

Labour Force, June 2022

Source: ABS Labour Force, released 14 July 2022, 11:30 am AEST.

NOTES: These data reflect conditions during the survey reference weeks (29 May to 11 June 2022).

The ABS has suspended trend data due to COVID-19. As a result, all numbers in this brief are seasonally adjusted.

Key data (monthly)

Employment:	Queensland,	13,400	(0.5%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	88,400	(0.7%)
Unemployment:	Queensland,	-2,100	(4.0%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	-54,300	(3.5%)
Labour force:	Queensland,	11,300	(0.4%)
(persons, growth)	Australia,	34,100	(0.2%)
Underemployment:	Queensland,	3,300	(6.2%)
(persons, rate)	Australia,	49,700	(6.1%)
Hours worked:	Queensland,	-5,800	(-1.5%)
(thousands, growth)	Australia,	-400	(0.0%)

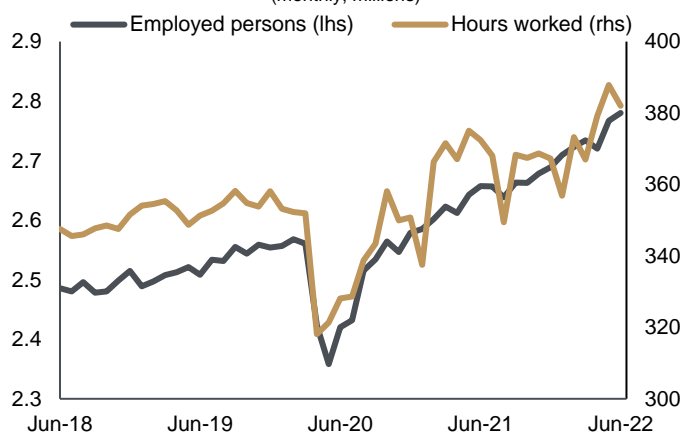
Main findings

Employment in Queensland rose by 13,400 persons (0.5%) in June 2022 to be 219,400 persons (8.6%) above its pre-COVID level of March 2020. The rise in June was driven by higher part time employment (up 26,500).

The employment-to-population ratio increased from 64.5% to 64.7% in June. This was well above its pre-COVID ratio of 61.7% and Queensland's highest rate since February 2009.

Hours worked fell 1.5% in June 2022, but remains 8.6% above its pre-COVID level of March 2020 (Chart 1). The ABS noted 'in line with large numbers of COVID-19 cases in June, the number of people working reduced hours due to illness continued to be high. This reflected ongoing disruption associated with the Omicron variant and cases of influenza'.

Chart 1: Employment and hours worked, Queensland
(monthly, millions)

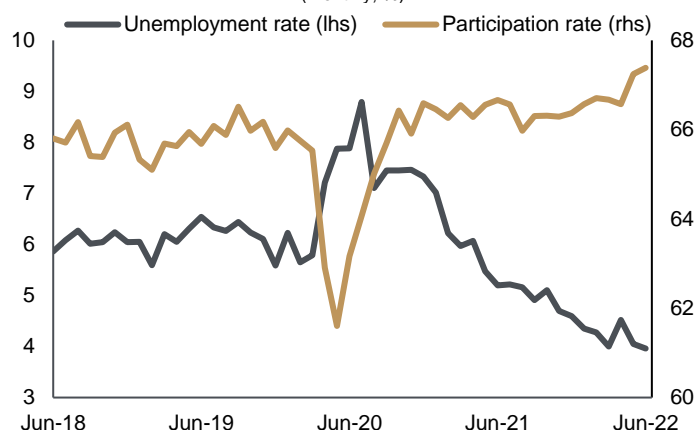


The unemployment rate in Queensland was 4.0% in June 2022, unchanged from May, and well below the pre-COVID rate of 5.8% in March 2020 (Chart 2).

Queensland's participation rate was 67.4% in June 2022, up from 67.2% in May and well above its pre-COVID rate of 65.5% in March 2020. The participation rate was Queensland's highest since

October 2011. This equates to a total of 176,800 persons having entered the labour force since March 2020.

Chart 2: Unemployment and participation rates, Queensland
(monthly, %)



Nationally, employment rose 0.7% in June (up 88,400 persons), to be 4.6% (597,100 persons) above its pre-COVID level of March 2020. Employment growth in the month was driven by Victoria (up 28,500), New South Wales (up 25,600) and Queensland, while employment fell in Western Australia (Table 2).

The national unemployment rate fell from 3.9% in May 2022, to 3.5% in June (Table 1). Hours worked remained broadly the same in June 2022 to be 4.9% above its pre-COVID level in March 2020.

Table 1: Labour force outcomes¹, June 2022

	Queensland				Australia					
	Jun-22	Monthly change	Yearly change	Yearly change	Jun-22	Monthly change	Yearly change	Yearly change		
	'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	
Employed	2,780.1	13.4	0.5	123.0	4.6	13,599.3	88.4	0.7	438.0	3.3
Full-time	1,918.8	-13.1	-0.7	86.7	4.7	9,496.3	52.9	0.6	472.6	5.2
Part-time	861.4	26.5	3.2	36.4	4.4	4,103.0	35.5	0.9	-34.5	-0.8
Unemployed	114.7	-2.1	-1.8	-31.1	-21.3	493.9	-54.3	-9.9	-188.5	-27.6
Underemployed	178.3	3.3	1.9	-18.5	-9.4	857.0	49.7	6.2	-241.3	-22.0
Labour force	2,894.8	11.3	0.4	91.9	3.3	14,093.2	34.1	0.2	249.5	1.8
	millions	millions	%	millions	%	millions	millions	%	millions	%
Hours worked	382.0	-5.8	-1.5	9.6	2.6	1,855.5	-0.4	0.0	68.7	3.8
	Jun-22	May-22	Jun-21	Jun-22	May-22	Jun-21	Jun-22	May-22	Jun-21	Jun-21
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.0	5.2	3.5	3.9	4.9				
Underemployment rate	6.2	6.1	7.0	6.1	5.7	7.9				
Participation rate	67.4	67.2	66.7	66.8	66.7	66.2				

Table 2: Interstate comparison¹, June 2022

	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	Aus
Employed							
% change on a month ago	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.7
Change on a month ago (no.)	13,400	25,600	28,500	500	-9,100	-1,200	88,400
% change on a year ago	4.6	2.8	3.0	2.4	4.2	1.2	3.3
Change on a year ago (no.)	123,000	117,300	103,500	20,500	58,400	3,000	438,000
Unemployment rate (%)							
June 2022	4.0	3.3	3.2	4.3	3.4	4.3	3.5
May 2022	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.6	3.1	4.5	3.9
June 2021	5.2	5.0	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.9
Hours worked (millions)							
June 2022	382.0	598.1	471.8	118.6	200.1	33.9	1,855.5
monthly % change	-1.5	1.0	-0.1	1.4	-0.8	-1.4	0.0
annual % change	2.6	2.8	8.1	2.1	2.4	-0.5	3.8

1. Note – numbers may not add due to rounding.