



Labour Force, January 2017

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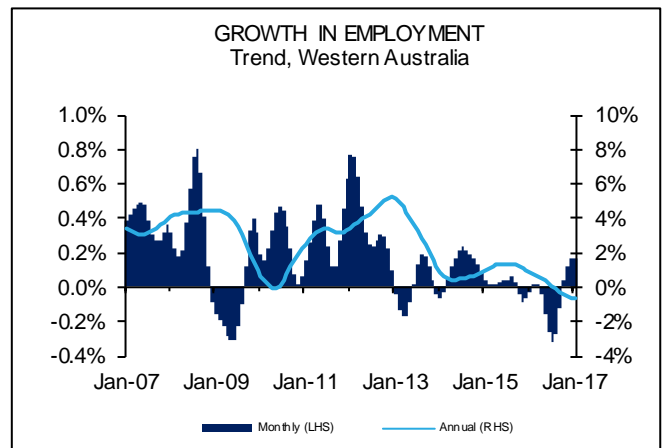
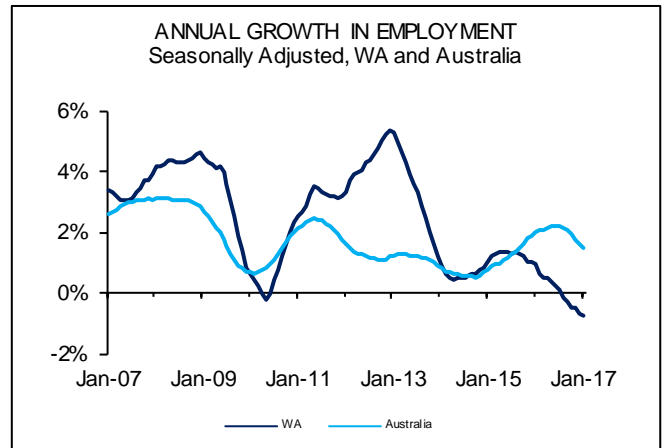
Employment

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.

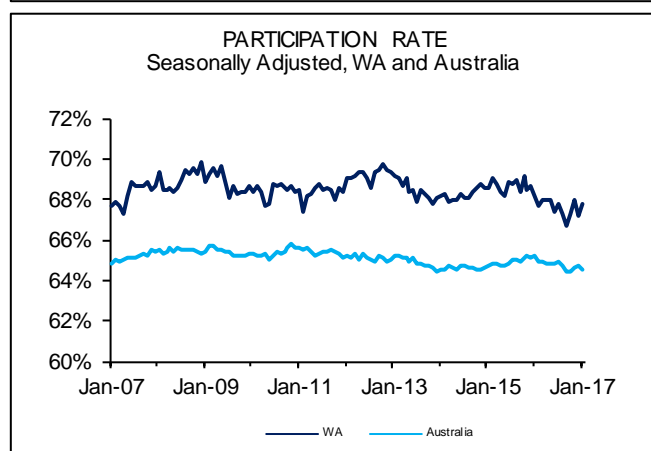
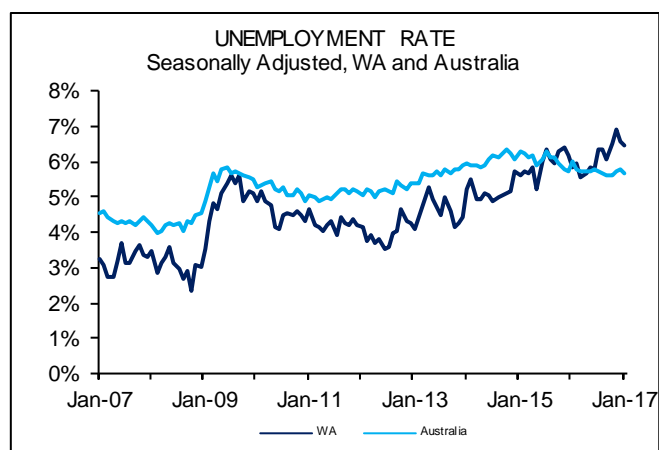
Participation Rate

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%



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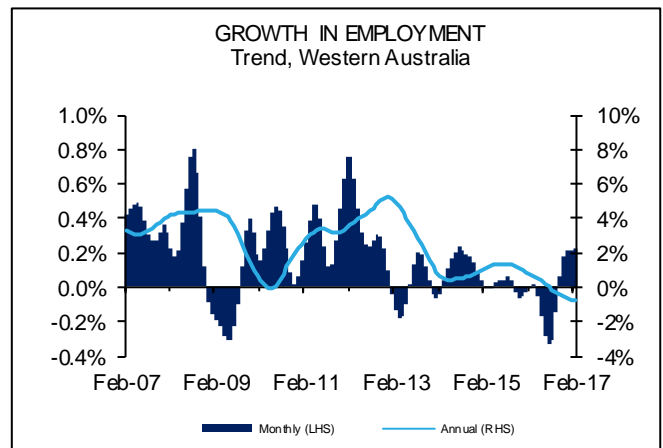
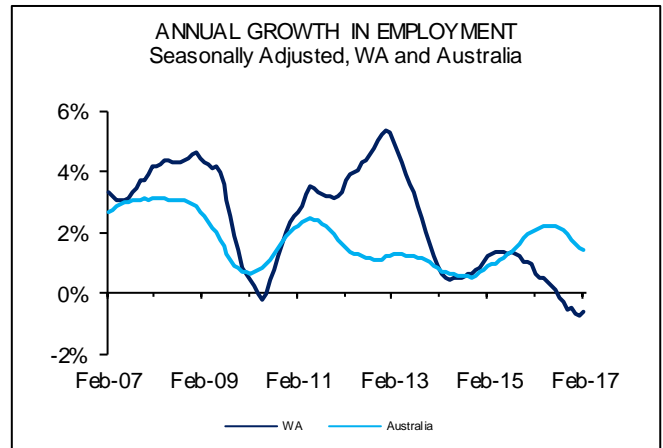
Employment

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%

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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.

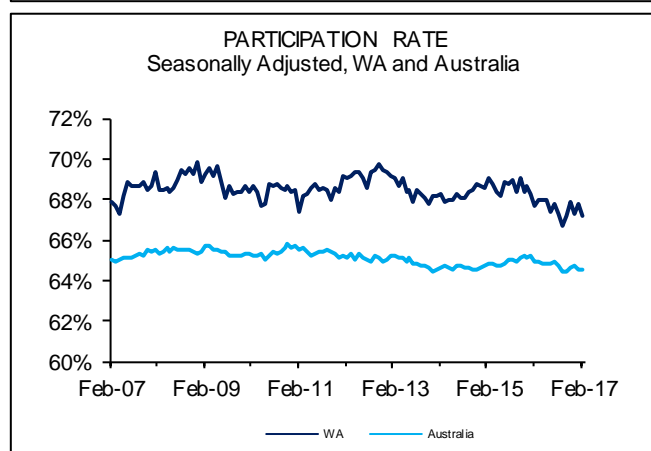
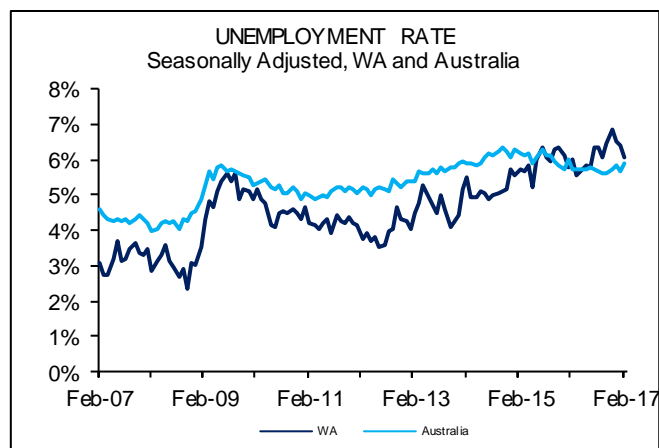
Participation Rate

