



Labour Force, January 2018

Key Facts

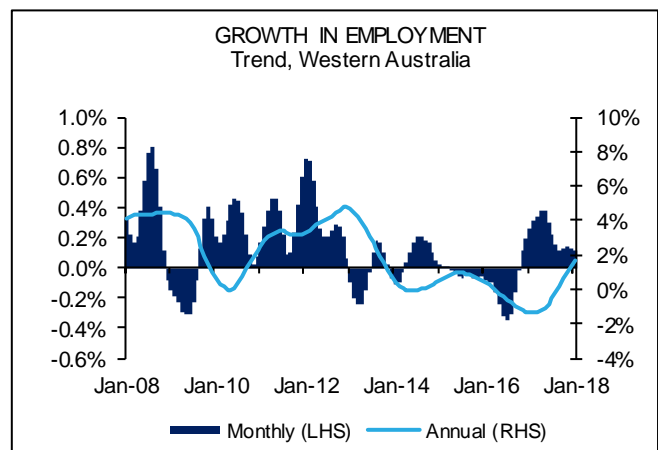
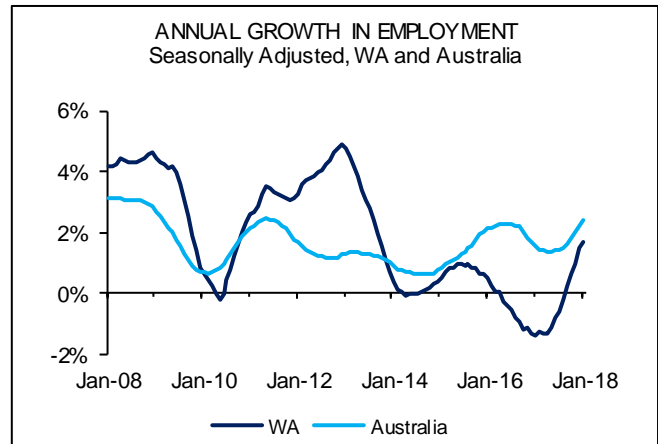
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.7% to 1,335,298 during January.
- Full-time employment declined by 15,725 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 6,859 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.7% in annual average terms and grew by 0.7% over the three months to January 2018. Full-time employment contributed 1.8 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment detracted 0.1 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between December and January, and rose by 1.7% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.1% to 12,453,511 during January.
- Full-time employment fell by 49,827 persons while part-time rose by 65,863 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.4% in annual average terms and increased by 0.8% in the three months ending in January. Full-time employment contributed 1.7 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.7 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to January, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.3% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 1.5% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between December and January, and grew by 2.4% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE January 2018

	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	3,931	1.8%	1.0%	-0.5%	3,944	1.8%	0.8%	0.2%
Victoria	3,244	3.3%	0.7%	0.1%	3,246	3.3%	0.6%	0.1%
Queensland	2,477	2.9%	0.7%	0.8%	2,469	2.9%	0.8%	0.1%
South Australia	834	1.5%	0.4%	0.6%	830	1.4%	0.3%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,335	1.7%	0.7%	-0.7%	1,339	1.7%	0.4%	0.1%
Tasmania	246	2.9%	0.3%	-0.2%	246	3.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	136	0.4%	0.9%	0.2%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	231	2.7%	1.8%	0.3%
Australia	12,454	2.4%	0.8%	0.1%	12,447	2.4%	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 was unchanged at 5.7% during January 2018.
- The unemployment rate averaged 5.9% over the year to January 2018, which is lower than the 6.1% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to January 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.0% in January 2018, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to January.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.5% during January 2018, down from a rate of 5.6% in December. The unemployment rate averaged 5.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to January 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.1% in Queensland. The lowest was 5.1% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5% between December and January 2018, and averaged 5.6% over the past 12 months.

