



Labour Force, August 2018

Key Facts

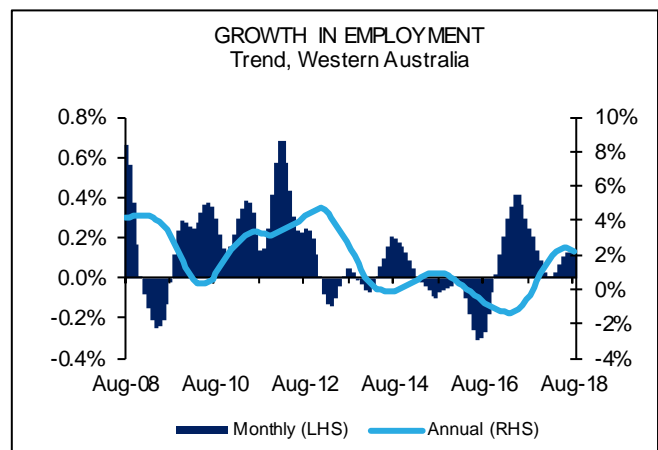
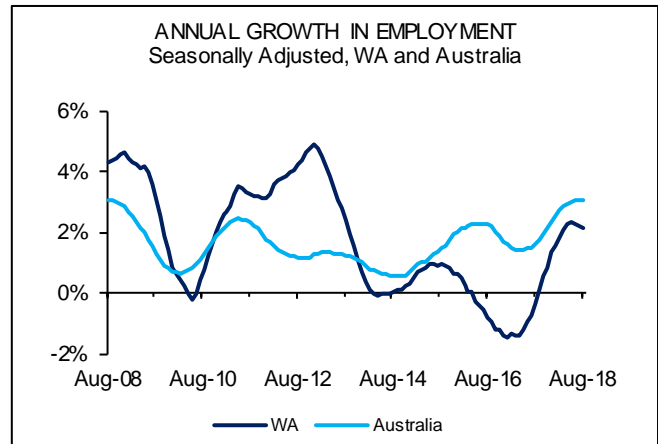
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.3% to 1,345,037 during August.
- Full-time employment rose by 828 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 3,401 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.2% in annual average terms and grew by 0.3% over the three months to August 2018. Full-time employment contributed 0.9 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 1.3 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between July and August, and rose by 2.2% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,631,284 during August.
- Full-time employment rose by 33,750 persons while part-time rose by 10,250 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.7% in the three months ending in August. Full-time employment contributed 2.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to August, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.9% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.1% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between July and August, and grew by 3.0% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE August 2018

	Seasonally Adjusted				Trend			
	000s	% Average Change Over:			000s	% Average Change Over:		
		1 Year	3 Months	1 Month		1 Year	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	4,040	3.4%	0.9%	1.1%	4,033	3.4%	0.9%	0.2%
Victoria	3,297	2.7%	0.7%	0.0%	3,301	2.7%	0.8%	0.2%
Queensland	2,499	3.9%	0.7%	0.5%	2,497	3.8%	0.5%	0.3%
South Australia	836	2.1%	-0.1%	-1.0%	842	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,345	2.2%	0.3%	0.3%	1,345	2.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Tasmania	250	2.4%	0.7%	-0.1%	250	2.7%	0.3%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	140	-0.5%	0.6%	-0.1%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	228	3.4%	-0.3%	0.0%
Australia	12,631	3.0%	0.7%	0.3%	12,621	3.0%	0.6%	0.2%

The Australian Bureau of Statistics does not produce seasonally adjusted labour force estimates for the two Territories.

Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia increased to 6.4% during August 2018, up from a rate of 6.0% in July.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to August 2018, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to August 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.2% in August 2018, and averaged 6.1% over the 12 months to August.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.3%. The unemployment rate averaged 5.4% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to August 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.4% in Western Australia. The lowest was 4.7% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate decreased to 5.3% during August 2018, from 5.4% in July, and averaged 5.4% over the past 12 months.

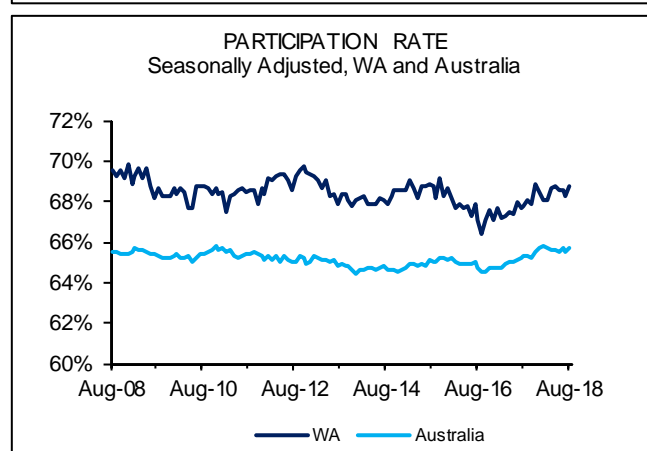
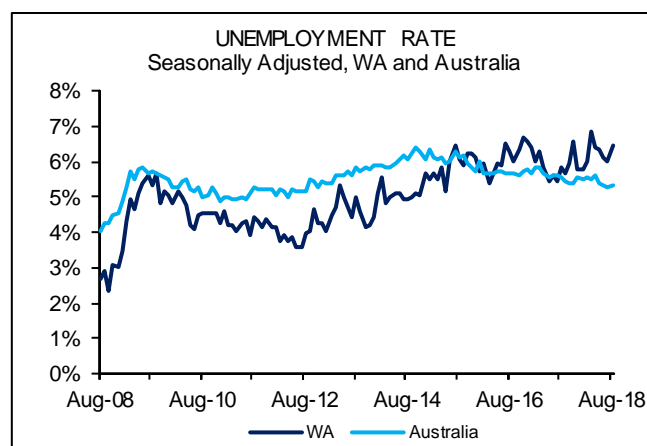
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.8% in August 2018, up from a rate of 68.3% in July.
- The participation rate averaged 68.4% over the year to August 2018, which is higher than the 67.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to August 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.5% between July and August 2018, and averaged 68.4% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.7% during August 2018, up from a rate of 65.6% in July. The participation rate averaged 65.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.9% over the 12 months to August 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.8% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.1% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.6% between July and August 2018, and averaged 65.5% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES August 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.7%	4.8%	65.2%	65.2%
Vic	4.8%	4.9%	65.4%	65.6%
Qld	6.4%	6.3%	66.2%	66.0%
SA	5.7%	5.7%	62.2%	62.5%
WA	6.4%	6.2%	68.8%	68.5%
Tas	5.8%	6.0%	61.1%	61.3%
NT	n/a	4.0%	n/a	76.7%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	70.4%
Aus	5.3%	5.3%	65.7%	65.6%