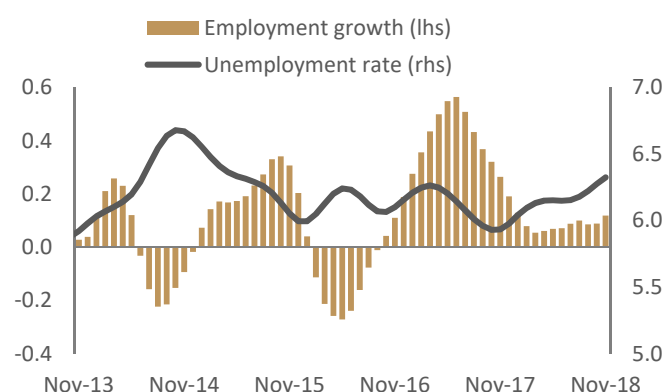
Main findings – Trend estimates

Trend employment in Queensland rose, up 2,900 persons, in November 2018. A fall in full-time employment (down 1,400 persons) in the month, was more than offset by a rise in part-time employment (up 4,300 persons).

Over the year to November 2018, trend employment in Queensland was 1.1% (or 28,100 persons) higher, with a rise in both full-time employment (up 10,200 persons) and part-time employment (up 17,900 persons). This recent moderate employment growth follows a period of very strong growth (Chart 1). Consequently, in November 2018, trend employment was 6.1% above that two years earlier.

Queensland's trend unemployment rate was 6.3% in November 2018, unchanged from an upwardly revised rate in October, but 0.4 percentage point higher over the year.

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



Consistent with moderate employment growth, the State's trend participation rate has eased in 2018, to be 65.7% in November. This follows a period when the participation rate rose 1.9 percentage points from a low of 64.1% in November 2016 to late 2017.

Nationally, trend employment rose by 28,800 persons (up 0.2%) in November, to be 2.4% higher over the year. New South Wales (up 126,700), Victoria (up 103,300) and Queensland (up 28,100) were the largest contributors to the 295,700 persons gain in national employment over the past

year, with all states recording growth over the period (Table 2). The national trend unemployment rate fell slightly to 5.1% in November 2018.

Seasonally adjusted estimates

In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland rose 21,700 persons in November, with a fall in full-time employment (down 10,900 persons) more than offset by a rise in part-time employment (up 32,600 person). Over the year, sa employment in Queensland rose 1.6% (or 38,500 persons).

Queensland's sa unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point to 6.4% in November, and was 0.5 percentage point higher over the year. Meanwhile, the State's sa participation rate rose 0.5 percentage point to 66.0%.

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Table 1: Labour force outcomes, November 2018

	Queensland				Australia						
	Nov-18 '000	Monthly change '000	%	Yearly change '000	%	Nov-18 '000	Monthly change '000	%	Yearly change '000	%	
Trend											
Employed	2,491.3	2.9	0.1	28.1	1.1	12,694.8	28.8	0.2	295.7	2.4	
Full-time	1,700.2	-1.4	-0.1	10.2	0.6	8,692.5	19.2	0.2	200.0	2.4	
Part-time	791.1	4.3	0.5	17.9	2.3	4,002.3	9.6	0.2	95.7	2.4	
Unemployed	168.2	1.6	1.0	12.8	8.2	684.4	-3.0	-0.4	-33.8	-4.7	
Underemployed	238.8	2.1	0.9	11.2	4.9	1,120.3	5.6	0.5	3.5	0.3	
Labour force	2,659.5	4.5	0.2	40.9	1.6	13,379.2	25.8	0.2	261.9	2.0	
Seas. Adjusted											
Employed	2,498.4	21.7	0.9	38.5	1.6	12,694.3	37.1	0.3	285.8	2.3	
Full-time	1,691.0	-10.9	-0.6	-1.2	-0.1	8,684.6	-6.4	-0.1	180.2	2.1	
Part-time	807.4	32.6	4.2	39.7	5.2	4,009.6	43.4	1.1	105.4	2.7	
Unemployed	169.7	3.8	2.3	16.6	10.8	683.1	12.5	1.9	-27.9	-3.9	
Underemployed	245.0	15.8	6.9	15.7	6.8	1,132.0	24.8	2.2	19.1	1.7	
Labour force	2,668.2	25.7	1.0	55.2	2.1	13,377.4	49.5	0.4	257.9	2.0	
Trend	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-17			Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-17			
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	5.9			5.1	5.2	5.5			
Underemployment rate	9.0	8.9	8.7			8.4	8.3	8.5			
Participation rate	65.7	65.7	66.0			65.7	65.6	65.5			
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Unemployment rate	6.4	6.3	5.9			5.1	5.0	5.4			
Underemployment rate	9.2	8.7	8.8			8.5	8.3	8.5			
Participation rate	66.0	65.5	65.8			65.7	65.5	65.5			

Table 2: Interstate comparison, November 2018

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	TAS	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	2,900	10,000	11,000	300	2,700	0	28,800
% change on a year ago	1.1	3.2	3.2	1.6	1.4	0.6	2.4
Change on a year ago (no.)	28,100	126,700	103,300	12,900	18,400	1,500	295,700
Unemployment rate (trend)							
Nov-18	6.3	4.4	4.6	5.6	6.3	5.8	5.1
Oct-18	6.3	4.5	4.6	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.2
Nov-17	5.9	4.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.5
Participation rate (trend)							
Nov-18	65.7	64.9	65.8	62.4	68.9	60.6	65.7
Oct-18	65.7	65.0	65.7	62.5	68.8	60.7	65.6
Nov-17	66.0	64.2	66.1	62.3	68.3	61.2	65.5
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	0.9	-0.3	0.9	-0.3	0.1	-1.0	0.3
Change on a month ago (no.)	21,700	-12,700	30,900	-2,200	1,600	-2,500	37,100
% change on a year ago	1.6	2.8	3.2	1.7	1.4	0.1	2.3
Change on a year ago (no.)	38,500	111,100	103,900	13,800	19,100	200	285,800
Unemployment rate (sa)							
Nov-18	6.4	4.4	4.6	5.3	6.5	5.8	5.1
Oct-18	6.3	4.5	4.5	5.4	5.7	5.2	5.0
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