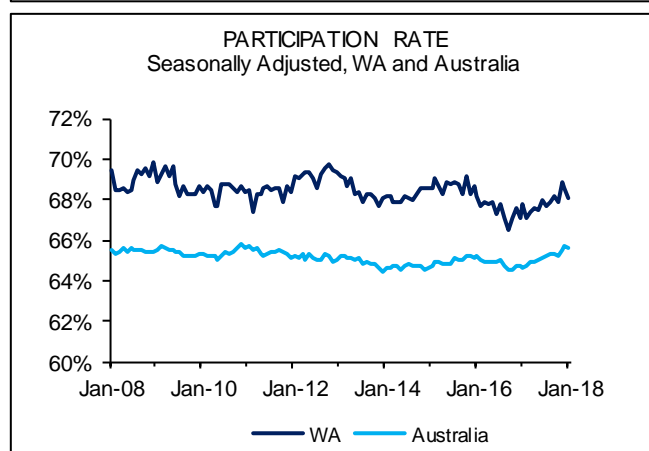
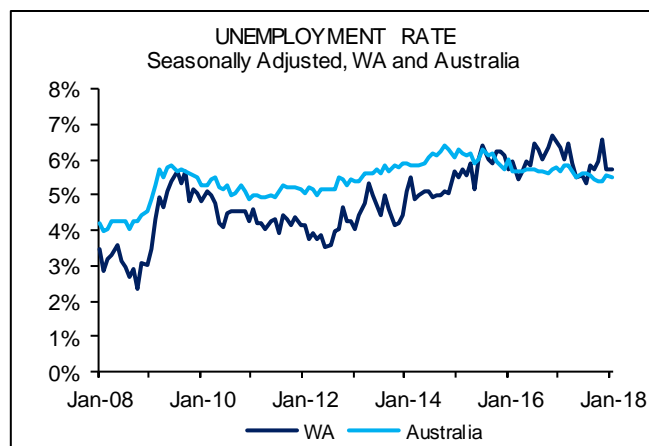
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.0% in January 2018, down from a rate of 68.5% in December.
- The participation rate averaged 67.9% over the year to January 2018, which is higher than the 67.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to January 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.4% between December and January 2018, and averaged 67.9% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 65.6% during January 2018, down from a rate of 65.7% in December. The participation rate averaged 65.2% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to January 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.0% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.6% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.5% to 65.6% between December and January 2018, and averaged 65.2% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES January 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.1%	4.8%	64.3%	64.4%
Vic	5.6%	5.7%	65.9%	66.1%
Qld	6.1%	6.0%	66.3%	66.1%
SA	6.0%	6.0%	62.6%	62.3%
WA	5.7%	6.0%	68.0%	68.4%
Tas	5.3%	5.7%	60.6%	60.9%
NT	n/a	4.6%	n/a	76.2%
ACT	n/a	4.0%	n/a	72.9%
Aus	5.5%	5.5%	65.6%	65.6%



