



## Labour Force, January 2017

### Key Facts

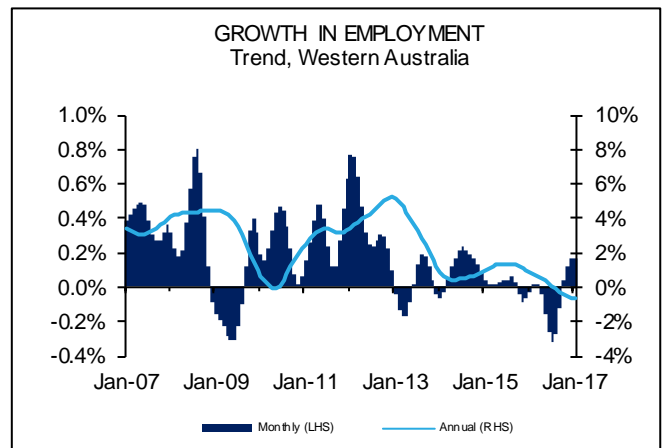
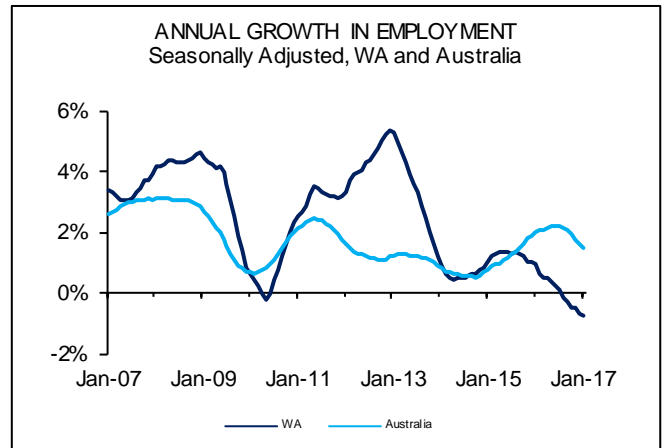
#### Employment

##### Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 1.1% to 1,346,959 during January.
- Full-time employment fell by 3,229 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 18,318 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.7% in annual average terms and grew by 0.7% over the three months to January 2017. Full-time employment detracted 2.8 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 2.1 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between December and January, and fell by 0.7% in annual average terms.

##### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.1% to 11,998,238 during January.
- Full-time employment declined by 44,847 persons while part-time rose by 58,349 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.4% in annual average terms and increased by 0.5% in the three months ending in January. Full-time employment contributed 0.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 1.3 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to January, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.1% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.9% in Tasmania.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.1% between December and January, and grew by 1.5% in annual average terms.



#### GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE January 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	3,784	2.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%	3,791	2.1%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Victoria	3,082	3.1%	0.6%	-0.3%	3,088	3.1%	0.6%	0.1%
Queensland	2,354	0.1%	0.7%	0.4%	2,348	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
South Australia	823	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%	819	1.0%	0.6%	0.2%
Western Australia	1,347	-0.7%	0.7%	1.1%	1,340	-0.7%	0.3%	0.2%
Tasmania	240	-0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	239	-1.0%	0.6%	0.2%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	138	0.7%	2.0%	0.7%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	215	1.8%	0.1%	0.0%
Australia	11,998	1.4%	0.5%	0.1%	11,984	1.5%	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 6.5% during January 2017, down from a rate of 6.6% in December.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to January 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to January 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.6% in January 2017, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to January.

### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.7% during January 2017, down from a rate of 5.8% in December. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 6.1% over the 12 months to January 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.5% in Western Australia. The lowest was 5.0% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.7% between December and January 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

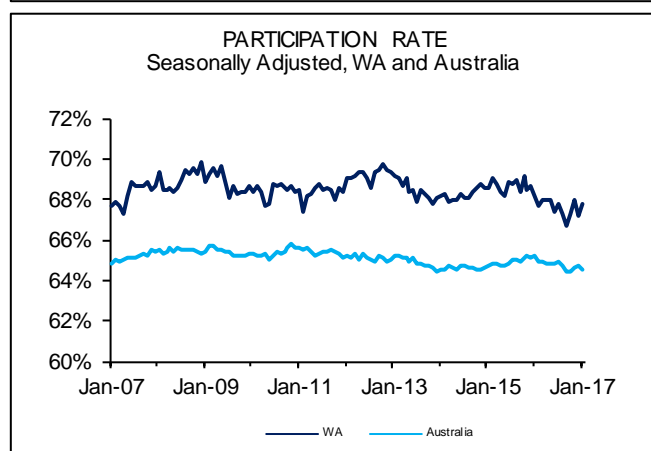
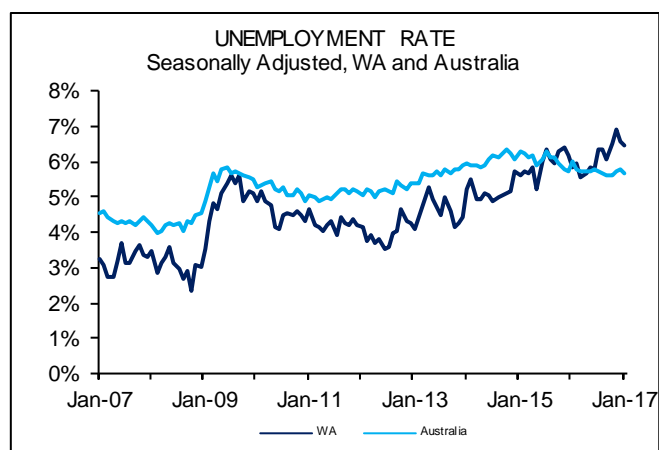
## Participation Rate

### Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 67.8% in January 2017, up from a rate of 67.2% in December.
- The participation rate averaged 67.6% over the year to January 2017, which is lower than the 68.6% average participation rate recorded over the year to January 2016.
- The trend participation rate increased from 67.5% to 67.6% between December and January 2017, and averaged 67.6% over the year.

### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 64.6% during January 2017, down from a rate of 64.7% in December. The participation rate averaged 64.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to January 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 67.8% in Western Australia. The lowest was 59.6% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 64.6% between December and January 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



### UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES January 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.0%	5.1%	63.0%	63.2%
Vic	5.7%	5.9%	65.3%	65.6%
Qld	6.3%	6.1%	64.3%	64.1%
SA	6.4%	6.7%	62.4%	62.3%
WA	6.5%	6.6%	67.8%	67.6%
Tas	5.6%	5.9%	59.6%	59.7%
NT	n/a	4.0%	n/a	77.4%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	70.3%
Aus	5.7%	5.7%	64.6%	64.6%