



## Labour Force, February 2017

### Key Facts

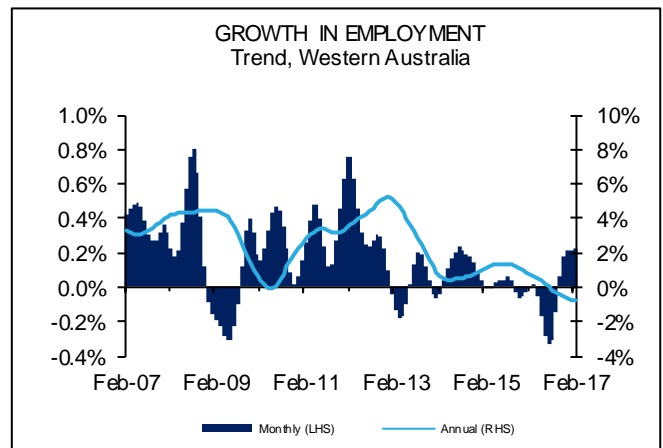
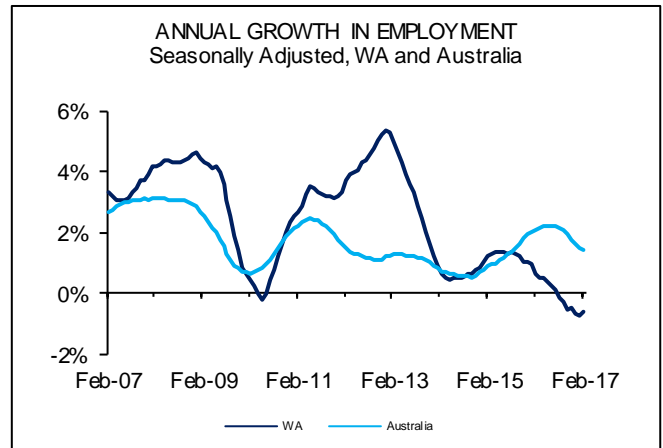
#### Employment

##### Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.4% to 1,342,131 during February.
- Full-time employment rose by 13,838 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 19,353 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.6% in annual average terms and grew by 0.7% over the three months to February 2017. Full-time employment detracted 2.6 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 2.0 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between January and February, and fell by 0.7% in annual average terms.

##### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment fell by 0.1% to 11,998,823 during February.
- Full-time employment increased by 27,056 persons while part-time declined by 33,487 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.4% in annual average terms and increased by 0.4% in the three months ending in February. Full-time employment contributed 0.1 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 1.3 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to February, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.3% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.7% in Tasmania.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.1% between January and February, and grew by 1.4% in annual average terms.



#### GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE February 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	3,787	1.7%	-0.3%	0.0%	3,789	1.8%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Victoria	3,097	3.3%	0.6%	0.3%	3,096	3.3%	0.5%	0.1%
Queensland	2,340	-0.2%	0.3%	-0.5%	2,347	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
South Australia	822	1.1%	0.8%	0.0%	821	1.1%	0.7%	0.2%
Western Australia	1,342	-0.6%	0.7%	-0.4%	1,343	-0.7%	0.6%	0.2%
Tasmania	239	-0.7%	0.5%	-0.3%	239	-0.8%	0.5%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	141	1.5%	2.7%	0.8%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	216	2.0%	0.3%	0.1%
Australia	11,999	1.4%	0.4%	-0.1%	12,005	1.4%	0.3%	0.1%

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 6.0% during February 2017, down from a rate of 6.4% in January.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to February 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to February 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.4% between January and February 2017, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to February.

### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.9% during February 2017, up from a rate of 5.7% in January. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 6.0% over the 12 months to February 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.7% in Queensland. The lowest was 5.2% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.8% between January and February 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

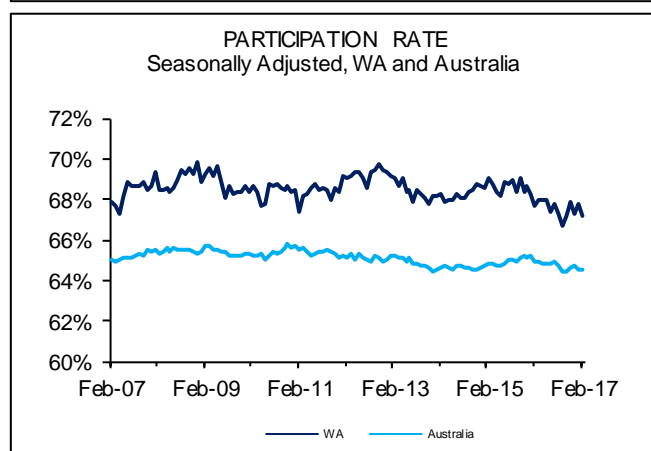
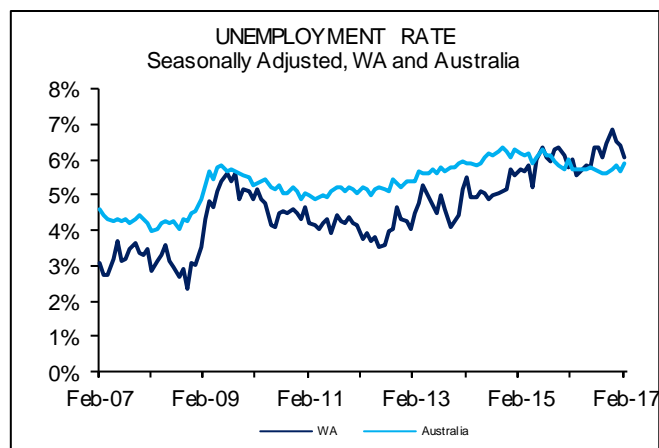
## Participation Rate

### Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 67.2% in February 2017, down from a rate of 67.8% in January.
- The participation rate averaged 67.5% over the year to February 2017, which is lower than the 68.5% average participation rate recorded over the year to February 2016.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 67.5% between January and February 2017, and averaged 67.5% over the year.

### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate was unchanged at 64.6% in February. The participation rate averaged 64.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to February 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 67.2% in Western Australia. The lowest was 59.5% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 64.6% between January and February 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



### UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES February 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.2%	5.2%	63.0%	63.1%
Vic	6.1%	6.0%	65.7%	65.7%
Qld	6.7%	6.4%	64.1%	64.1%
SA	6.6%	6.6%	62.4%	62.4%
WA	6.0%	6.4%	67.2%	67.5%
Tas	5.8%	5.8%	59.5%	59.6%
NT	n/a	3.5%	n/a	78.1%
ACT	n/a	3.8%	n/a	70.4%
Aus	5.9%	5.8%	64.6%	64.6%