



Labour Force, April 2017

Key Facts

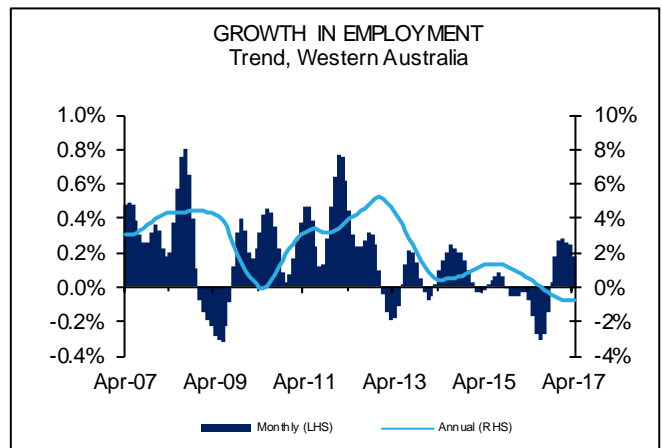
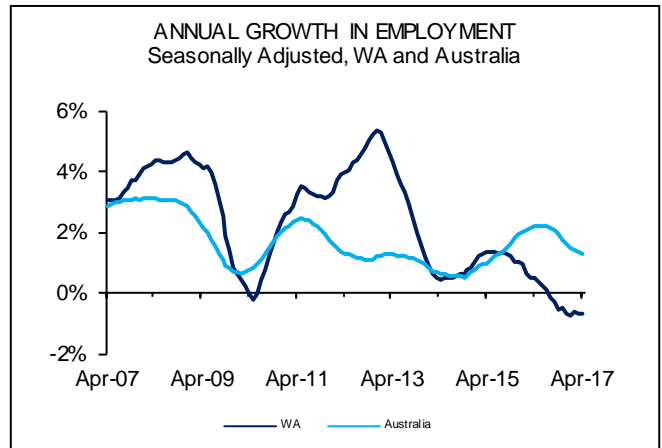
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 1.0% to 1,357,373 during April.
- Full-time employment rose by 5,531 persons during the month while part-time employment increased by 7,688 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.7% in annual average terms and grew by 0.6% over the three months to April 2017. Full-time employment detracted 2.1 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 1.4 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between March and April, and fell by 0.7% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,099,301 during April.
- Full-time employment declined by 11,557 persons while part-time increased by 48,966 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.5% in the three months ending in April. Full-time employment contributed 0.1 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 1.2 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to April, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.5% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.7% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between March and April, and grew by 1.3% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE April 2017

	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	3,817	1.3%	0.1%	0.3%	3,804	1.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Victoria	3,130	3.5%	0.9%	0.6%	3,117	3.5%	0.7%	0.2%
Queensland	2,384	-0.3%	0.5%	0.4%	2,373	-0.3%	0.8%	0.3%
South Australia	813	1.0%	0.0%	-0.6%	817	1.1%	0.1%	-0.1%
Western Australia	1,357	-0.7%	0.6%	1.0%	1,351	-0.7%	0.8%	0.2%
Tasmania	242	-0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	241	-0.4%	0.7%	0.3%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	142	2.9%	2.4%	0.5%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	215	2.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Australia	12,099	1.3%	0.5%	0.3%	12,071	1.3%	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 decreased to 5.9% during April 2017, down from a rate of 6.5% in March.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.3% over the year to April 2017, which is higher than the 5.9% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to April 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased from 6.2% to 6.1% between March and April 2017, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to April.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.7% during April 2017, down from a rate of 5.9% in March. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.9% over the 12 months to April 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 7.3% in South Australia. The lowest was 4.7% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.8% between March and April 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

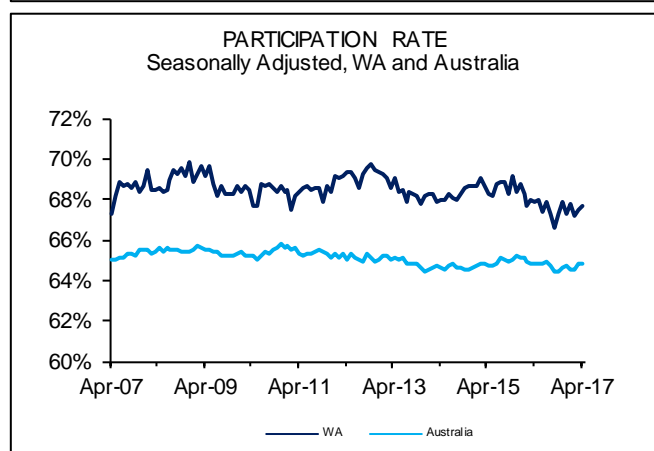
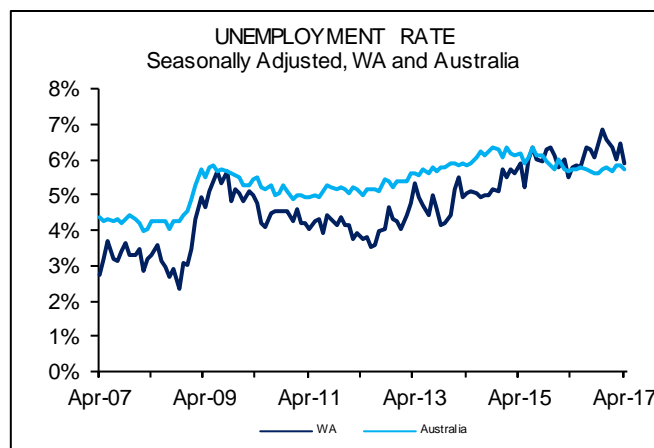
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 67.7% in April 2017, up from a rate of 67.5% in March.
- The participation rate averaged 67.5% over the year to April 2017, which is lower than the 68.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to April 2016.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 67.5% between March and April 2017, and averaged 67.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate was unchanged at 64.8% in April. The participation rate averaged 64.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to April 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 67.7% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.1% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate rose from 64.7% to 64.8% between March and April 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES April 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.7%	5.0%	63.0%	63.0%
Vic	6.1%	6.1%	66.1%	65.9%
Qld	6.3%	6.4%	64.8%	64.6%
SA	7.3%	7.0%	62.1%	62.3%
WA	5.9%	6.1%	67.7%	67.5%
Tas	5.9%	5.8%	60.1%	60.0%
NT	n/a	3.5%	n/a	78.8%
ACT	n/a	3.6%	n/a	69.8%
Aus	5.7%	5.8%	64.8%	64.8%