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%



Labour Force, March 2017

Key Facts

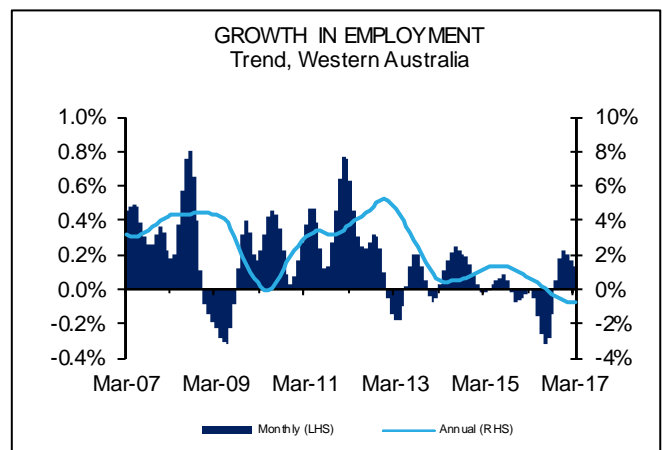
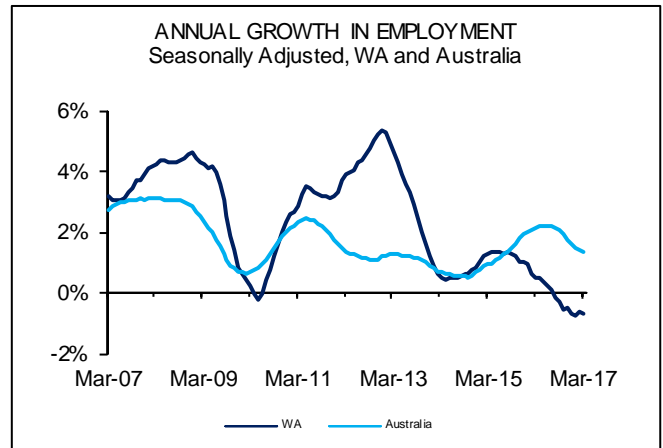
Employment

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%

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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.

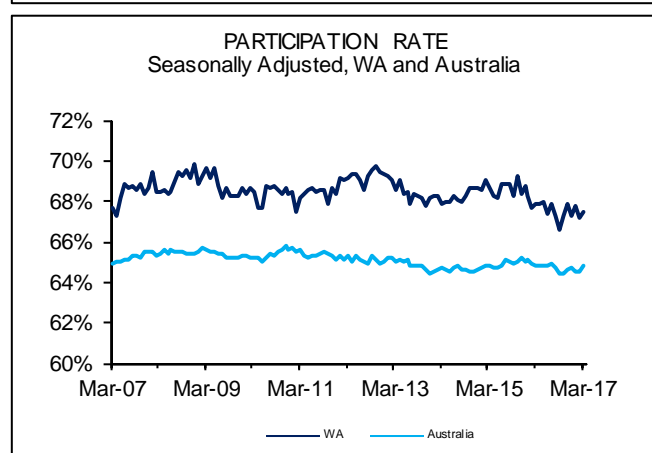
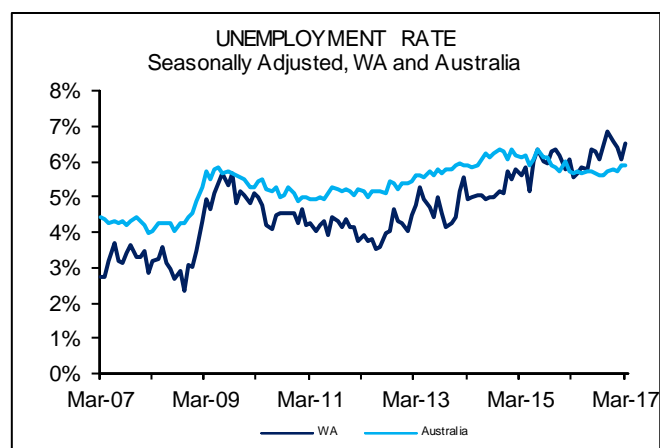
Participation Rate

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%



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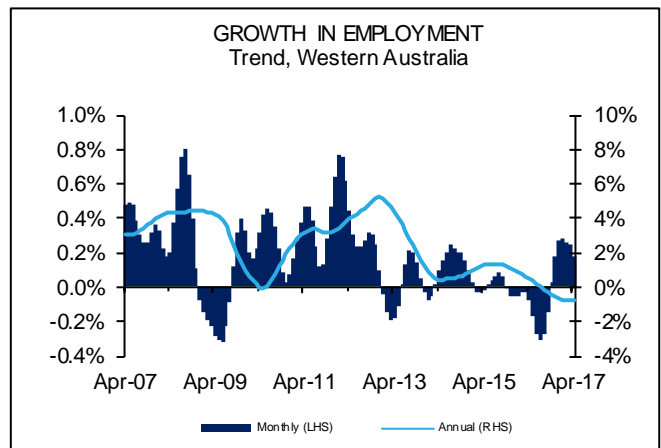
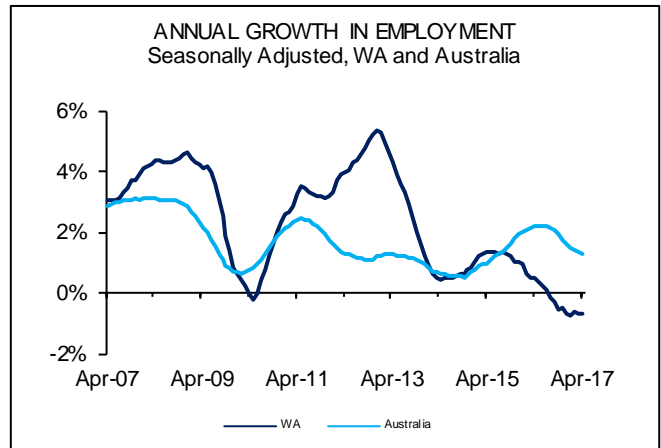
Employment

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%

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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.

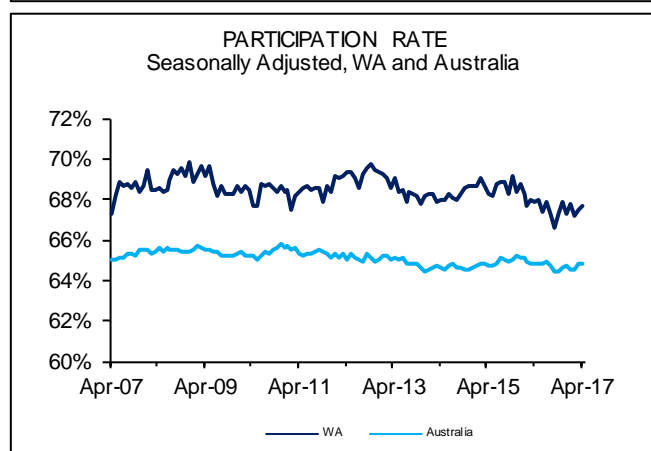
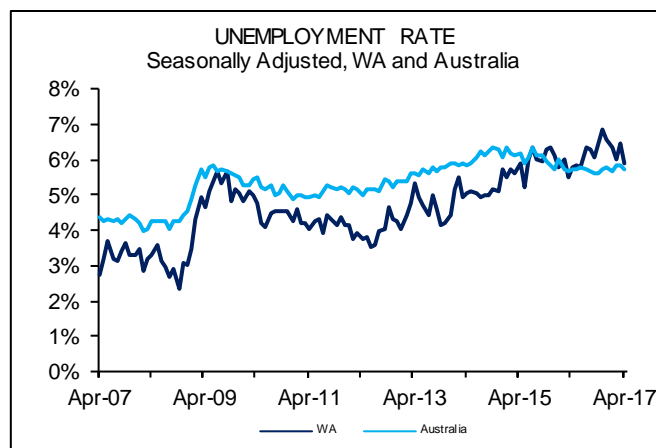
Participation Rate