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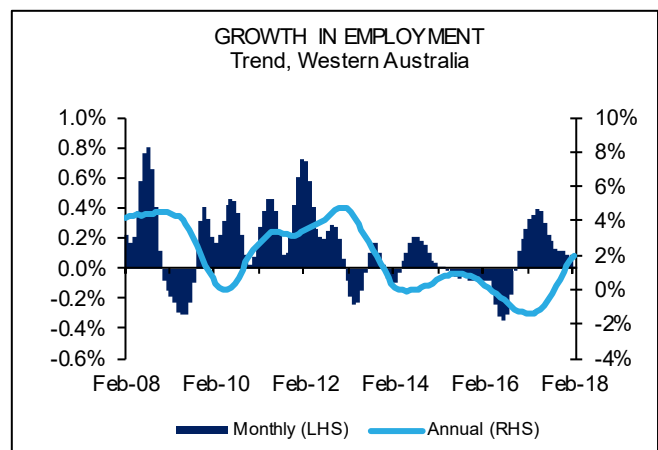
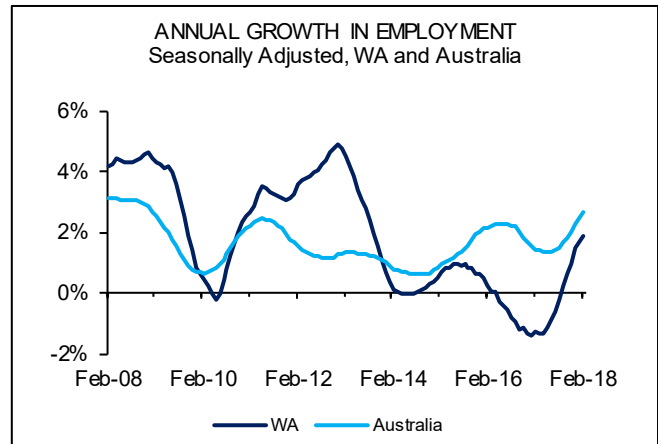
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.1% to 1,334,076 during February.
- Full-time employment rose by 8,307 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 9,577 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.9% in annual average terms and grew by 0.3% over the three months to February 2018. Full-time employment contributed the entire 1.9 percentage points to annual growth.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment was unchanged between January and February, and rose by 2.0% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.1% to 12,480,484 during February.
- Full-time employment rose by 64,946 persons while part-time declined by 47,435 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.7% in annual average terms and increased by 0.8% in the three months ending in February. Full-time employment contributed 2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.7 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to February, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.5% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 1.6% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between January and February, and grew by 2.6% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE February 2018

	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	3,965	2.2%	0.9%	0.7%	3,959	2.1%	0.8%	0.2%
Victoria	3,234	3.2%	0.2%	-0.3%	3,243	3.2%	0.3%	0.0%
Queensland	2,479	3.5%	0.7%	0.0%	2,477	3.4%	0.7%	0.2%
South Australia	843	1.6%	1.1%	0.9%	838	1.6%	0.7%	0.3%
Western Australia	1,334	1.9%	0.3%	-0.1%	1,338	2.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Tasmania	246	3.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	246	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	136	-0.4%	0.8%	0.2%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	231	2.9%	1.2%	0.1%
Australia	12,480	2.7%	0.8%	0.1%	12,480	2.6%	0.7%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia increased to 6.0% during February 2018, up from a rate of 5.8% in January.
- The unemployment rate averaged 5.9% over the year to February 2018, which is lower than the 6.1% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to February 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.0% in February 2018, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to February.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.6% during February 2018, up from a rate of 5.5% in January. The unemployment rate averaged 5.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to February 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.3% in South Australia. The lowest was 4.8% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5% between January and February 2018, and averaged 5.6% over the past 12 months.

