



Labour Force, May 2017

Key Facts

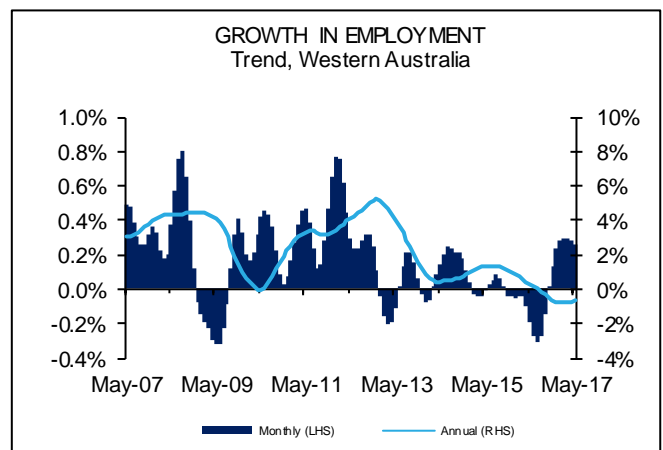
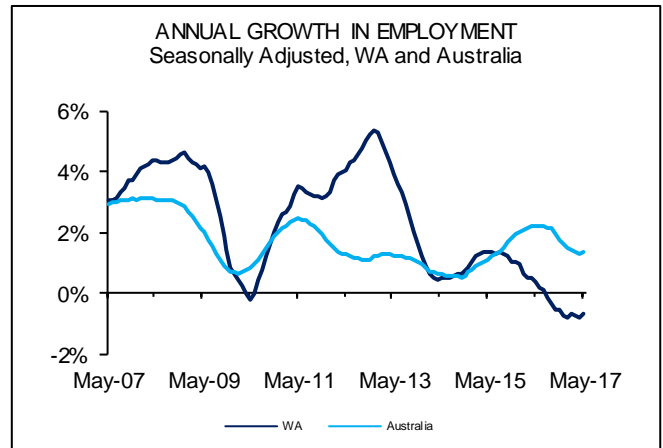
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.3% to 1,359,367 during May.
- Full-time employment rose by 438 persons during the month while part-time employment increased by 3,856 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.7% in annual average terms and grew by 0.9% over the three months to May 2017. Full-time employment detracted 1.7 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 1.0 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.3% between April and May, and fell by 0.7% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,152,612 during May.
- Full-time employment increased by 52,063 persons while part-time declined by 10,105 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.9% in the three months ending in May. Full-time employment contributed 0.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 1.1 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to May, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.7% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.7% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between April and May, and grew by 1.3% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE May 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	3,855	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	3,831	1.1%	0.6%	0.3%
Victoria	3,140	3.7%	1.1%	0.2%	3,134	3.6%	0.9%	0.3%
Queensland	2,390	-0.1%	1.4%	0.2%	2,384	-0.2%	1.0%	0.2%
South Australia	819	1.2%	-0.2%	0.6%	818	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,359	-0.7%	0.9%	0.3%	1,355	-0.7%	0.9%	0.3%
Tasmania	245	0.0%	1.4%	1.2%	243	0.0%	1.1%	0.3%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	141	3.2%	1.1%	0.0%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	216	2.2%	0.1%	0.0%
Australia	12,153	1.3%	0.9%	0.3%	12,122	1.3%	0.7%	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 5.5% during May 2017, down from a rate of 5.9% in April.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to May 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to May 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased from 5.9% to 5.8% between April and May 2017, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to May.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.5% during May 2017, down from a rate of 5.7% in April. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.9% over the 12 months to May 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.9% in South Australia. The lowest was 4.8% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.7% between April and May 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

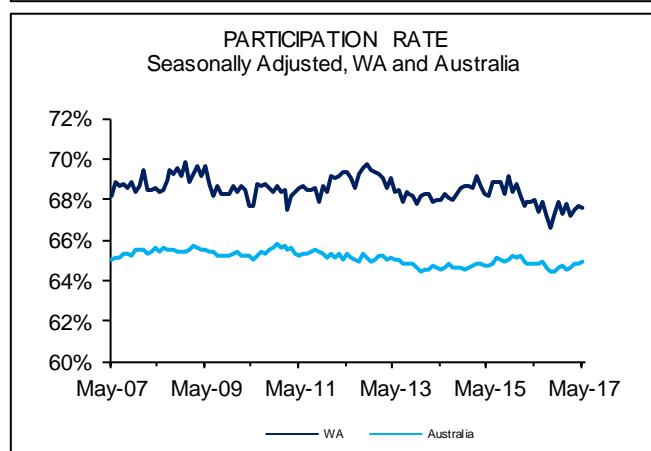
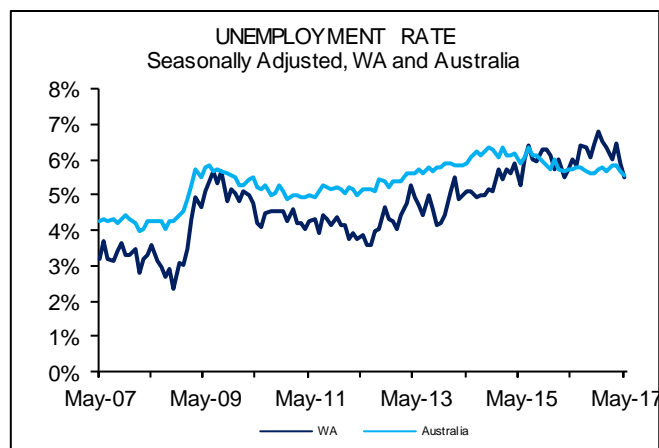
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 67.6% in May 2017, down from a rate of 67.7% in April.
- The participation rate averaged 67.4% over the year to May 2017, which is lower than the 68.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to May 2016.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 67.5% between April and May 2017, and averaged 67.4% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate increased from 64.8% in April to 64.9% in May. The participation rate averaged 64.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to May 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 67.6% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.0% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 64.8% between April and May 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES May 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.8%	4.8%	63.5%	63.2%
Vic	6.0%	6.1%	66.1%	66.1%
Qld	6.1%	6.3%	64.8%	64.7%
SA	6.9%	7.1%	62.3%	62.3%
WA	5.5%	5.8%	67.6%	67.5%
Tas	6.1%	5.9%	61.0%	60.5%
NT	n/a	3.2%	n/a	77.7%
ACT	n/a	3.5%	n/a	69.9%
Aus	5.5%	5.7%	64.9%	64.8%