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%



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Key Facts

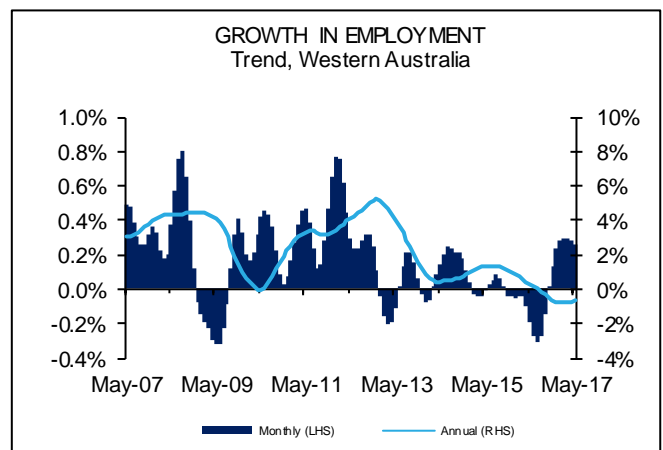
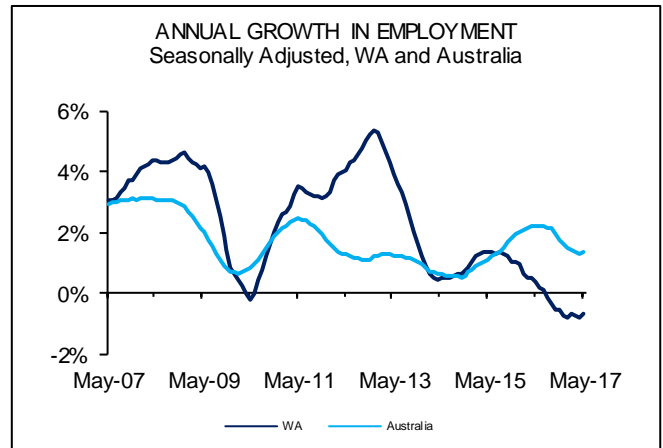
Employment

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.

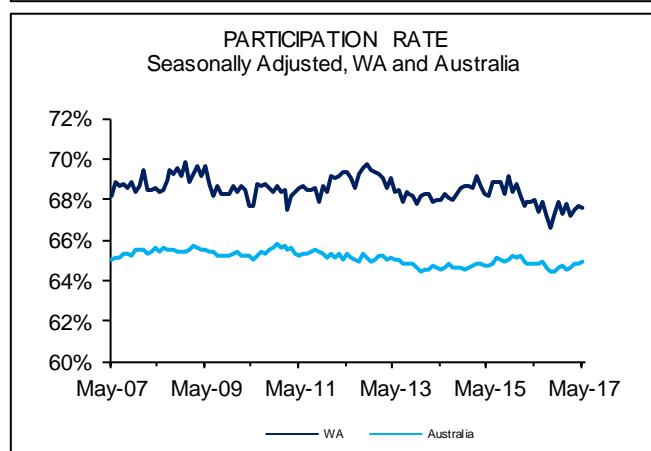
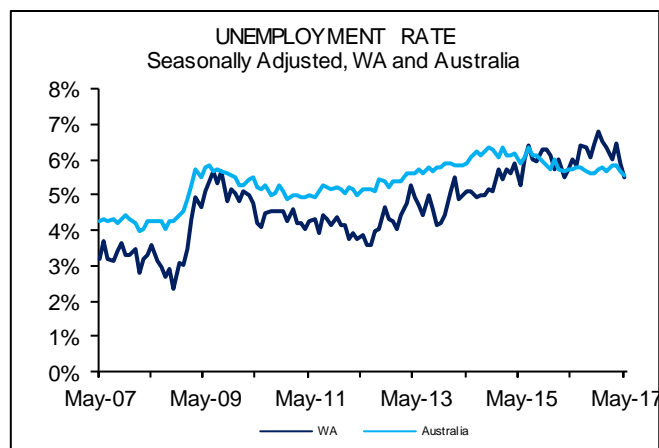
Participation Rate

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%



Labour Force, June 2017

Key Facts

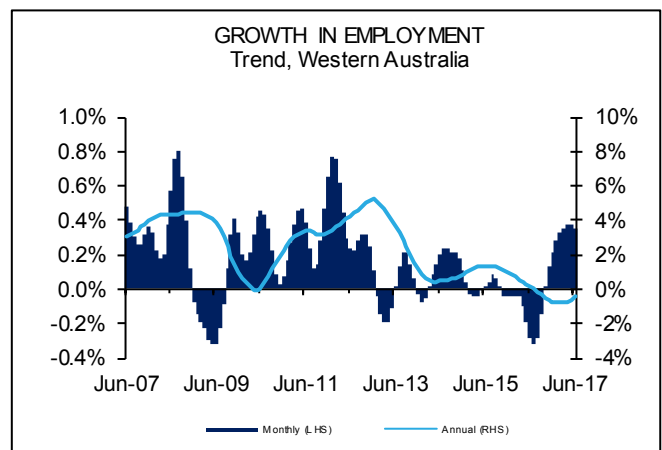
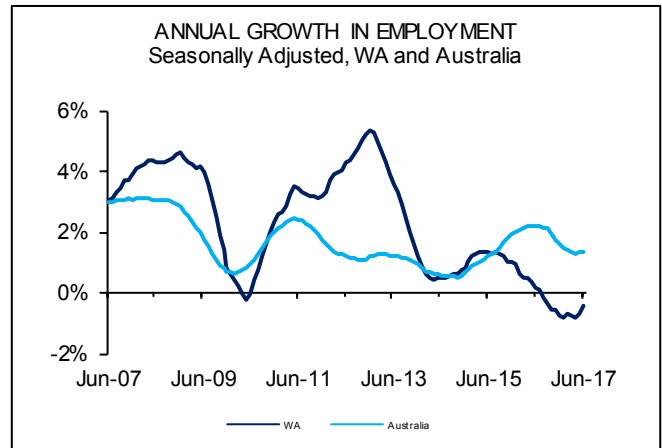
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.5% to 1,367,335 during June.
- Full-time employment rose by 7,047 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 107 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.4% in annual average terms and grew by 1.3% over the three months to June 2017. Full-time employment detracted 1.3 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 0.9 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.4% between May and June, and fell by 0.5% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.1% to 12,166,867 during June.
- Full-time employment increased by 62,048 persons while part-time declined by 48,019 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.3% in annual average terms and increased by 1.0% in the three months ending in June. 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 June, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.7% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.4% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between May and June, and grew by 1.3% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE June 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	0.9%	1.2%	0.1%	3,848	0.9%	0.8%	0.3%
Victoria	3,143	3.7%	1.2%	0.1%	3,143	3.6%	0.9%	0.2%
Queensland	2,389	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2,391	-0.1%	1.0%	0.3%
South Australia	824	1.2%	-0.1%	0.6%	820	1.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,367	-0.4%	1.3%	0.5%	1,363	-0.5%	1.1%	0.4%
Tasmania	247	0.5%	1.8%	0.7%	246	0.5%	1.5%	0.5%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137	3.2%	-1.2%	-1.0%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	216	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Australia	12,167	1.3%	1.0%	0.1%	12,160	1.3%	0.8%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia increased to 5.6% during June 2017, up from a rate of 5.5% in May.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to June 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to June 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased from 5.7% to 5.6% between May and June 2017, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to June.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% during June 2017. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.9% over the 12 months to June 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.6% in South Australia. The lowest was 4.8% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% between May and June 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