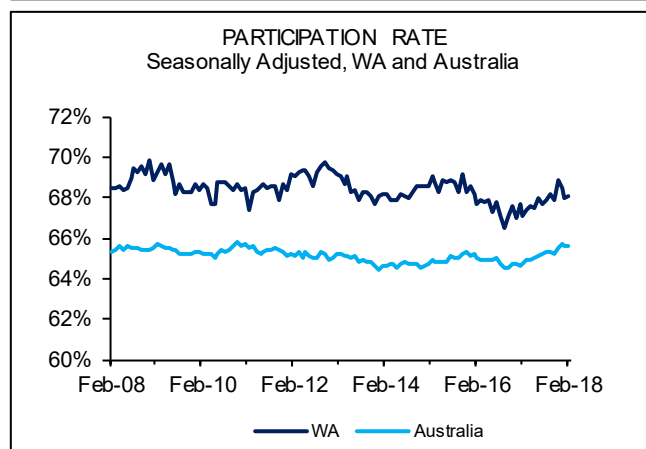
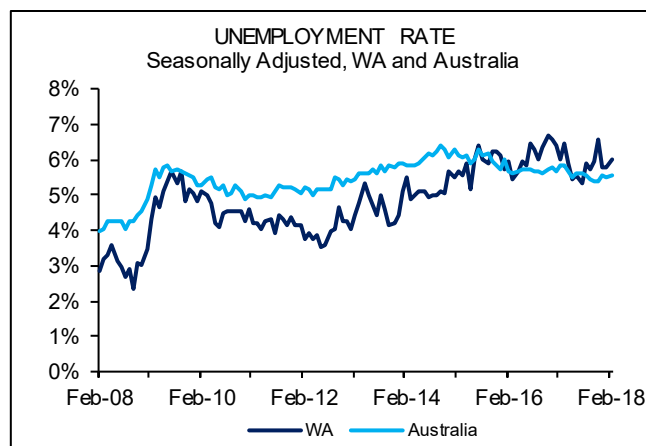
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia was unchanged at 68.0% in February 2018.
- The participation rate averaged 67.9% over the year to February 2018, which is higher than the 67.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to February 2017.
- The trend participation rate decreased from 68.3% to 68.2% between January and February 2018, and averaged 68.0% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate was rose to 65.7%, up from 65.6% in January. The participation rate averaged 65.3% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to February 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.0% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.9% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.6% to 65.7% between January and February 2018, and averaged 65.3% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES February 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.8%	4.9%	64.6%	64.6%
Vic	5.7%	5.7%	65.6%	65.8%
Qld	6.2%	6.1%	66.3%	66.2%
SA	6.3%	6.2%	63.4%	62.9%
WA	6.0%	6.0%	68.0%	68.2%
Tas	6.0%	5.8%	60.9%	60.9%
NT	n/a	4.4%	n/a	76.1%
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Aus	5.6%	5.5%	65.7%	65.7%



Labour Force, March 2018

Key Facts

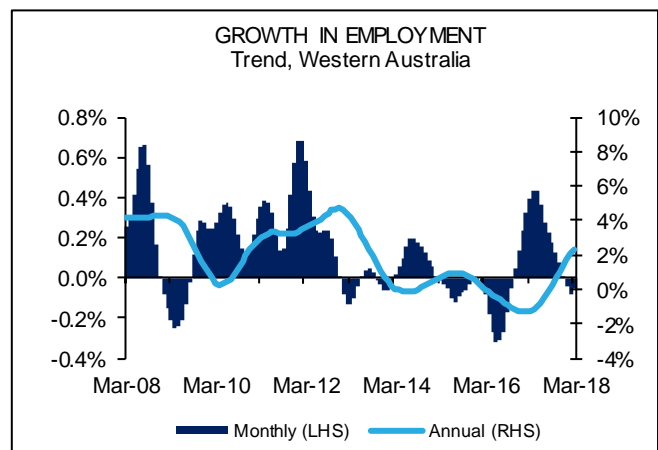
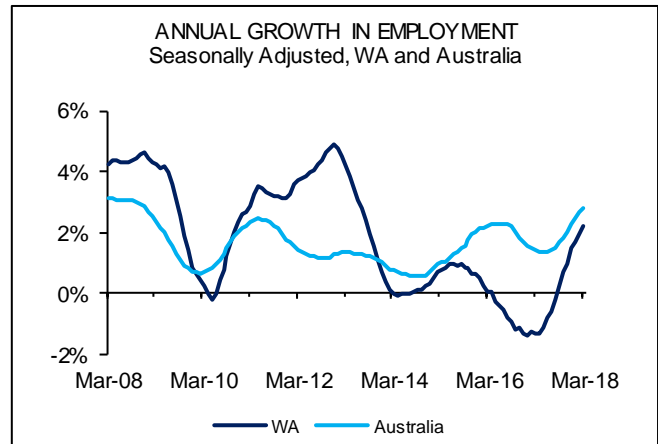
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.1% to 1,335,161 during March.
- Full-time employment declined by 8,412 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 9,156 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.2% in annual average terms and dropped by 0.1% over the three months to March 2018. Full-time employment contributed 1.9 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 0.3 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment decreased by 0.1% between February and March, and rose by 2.3% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged at 12,484,146 during March.
- Full-time employment fell by 19,859 persons while part-time rose by 24,769 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.8% in annual average terms and increased by 0.6% in the three months ending in March. Full-time employment contributed 2.1 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.7 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to March, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.8% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 1.7% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.1% between February and March, and grew by 2.7% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE March 2018

