

Labour Force, June 2019

Source: ABS 6202.0, released 18 July 2019, 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)

Employment:	Queensland,	↑	3,100	(0.1%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	26,300	(0.2%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	↑	3,400	(6.3%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑	4,700	(5.2%)
Labour Force:	Queensland,	↑	6,500	(0.2%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	↑	31,000	(0.2%)
Underemployment:	Queensland,	↔	0	(8.8%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	↑	1,000	(0.2%)

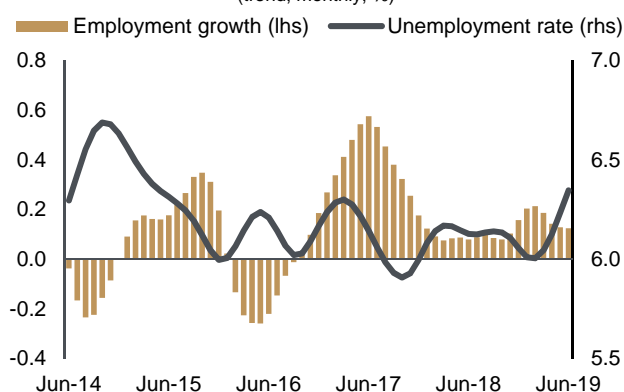
Main findings – Trend estimates

Trend employment in Queensland rose 0.1% (or 3,100 persons) in June 2019, driven by a rise in full-time employment (up 2,700 persons). Employment growth over the year remains moderate at 1.6% (or 40,400 persons), with a rise in full-time employment (up 45,700 persons) more than offsetting a fall in part-time employment (down 5,300 persons).

Consistent with moderate employment growth, Queensland's trend participation rate has remained unchanged over the past year at 65.8% in June 2019. This period of relative stability follows the period from December 2015 to January 2018, when the participation rate fell from 65.8% to 64.1% before rebounding to 66.1%.

Queensland's trend unemployment rate has moved higher recently, to 6.3% in June 2019, up from 6.1% a year earlier.

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



Nationally, trend employment rose 26,300 persons (up 0.2%) in June, to be 2.6% higher over the year. New South Wales (up 139,100) and Victoria (up 119,700) were the largest contributors to the 328,700 persons rise in employment nationally over the past year (Table 2).

The national trend unemployment rate was 5.2% in June 2019, unchanged from the upwardly revised rate in May, but 0.2 percentage point lower over the year. Further, the national trend participation rate rose to 66.0% in June, the highest rate recorded nationally since the ABS monthly labour force series began in 1978.

Seasonally adjusted estimates

In more volatile seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, employment in Queensland fell 8,200 persons in June, driven by a fall in part-time employment (down 14,400 persons). Over the year, sa employment in Queensland rose 1.1% (or 27,900 persons).

Queensland's sa unemployment rate rose from 6.2% in May to 6.5% in June, 0.6 percentage point higher than a year earlier. Queensland's sa participation rate fell 0.1 percentage point to 65.7% in June.

Nationally, sa employment rose 500 persons in the month, as an increase in full-time employment more than offset a fall in part-time employment. The sa unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.2%.

Table 1: Labour force outcomes, June 2019

	Queensland						Australia					
	Jun-19	Monthly change		Yearly change		Jun-19	Monthly change		Yearly change			
	'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000	'000	%	'000	%		
Trend												
Employed	2,520.7	3.1	0.1	40.4	1.6	12,875.7	26.3	0.2	328.7	2.6		
Full-time	1,743.0	2.7	0.2	45.7	2.7	8,816.2	15.0	0.2	248.9	2.9		
Part-time	777.7	0.4	0.1	-5.3	-0.7	4,059.6	11.3	0.3	79.9	2.0		
Unemployed	170.8	3.4	2.0	8.9	5.5	701.7	4.7	0.7	-11.6	-1.6		
Underemployed	236.2	0.0	0.0	-4.4	-1.8	1,125.9	1.0	0.1	4.5	0.4		
Labour force	2,691.5	6.5	0.2	49.3	1.9	13,577.4	31.0	0.2	317.1	2.4		
Seas. Adjusted												
Employed	2,516.4	-8.2	-0.3	27.9	1.1	12,871.7	0.5	0.0	296.3	2.4		
Full-time	1,743.9	6.2	0.4	53.6	3.2	8,815.6	21.1	0.2	246.5	2.9		
Part-time	772.6	-14.4	-1.8	-25.7	-3.2	4,056.1	-20.6	-0.5	49.8	1.2		
Unemployed	174.8	6.5	3.9	20.2	13.1	711.5	6.6	0.9	6.3	0.9		
Underemployed	231.4	-9.6	-4.0	-6.8	-2.9	1,112.3	-49.0	-4.2	-28.3	-2.5		
Labour force	2,691.2	-1.7	-0.1	48.1	1.8	13,583.2	7.0	0.1	302.6	2.3		
Trend												
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	6.1			5.2	5.2	5.4				
Underemployment rate	8.8	8.8	9.1			8.3	8.3	8.5				
Participation rate	65.8	65.7	65.8			66.0	65.9	65.5				
Seas. Adjusted												
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	5.8			5.2	5.2	5.3				
Underemployment rate	8.6	9.0	9.0			8.2	8.6	8.6				
Participation rate	65.7	65.9	65.9			66.0	66.0	65.7				

Table 2: Interstate comparison, June 2019

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed (trend)							
% change on a month ago	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Change on a month ago (no.)	3,100	12,800	6,900	1,200	5,000	100	26,300
% change on a year ago	1.6	3.5	3.6	1.7	1.3	-1.1	2.6
Change on a year ago (no.)	40,400	139,100	119,700	14,500	16,800	-2,900	328,700
Unemployment rate (trend)							
June-19	6.3	4.5	4.7	5.9	5.9	6.7	5.2
May-19	6.2	4.5	4.7	5.9	5.9	6.7	5.2
June-18	6.1	4.8	5.0	5.6	6.2	6.0	5.4
Participation rate (trend)							
June-19	65.8	65.9	66.2	63.3	68.3	60.2	66.0
May-19	65.7	65.7	66.2	63.3	68.2	60.3	65.9
June-18	65.8	64.9	65.5	62.7	68.5	61.3	65.5
Employed (sa)							
% change on a month ago	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	1.0	-0.4	0.0
Change on a month ago (no.)	-8,200	-17,400	-4,100	-4,700	13,800	-900	500
% change on a year ago	1.1	3.0	3.9	1.3	1.5	-1.4	2.4
Change on a year ago (no.)	27,900	121,900	126,500	11,000	20,500	-3,600	296,300
Unemployment rate (sa)							
June-19	6.5	4.6	4.8	5.9	5.8	6.8	5.2
May-19	6.2	4.6	4.6	5.7	6.2	6.4	5.2
June-18	5.8	4.7	5.5	5.4	6.2	5.8	5.3
Participation rate (sa)							
June-19	65.7	65.9	66.1	63.2	68.5	60.1	66.0
May-19	65.9	66.2	66.2	63.4	68.2	60.2	66.0
June-18	65.9	65.0	65.7	62.6	68.5	61.2	65.7