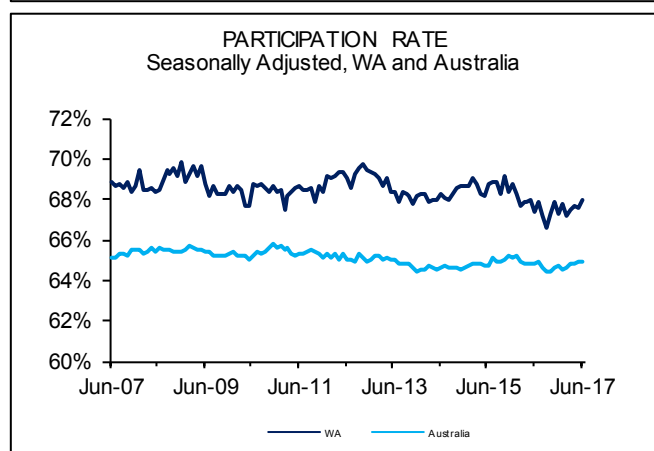
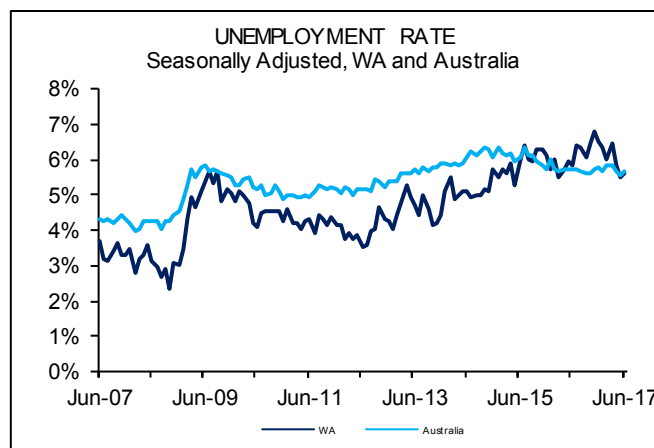
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.0% in June 2017, up from a rate of 67.6% in May.
- The participation rate averaged 67.5% over the year to June 2017, which is lower than the 68.3% average participation rate recorded over the year to June 2016.
- The trend participation rate increased from 67.7% to 67.8% between May and June 2017, and averaged 67.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.0% during June 2017, up from a rate of 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 June 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.0% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.2% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 64.9% between May and June 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES June 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.8%	4.8%	63.5%	63.4%
Vic	5.9%	6.0%	66.0%	66.1%
Qld	6.5%	6.3%	64.9%	64.9%
SA	6.6%	7.0%	62.5%	62.4%
WA	5.6%	5.6%	68.0%	67.8%
Tas	5.6%	5.8%	61.2%	61.0%
NT	n/a	3.1%	n/a	75.4%
ACT	n/a	4.4%	n/a	70.4%
Aus	5.6%	5.6%	65.0%	64.9%



Labour Force, July 2017

Key Facts

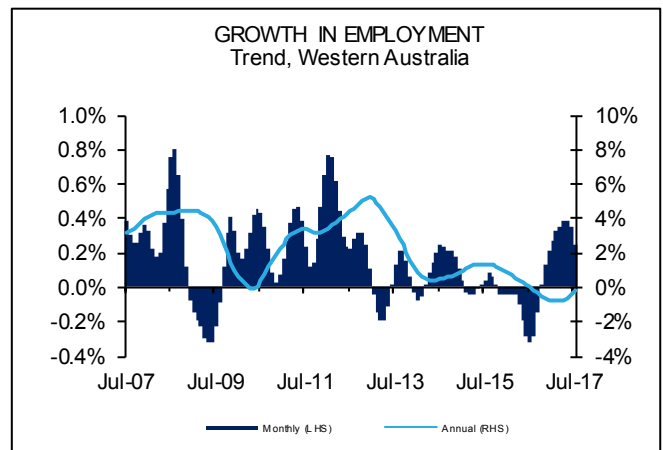
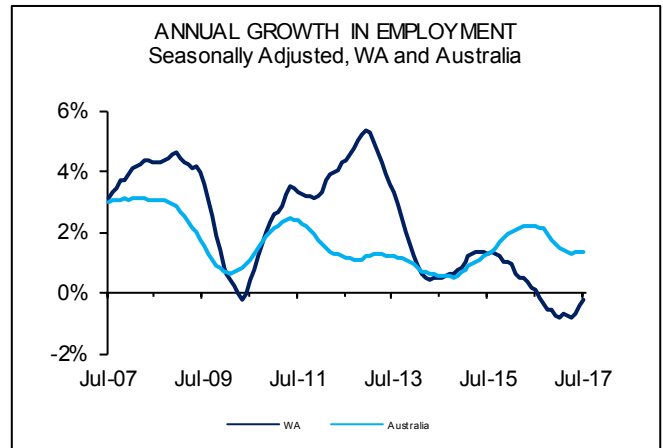
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.1% to 1,366,050 during July.
- Full-time employment rose by 1,686 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 2,967 persons.
- Employment fell by 0.2% in annual average terms and grew by 1.4% over the three months to July 2017. Full-time employment detracted 0.8 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 0.5 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between June and July, and fell by 0.2% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.2% to 12,201,373 during July.
- Full-time employment fell by 20,327 persons while part-time rose by 48,242 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.9% in the three months ending in July. Full-time employment contributed 0.4 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 1 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to July, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.6% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.2% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between June and July, and grew by 1.4% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE July 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	3,857	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	3,862	0.8%	1.0%	0.3%
Victoria	3,140	3.6%	0.7%	-0.1%	3,147	3.6%	0.8%	0.2%
Queensland	2,419	0.1%	1.4%	1.1%	2,409	0.2%	1.2%	0.3%
South Australia	825	1.2%	0.7%	0.1%	823	1.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,366	-0.2%	1.4%	-0.1%	1,367	-0.2%	1.1%	0.2%
Tasmania	245	1.0%	1.9%	-0.9%	246	1.0%	1.4%	0.3%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	134	3.0%	-2.9%	-1.2%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	216	1.9%	-0.1%	0.0%
Australia	12,201	1.3%	0.9%	0.2%	12,197	1.4%	0.8%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 5.4% during July 2017, down from a rate of 5.6% in June.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.1% over the year to July 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to July 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased from 5.5% to 5.4% between June and July 2017, and averaged 6.1% over the 12 months to July.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.6% in July, from 5.7% in June. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.8% over the 12 months to July 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.3% in Tasmania. The lowest was 5.0% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% between June and July 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

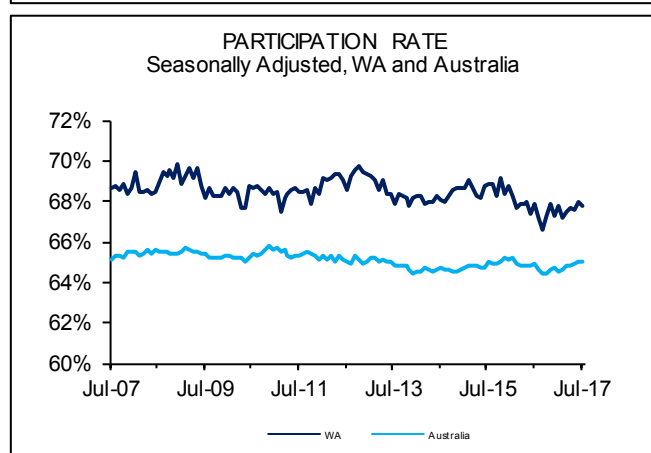
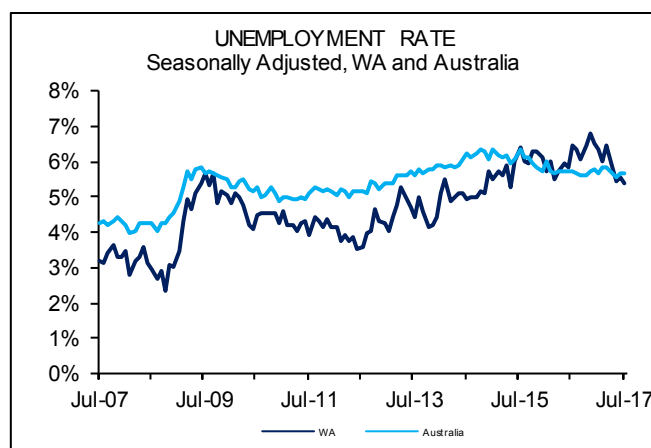
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 67.7% in July 2017, down from a rate of 68% in June.
- The participation rate averaged 67.5% over the year to July 2017, which is lower than the 68.2% average participation rate recorded over the year to July 2016.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 67.8% between June and July 2017, and averaged 67.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.1% during July 2017, up from a rate of 65.0% in June. The participation rate averaged 64.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to July 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 67.7% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.1% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65% in July 2017, and averaged 64.7% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES July 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.0%	4.8%	63.6%	63.6%
Vic	6.1%	6.0%	66.0%	66.1%
Qld	6.2%	6.3%	65.4%	65.2%
SA	6.2%	6.6%	62.2%	62.3%
WA	5.4%	5.4%	67.7%	67.8%
Tas	6.3%	6.1%	61.1%	61.2%
NT	n/a	3.2%	n/a	73.7%
ACT	n/a	4.8%	n/a	70.5%
Aus	5.6%	5.6%	65.1%	65.0%