	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	3,958	2.4%	0.5%	-0.2%	3,961	2.4%	0.7%	0.1%
Victoria	3,261	3.2%	0.4%	0.8%	3,257	3.1%	0.5%	0.1%
Queensland	2,477	3.8%	0.8%	-0.1%	2,478	3.7%	0.6%	0.1%
South Australia	837	1.7%	1.3%	-0.7%	838	1.8%	0.7%	0.2%
Western Australia	1,335	2.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	1,337	2.3%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Tasmania	247	3.2%	0.4%	0.3%	247	3.3%	0.2%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137	-1.0%	1.2%	0.5%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	229	3.1%	0.1%	-0.2%
Australia	12,484	2.8%	0.6%	0.0%	12,486	2.7%	0.5%	0.1%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia increased to 6.9% during March 2018, up from a rate of 6.1% in February.
- The unemployment rate averaged 5.9% over the year to March 2018, which is lower than the 6.2% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to March 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 6.2% to 6.4% between February and March 2018, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to March.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5%. The unemployment rate averaged 5.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to March 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.9% in Western Australia. The lowest was 5.0% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate increased from 5.5% to 5.6% between February and March 2018, and averaged 5.5% over the past 12 months.

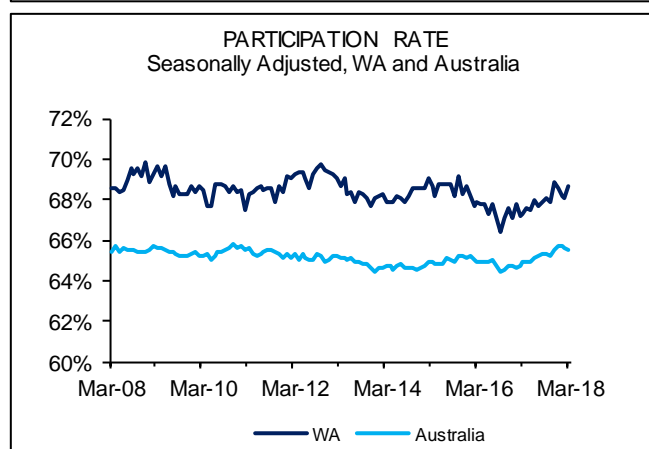
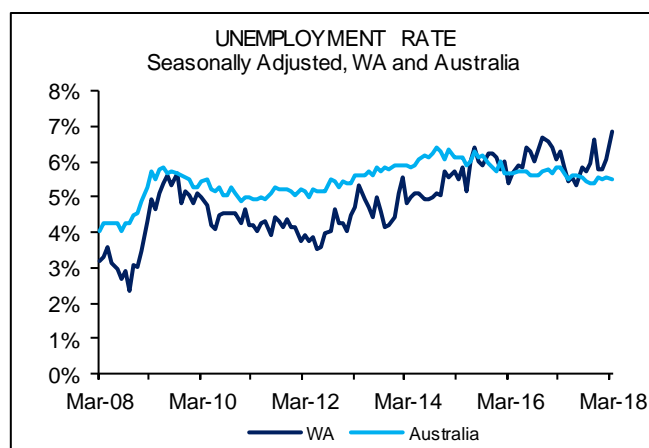
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.7% in March 2018, up from a rate of 68.1% in February.
- The participation rate averaged 68.1% over the year to March 2018, which is higher than the 67.3% average participation rate recorded over the year to March 2017.
- The trend participation rate was increased from 68.3% to 68.4% between February and March 2018, and averaged 68.1% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 65.5% during March 2018, down from a rate of 65.6% in February. The participation rate averaged 65.3% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to March 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.7% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.2% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.6% to 65.7% between February and March 2018, and averaged 65.3% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES March 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	5.0%	4.9%	64.4%	64.6%
Vic	5.2%	5.5%	65.6%	65.8%
Qld	6.0%	6.0%	66.0%	66.2%
SA	5.6%	5.9%	62.4%	62.8%
WA	6.9%	6.4%	68.7%	68.4%
Tas	6.1%	6.0%	61.2%	61.1%
NT	n/a	3.9%	n/a	76.4%
ACT	n/a	4.1%	n/a	72.1%
Aus	5.5%	5.6%	65.5%	65.7%



