



Labour Force, March 2017

Key Facts

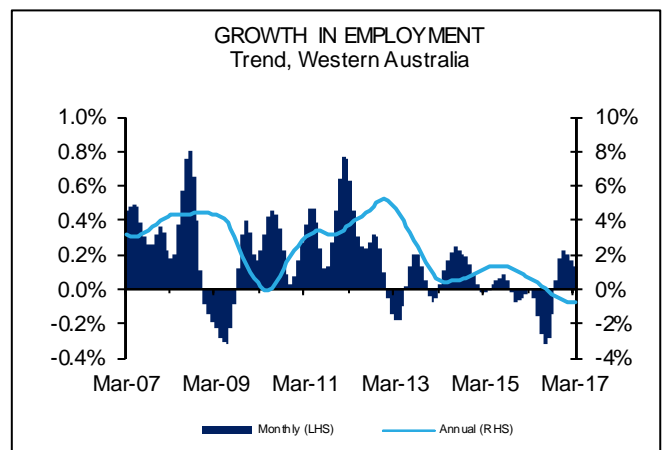
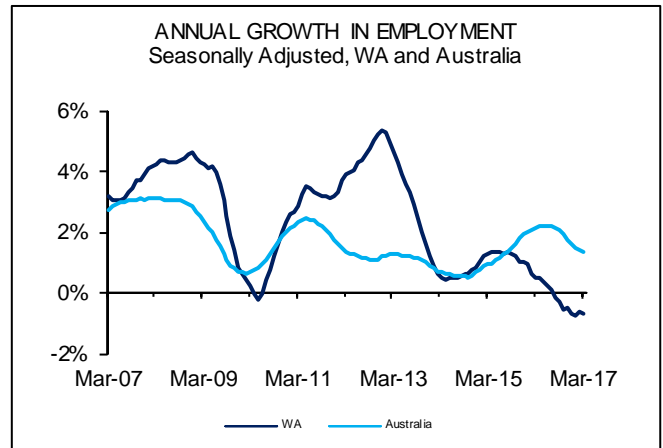
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.1% to 1,342,935 during March.
- Full-time employment rose by 8,892 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 7,233 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.7% in annual average terms and grew by 0.7% over the three months to March 2017. Full-time employment detracted 2.4 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 1.7 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between February and March, and fell by 0.8% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.5% to 12,059,563 during March.
- Full-time employment increased by 74,501 persons while part-time declined by 13,585 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.4% in the three months ending in March. 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 March, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.4% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.7% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.1% between February and March, and grew by 1.3% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE March 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	3,806	1.5%	-0.3%	0.6%	3,792	1.4%	-0.2%	0.0%
Victoria	3,109	3.4%	0.4%	0.3%	3,103	3.4%	0.5%	0.2%
Queensland	2,372	-0.3%	0.6%	1.2%	2,360	-0.2%	0.5%	0.2%
South Australia	819	1.1%	0.6%	-0.2%	820	1.1%	0.5%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,343	-0.7%	0.7%	0.1%	1,345	-0.8%	0.6%	0.1%
Tasmania	241	-0.6%	0.8%	0.6%	240	-0.6%	0.5%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	142	2.2%	2.8%	0.6%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	216	2.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Australia	12,060	1.3%	0.4%	0.5%	12,033	1.3%	0.4%	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 increased to 6.5% during March 2017, up from a rate of 6.1% in February.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to March 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to March 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.4% in March 2017, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to March.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9% in March. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 6.0% over the 12 months to March 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 7.0% in South Australia. The lowest was 5.1% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate rose from 5.8% to 5.9% between February and March 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

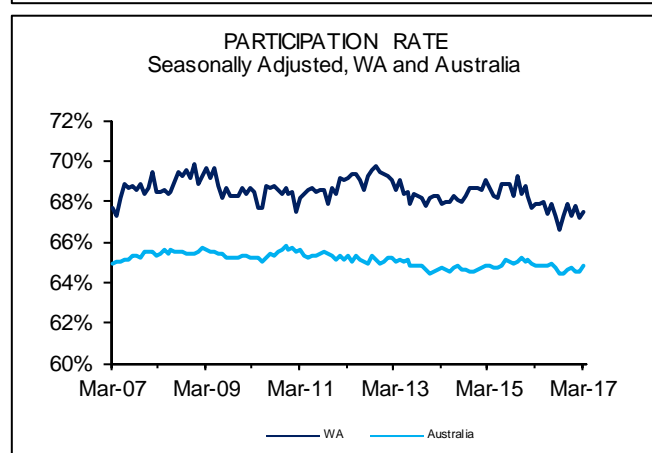
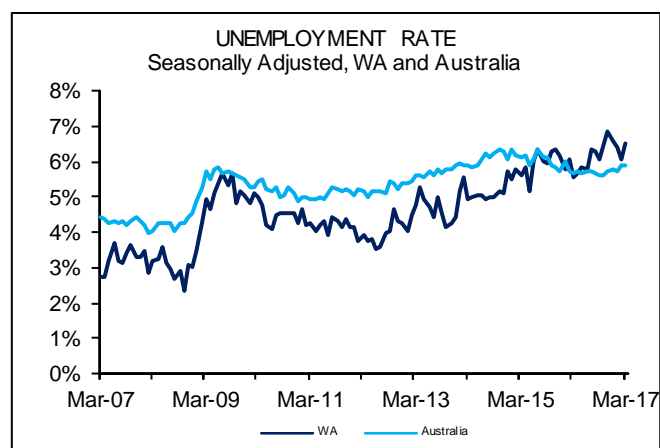
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 67.5% in March 2017, up from a rate of 67.2% in February.
- The participation rate averaged 67.5% over the year to March 2017, which is lower than the 68.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to March 2016.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 67.5% between February and March 2017, and averaged 67.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 64.8% during March 2017, up from a rate of 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 March 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 67.5% in Western Australia. The lowest was 59.9% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was rose from 64.6% to 64.7% between February and March 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES March 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.1%	5.2%	63.1%	63.0%
Vic	6.1%	6.1%	65.9%	65.7%
Qld	6.3%	6.4%	64.6%	64.4%
SA	7.0%	6.7%	62.4%	62.3%
WA	6.5%	6.4%	67.5%	67.5%
Tas	6.0%	5.8%	59.9%	59.7%
NT	n/a	3.5%	n/a	78.5%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	70.1%
Aus	5.9%	5.9%	64.8%	64.7%