Labour Force, August 2017

Key Facts

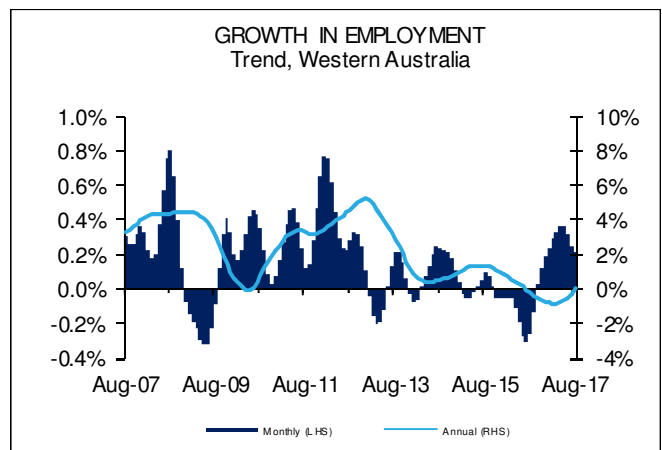
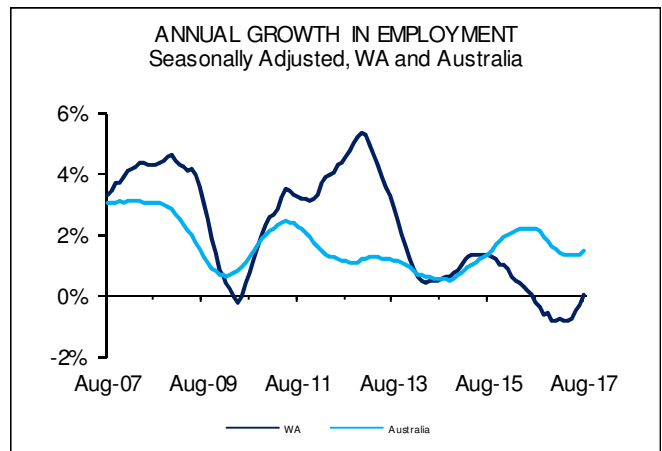
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia was unchanged during August.
- Full-time employment fell by 5,681 persons during the month while part-time employment increased by 5,572 persons.
- Employment was unchanged in annual average terms and grew by 1.0% over the three months to August 2017. Full-time employment detracted 0.2 percentage points from annual growth, while part-time employment made a 0.3 percentage point contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between July and August, and rose by 0.1% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.4% to 12,268,961 during August.
- Full-time employment rose by 40,128 persons while part-time increased by 14,085 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.5% in annual average terms and increased by 0.9% in the three months ending in August. Full-time employment contributed 0.5 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.9 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to August, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.6% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 0.0% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between July and August, and grew by 1.5% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE August 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	3,874	0.8%	0.9%	0.3%	3,875	0.8%	1.0%	0.2%
Victoria	3,166	3.6%	0.6%	0.6%	3,160	3.7%	0.8%	0.1%
Queensland	2,440	0.5%	1.4%	0.7%	2,430	0.6%	1.5%	0.4%
South Australia	829	1.4%	1.1%	0.3%	827	1.3%	0.6%	0.2%
Western Australia	1,363	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1,367	0.1%	0.9%	0.2%
Tasmania	246	1.5%	1.2%	0.4%	246	1.4%	1.2%	0.2%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	132	2.8%	-3.4%	-1.0%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	217	1.9%	0.3%	0.1%
Australia	12,269	1.5%	0.9%	0.4%	12,250	1.5%	0.9%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia increased to 5.9% during August 2017, up from a rate of 5.4% in July.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.1% over the year to August 2017, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to August 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate fell from 5.6% to 5.5% between July and August, and averaged 6.1% over the 12 months to August.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% in August. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.8% over the 12 months to August 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.1% in Victoria. The lowest was 5.0% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% between July and August 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

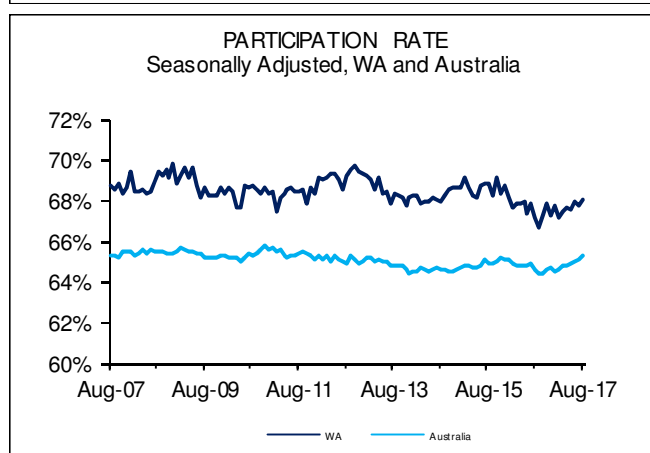
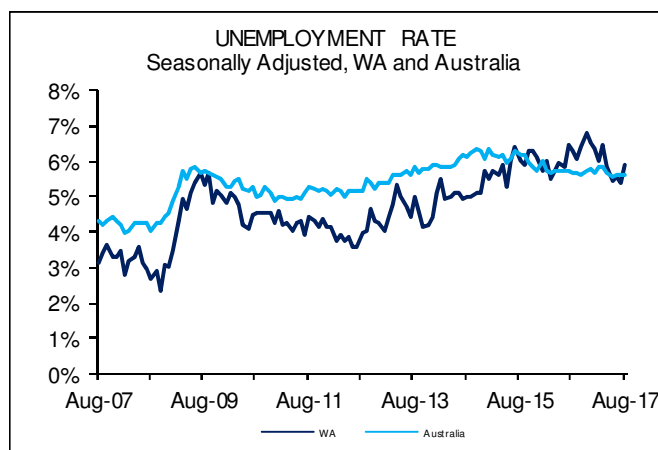
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.0% in August 2017, up from a rate of 67.7% in July.
- The participation rate averaged 67.5% over the year to August 2017, which is lower than the 68.0% average participation rate recorded over the year to August 2016.
- The trend participation rate increased from 67.9% to 68.0% between July and August 2017, and averaged 67.6% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.3% during August 2017, up from a rate of 65.1% in July. The participation rate averaged 64.8% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.9% over the 12 months to August 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.0% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.1% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.1% to 65.2% between July and August 2017, and averaged 64.8% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES August 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.0%	4.9%	63.7%	63.7%
Vic	6.1%	6.1%	66.3%	66.2%
Qld	5.7%	6.0%	65.5%	65.5%
SA	5.7%	6.1%	62.1%	62.3%
WA	5.9%	5.5%	68.0%	68.0%
Tas	6.0%	6.1%	61.1%	61.3%
NT	n/a	3.6%	n/a	73.3%
ACT	n/a	4.7%	n/a	70.8%
Aus	5.6%	5.6%	65.3%	65.2%