Labour Force, April 2018

Key Facts

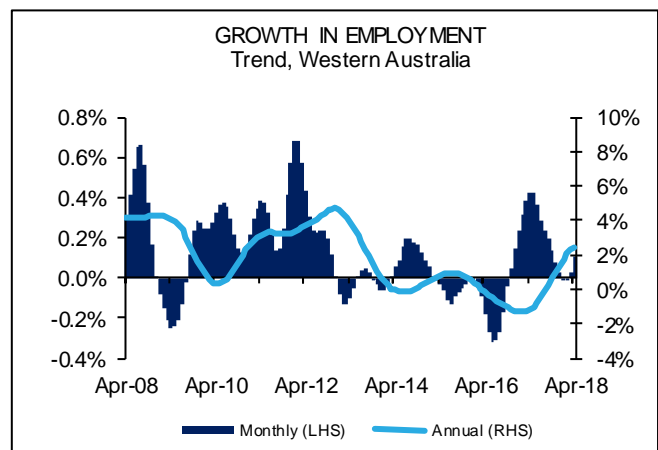
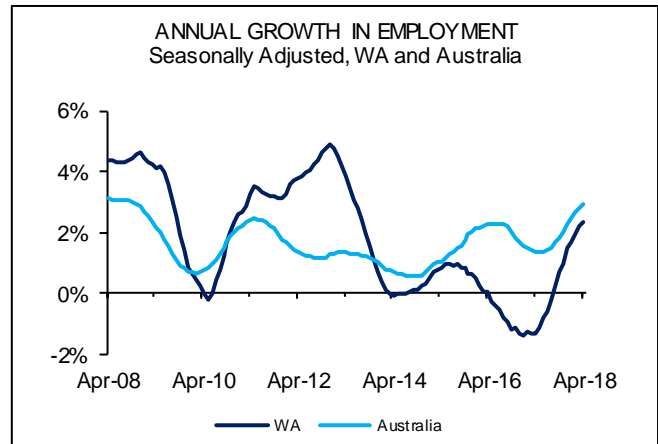
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.6% to 1,344,364 during April.
- Full-time employment rose by 2,051 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 6,208 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.3% in annual average terms and dropped by 0.1% over the three months to April 2018. Full-time employment contributed 1.7 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 0.7 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between March and April, and rose by 2.4% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.2% to 12,501,035 during April.
- Full-time employment rose by 32,664 persons while part-time declined by 10,017 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.9% in annual average terms and increased by 0.3% in the three months ending in April. Full-time employment contributed 2.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.7 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to April, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.9% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.0% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.1% between March and April, and grew by 2.8% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE April 2018