Labour Force, September 2017

Key Facts

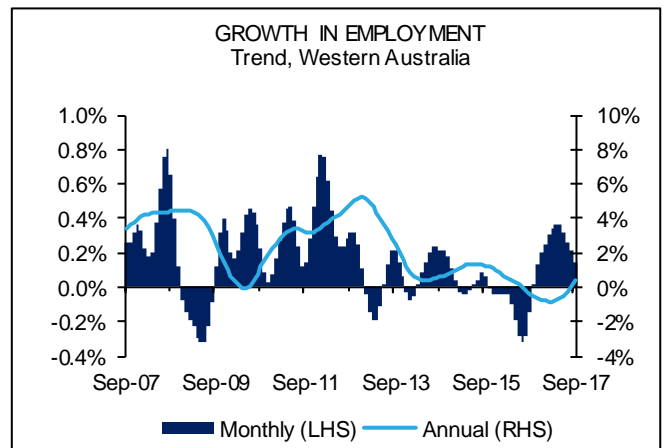
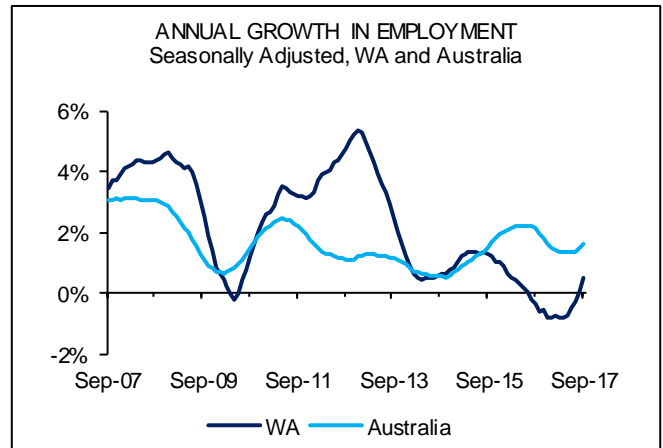
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.6% to 1,370,491 during September.
- Full-time employment increased by 4,465 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 3,831 persons.
- Employment rose by 0.5% in annual average terms and grew by 0.5% over the three months to September 2017. Full-time employment contributed 0.4 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment made a nil contribution.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between August and September, and rose by 0.4% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.2% to 12,290,196 during September.
- Full-time employment rose by 6,066 persons while part-time increased by 13,693 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.6% in annual average terms and increased by 0.8% in the three months ending in September. Full-time employment contributed 0.8 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to September, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.6% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 0.5% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between August and September, and grew by 1.6% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE September 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	3,896	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	3,887	0.9%	0.9%	0.2%
Victoria	3,175	3.6%	0.6%	0.3%	3,169	3.6%	0.7%	0.2%
Queensland	2,436	0.9%	1.7%	-0.2%	2,437	0.9%	1.4%	0.3%
South Australia	826	1.4%	0.9%	-0.2%	828	1.4%	0.7%	0.2%
Western Australia	1,370	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	1,369	0.4%	0.8%	0.1%
Tasmania	247	1.8%	0.4%	0.4%	247	1.9%	0.9%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	131	2.5%	-3.1%	-0.6%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	220	1.9%	1.0%	0.4%
Australia	12,290	1.6%	0.8%	0.2%	12,281	1.6%	0.8%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 5.7% during September 2017, down from a rate of 5.9% in August.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.0% over the year to September 2017, which is equal to the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to September 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6% in September 2017, and averaged 6.0% over the 12 months to September.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.5% during September 2017, down from a rate of 5.6% in August. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.8% over the 12 months to September 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.0% in Victoria. The lowest was 4.6% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5% between August and September 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

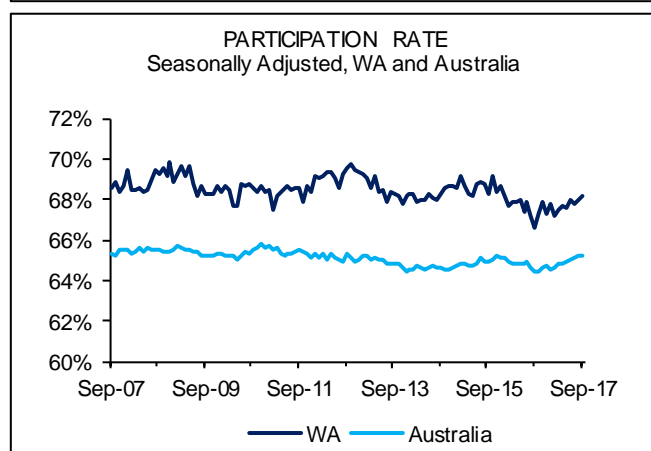
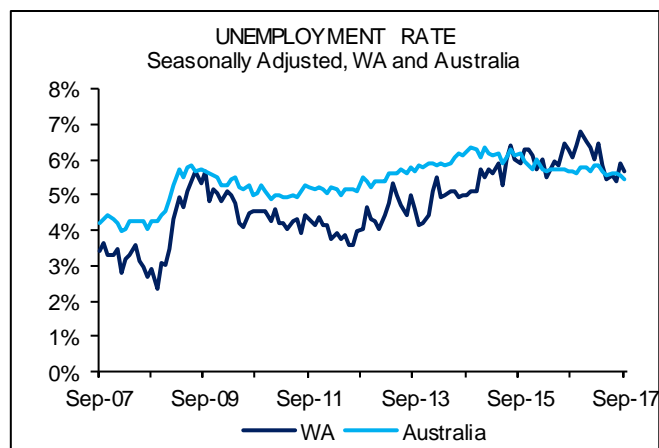
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.2% in September 2017, up from a rate of 68.0% in August.
- The participation rate averaged 67.7% over the year to September 2017, which is lower than the 67.9% average participation rate recorded over the year to September 2016.
- The trend participation rate increased from 68.0% to 68.1% between August and September 2017, and averaged 67.6% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate was unchanged at 65.2% in September. The participation rate averaged 64.8% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.9% over the 12 months to September 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.2% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.1% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.2% between August and September 2017, and averaged 64.8% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES September 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.6%	4.8%	63.8%	63.8%
Vic	6.0%	6.0%	66.3%	66.2%
Qld	5.9%	5.9%	65.4%	65.5%
SA	5.8%	5.8%	62.0%	62.1%
WA	5.7%	5.6%	68.2%	68.1%
Tas	5.7%	5.9%	61.1%	61.2%
NT	n/a	4.1%	n/a	73.2%
ACT	n/a	4.4%	n/a	71.3%
Aus	5.5%	5.5%	65.2%	65.2%



Labour Force, October 2017

Key Facts

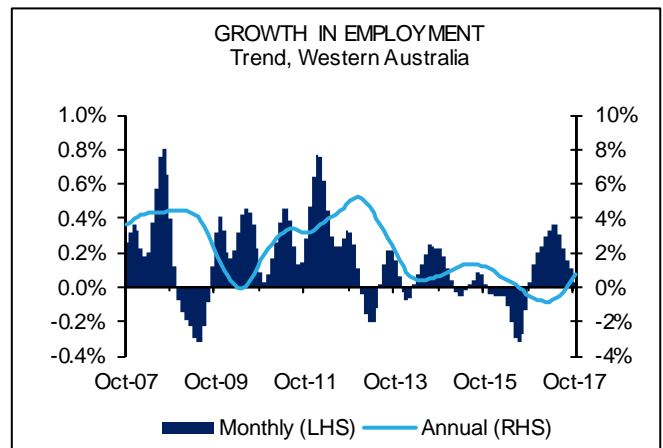
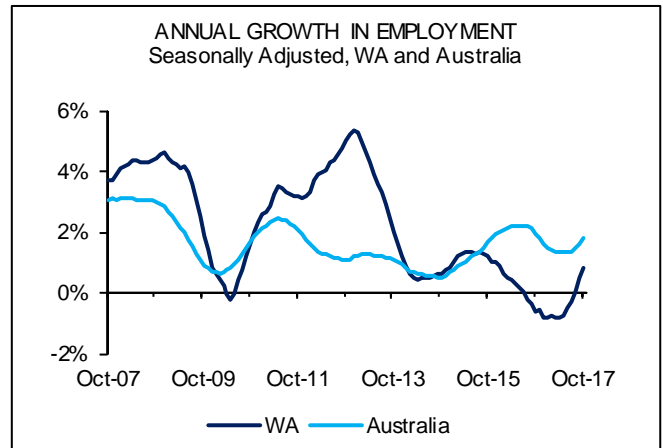
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.3% to 1,365,863 during October.
- Full-time employment declined by 11,961 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 8,044 persons.
- Employment rose by 0.8% in annual average terms and grew by 0.3% over the three months to October 2017. Full-time employment contributed 1.0 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment detracted 0.1 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment was unchanged between September and October, and rose by 0.8% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged at 12,297,062 during October.
- Full-time employment rose by 24,340 persons while part-time fell by 20,679 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 1.8% in annual average terms and increased by 0.8% in the three months ending in October. Full-time employment contributed 1.0 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to October, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.5% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 0.8% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between September and October, and grew by 1.8% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE October 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	3,895	1.0%	0.7%	0.0%	3,895	1.0%	0.8%	0.2%
Victoria	3,160	3.5%	0.6%	-0.5%	3,167	3.5%	0.5%	0.1%
Queensland	2,450	1.5%	1.6%	0.5%	2,448	1.4%	1.3%	0.3%
South Australia	824	1.3%	0.3%	-0.2%	827	1.4%	0.5%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,366	0.8%	0.3%	-0.3%	1,368	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%
Tasmania	243	2.2%	-0.1%	-1.4%	245	2.2%	0.2%	-0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	132	2.3%	-1.9%	-0.1%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	222	2.0%	1.8%	0.6%
Australia	12,297	1.8%	0.8%	0.0%	12,301	1.8%	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 increased to 5.9% during October 2017, up from a rate of 5.7% in September.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.0% over the year to October 2017, which is equal to the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to October 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 5.7% to 5.8% between September and October 2017, and averaged 6.0% over the 12 months to October.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.4% during October 2017, down from a rate of 5.5% in September. The unemployment rate averaged 5.7% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to October 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.1% in Tasmania. The lowest was 4.6% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5% between September and October 2017, and averaged 5.7% over the past 12 months.

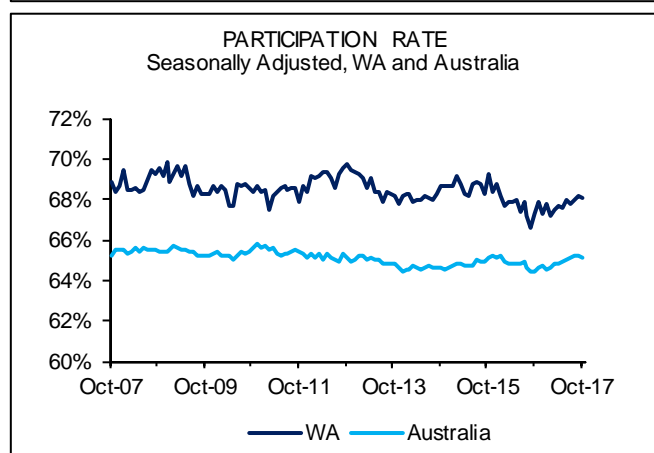
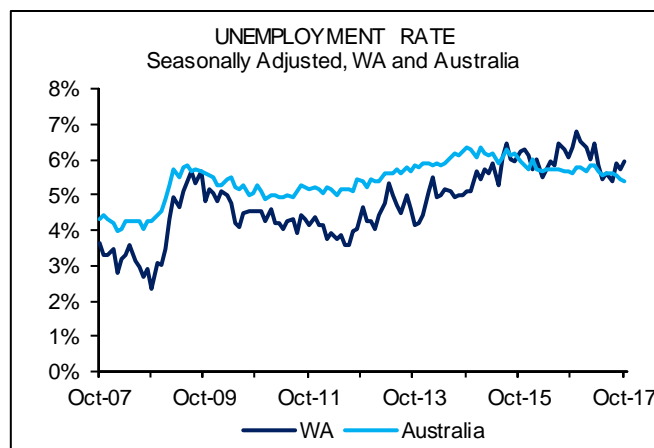
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.1% in October 2017, down from a rate of 68.2% in September.
- The participation rate averaged 67.7% over the year to October 2017, which is equal to the 67.7% participation rate recorded over the year to October 2016.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.1% between September and October 2017, and averaged 67.7% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 65.1% during October 2017, down from a rate of 65.2% in September. The participation rate averaged 64.9% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to October 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.1% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.4% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.2% between September and October 2017, and averaged 64.9% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES October 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.6%	4.7%	63.6%	63.7%
Vic	5.7%	5.9%	65.7%	66.0%
Qld	6.0%	5.9%	65.8%	65.7%
SA	5.8%	5.6%	61.8%	61.9%
WA	5.9%	5.8%	68.1%	68.1%
Tas	6.1%	6.0%	60.4%	60.9%
NT	n/a	4.2%	n/a	73.8%
ACT	n/a	3.8%	n/a	71.6%
Aus	5.4%	5.5%	65.1%	65.2%



Labour Force, November 2017

Key Facts

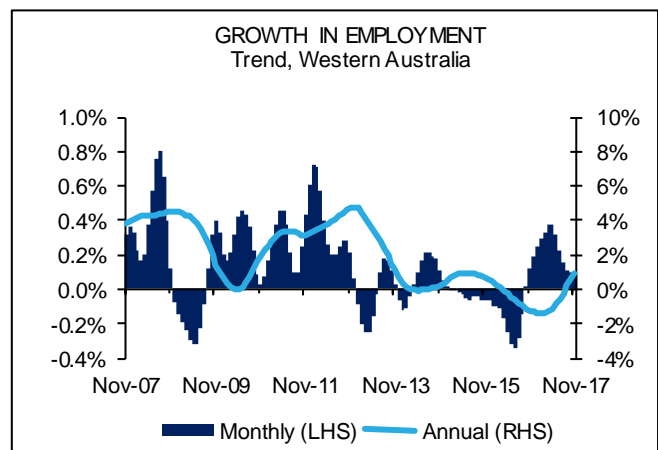
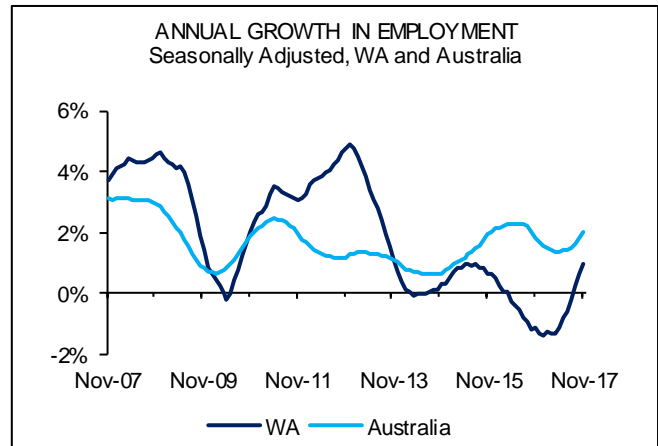
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.6% to 1,337,760 during November.
- Full-time employment rose by 10,554 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 2,030 persons.
- Employment rose by 0.9% in annual average terms and grew by 0.4% over the three months to November 2017. Full-time employment contributed 1.2 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment detracted 0.2 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between October and November, and rose by 1.0% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.5% to 12,402,964 during November.
- Full-time employment rose by 41,924 persons, while part-time employment increased by 19,690 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.0% in annual average terms and increased by 0.7% in the three months ending in November. Full-time employment contributed 1.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to November, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.5% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 0.9% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between October and November, and grew by 2.0% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE November 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	3,934	1.2%	1.0%	0.7%	3,921	1.2%	0.8%	0.2%
Victoria	3,247	3.5%	0.7%	1.0%	3,235	3.5%	0.6%	0.2%
Queensland	2,460	1.9%	1.0%	0.3%	2,460	1.9%	1.1%	0.3%
South Australia	827	1.4%	-0.1%	0.2%	827	1.4%	0.2%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,338	0.9%	0.4%	0.6%	1,335	1.0%	0.4%	0.1%
Tasmania	246	2.6%	-0.2%	0.9%	246	2.5%	0.0%	-0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	135	1.7%	-0.5%	0.3%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	229	2.3%	2.0%	0.6%
Australia	12,403	2.0%	0.7%	0.5%	12,380	2.0%	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 increased to 6.6% during November 2017, up from a rate of 6.0% in October.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.0% over the year to November 2017, which is equal to the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to November 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 6.1% to 6.2% between October and November 2017, and averaged 6.0% over the 12 months to November.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4%. The unemployment rate averaged 5.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to November 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.6% in Western Australia. The lowest was 4.6% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% between October and November 2017, and averaged 5.6% over the past 12 months.