	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	3,987	2.7%	0.7%	0.7%	3,982	2.7%	0.8%	0.2%
Victoria	3,249	3.0%	0.0%	-0.3%	3,252	2.9%	0.2%	0.1%
Queensland	2,464	3.9%	0.2%	-0.3%	2,474	3.9%	0.2%	0.0%
South Australia	840	2.0%	1.0%	0.3%	841	1.9%	0.8%	0.2%
Western Australia	1,344	2.3%	-0.1%	0.6%	1,341	2.4%	0.0%	0.1%
Tasmania	246	3.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	246	3.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137	-1.6%	0.7%	0.2%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	227	3.1%	-0.8%	-0.4%
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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 6.5% during April 2018, down from a rate of 6.9% in March.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.0% over the year to April 2018, which is lower than the 6.2% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to April 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 6.3% to 6.4% between March and April 2018, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to April.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.6% during April 2018, up from a rate of 5.5% in March. The unemployment rate averaged 5.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to April 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.5% in Queensland. The lowest was 5.0% in New South Wales.
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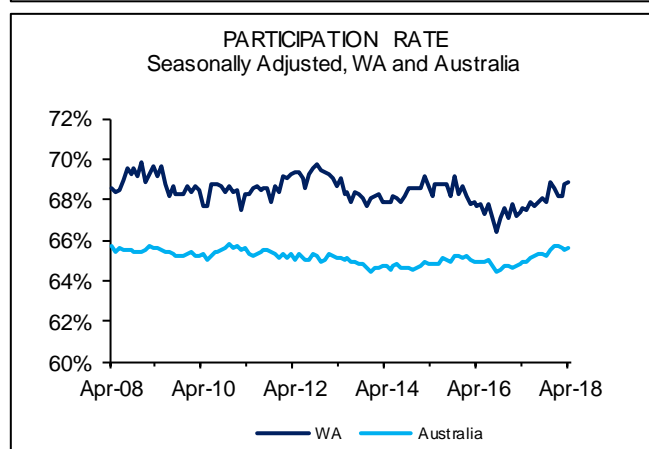
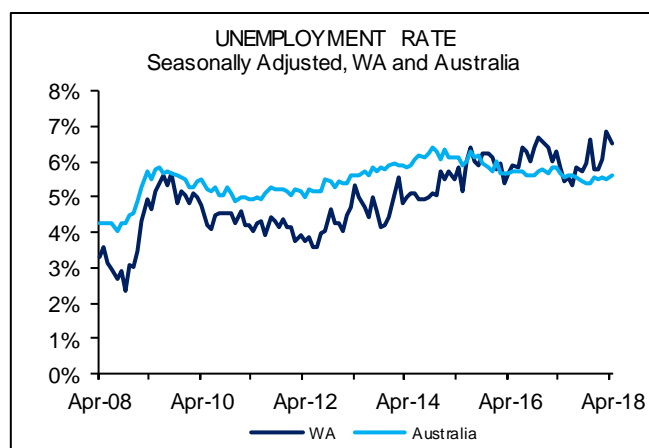
Participation Rate

Western Australia

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- The participation rate averaged 68.2% over the year to April 2018, which is higher than the 67.3% average participation rate recorded over the year to April 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.5% between in April 2018, and averaged 68.2% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.6% during April 2018, up from a rate of 65.5% in March. The participation rate averaged 65.4% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to April 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.8% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.8% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.6% to 65.7% between March and April 2018, and averaged 65.4% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES April 2018