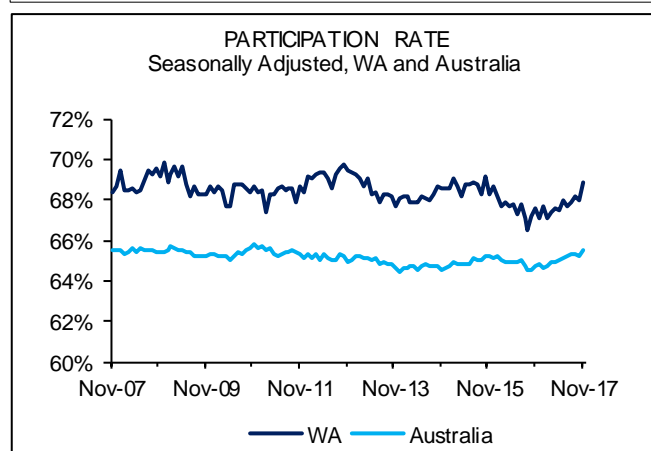
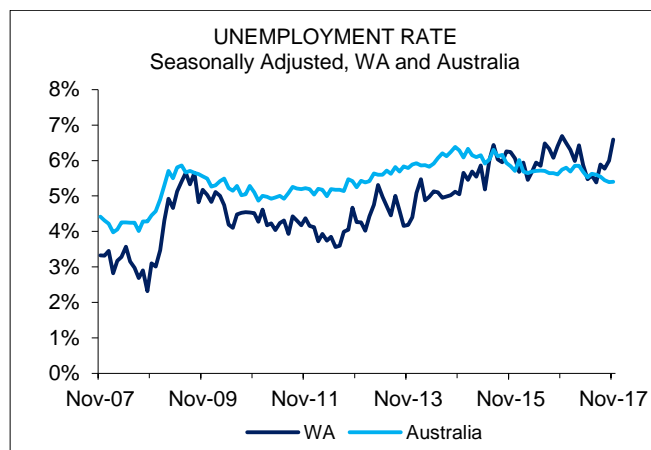
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.8% in November 2017, up from a rate of 68.0% in October.
- The participation rate averaged 67.7% over the year to November 2017, which is higher than the 67.6% average participation rate recorded over the year to November 2016.
- The trend participation rate increased from 68.3% to 68.4% between October and November 2017, and averaged 67.7% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.5% during November 2017, up from a rate of 65.2% in October. The participation rate averaged 65.0% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.9% over the 12 months to November 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.8% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.9% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.3% to 65.4% between October and November 2017, and averaged 65.0% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES November 2017

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.6%	4.6%	64.2%	64.0%
Vic	5.5%	5.7%	66.1%	66.1%
Qld	5.9%	5.8%	65.9%	65.9%
SA	6.1%	5.8%	62.2%	62.0%
WA	6.6%	6.2%	68.8%	68.4%
Tas	5.8%	5.9%	60.9%	60.9%
NT	n/a	4.6%	n/a	75.3%
ACT	n/a	3.8%	n/a	72.2%
Aus	5.4%	5.4%	65.5%	65.4%



Labour Force, December 2017

Key Facts

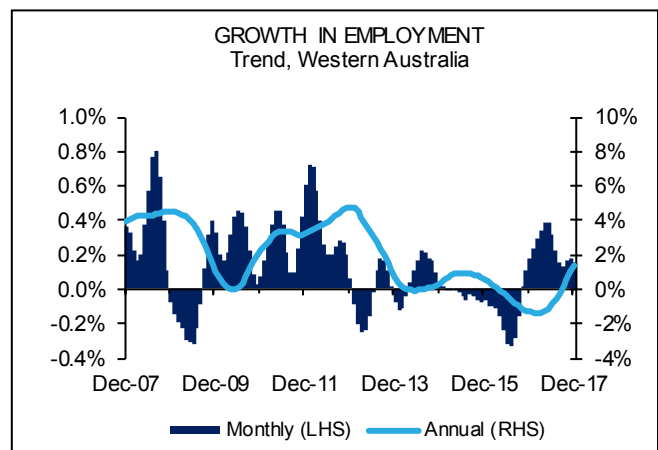
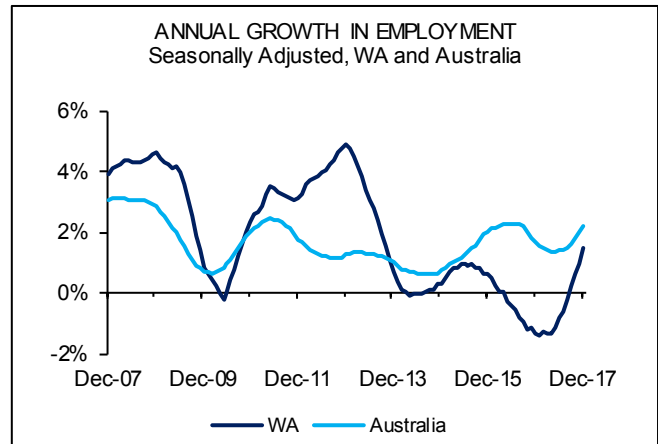
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.5% to 1,344,539 during December.
- Full-time employment declined by 886 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 6,952 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.4% in annual average terms and grew by 0.5% over the three months to December 2017. Part-time employment contributed 0.5 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment detracted 0.1 percentage points (rounded to one decimal place).
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between November and December, and rose by 1.4% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,440,757 during December.
- Full-time employment rose by 15,123 persons while part-time rose by 19,546 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.2% in annual average terms and increased by 0.8% in the three months ending in December. Full-time employment contributed 1.5 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.7 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to December, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.4% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 1.4% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between November and December, and grew by 2.2% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE December 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	3,950	1.5%	1.1%	0.4%	3,940	1.5%	1.0%	0.3%
Victoria	3,244	3.4%	0.6%	-0.1%	3,243	3.4%	0.6%	0.2%
Queensland	2,455	2.4%	0.7%	-0.1%	2,461	2.4%	0.8%	0.1%
South Australia	828	1.5%	-0.1%	0.2%	827	1.4%	0.1%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,345	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	1,339	1.4%	0.5%	0.2%
Tasmania	247	2.8%	-0.3%	0.3%	246	2.8%	-0.1%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	135	1.1%	0.3%	0.3%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	230	2.5%	2.1%	0.6%
Australia	12,441	2.2%	0.8%	0.3%	12,420	2.2%	0.8%	0.2%

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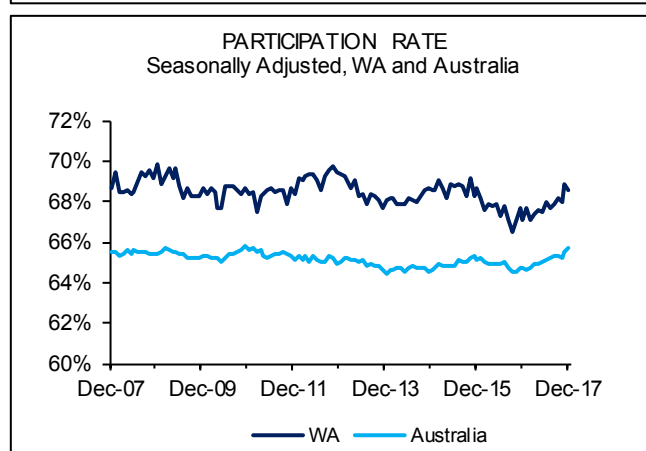
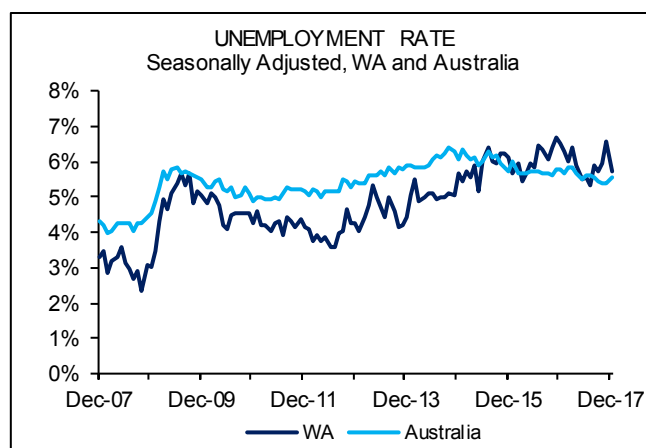
Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 5.7% during December 2017, down from a rate of 6.6% in November.
- The unemployment rate averaged 5.9% over the year to December 2017, which is lower than the 6.1% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to December 2016.
- The trend unemployment rate remained steady at 6.1% between November and December 2017, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to December.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.5% during December 2017, up from a rate of 5.4% in November. The unemployment rate averaged 5.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to December 2016.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.1% in Tasmania. The lowest was 4.8% in New South Wales.
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Participation Rate

Western Australia

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES December 2017

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SA	5.9%	5.9%	62.1%	62.0%
WA	5.7%	6.1%	68.5%	68.6%
Tas	6.1%	6.0%	61.3%	61.0%
NT	n/a	5.2%	n/a	76.1%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	72.6%
Aus	5.5%	5.4%	65.7%	65.5%