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	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
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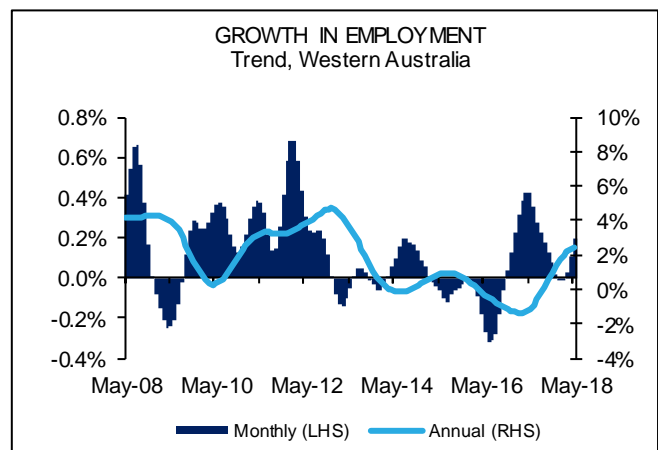
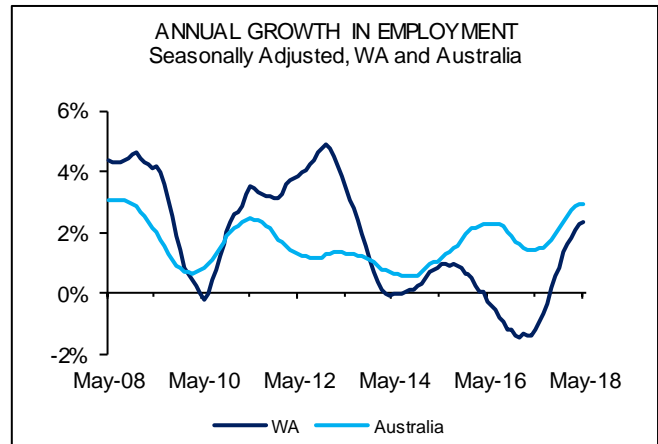
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.1% to 1,339,982 during May.
- Full-time employment rose by 13,544 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 15,483 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.3% in annual average terms and grew by 0.1% over the three months to May 2018. Full-time employment contributed 1.5 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 0.9 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between April and May, and rose by 2.4% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.1% to 12,518,295 during May.
- Full-time employment fell by 20,609 persons while part-time rose by 32,648 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.9% in annual average terms and increased by 0.2% in the three months ending in May. Full-time employment contributed 2.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.7 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to May, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 4.0% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.1% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.1% between April and May, and grew by 2.9% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE May 2018

	Seasonally Adjusted				Trend			
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New South Wales	3,991	2.9%	0.6%	0.1%	3,991	2.9%	0.7%	0.2%
Victoria	3,274	2.8%	0.6%	0.7%	3,270	2.9%	0.4%	0.2%
Queensland	2,471	4.0%	-0.1%	0.2%	2,476	4.0%	0.1%	0.1%
South Australia	844	2.1%	0.5%	0.3%	843	1.9%	0.8%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,340	2.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	1,341	2.4%	0.1%	0.2%
Tasmania	248	3.2%	-0.2%	0.2%	248	3.4%	0.1%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	139	-1.2%	1.1%	0.5%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	227	3.4%	-1.1%	-0.2%
Australia	12,518	2.9%	0.2%	0.1%	12,522	2.9%	0.4%	0.1%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 6.4% during May 2018, down from a rate of 6.5% in April.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.0% over the year to May 2018, which is lower than the 6.2% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to May 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 6.3% to 6.4% between April and May 2018, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to May.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.4% during May 2018, down from a rate of 5.6% in April. The unemployment rate averaged 5.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to May 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.6% in Tasmania. The lowest was 4.9% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5% between April and May 2018, and averaged 5.5% over the past 12 months.

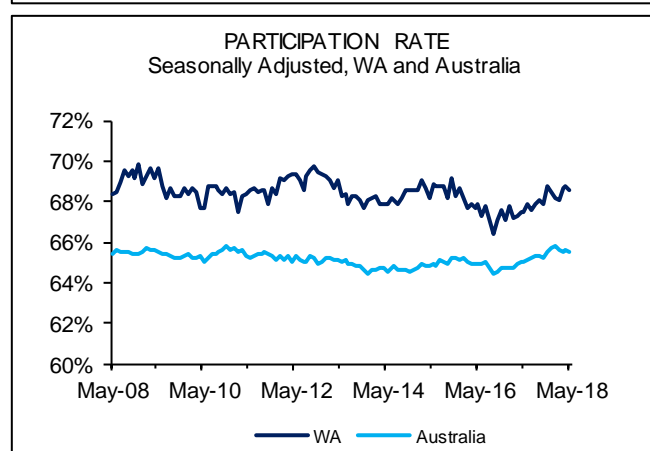
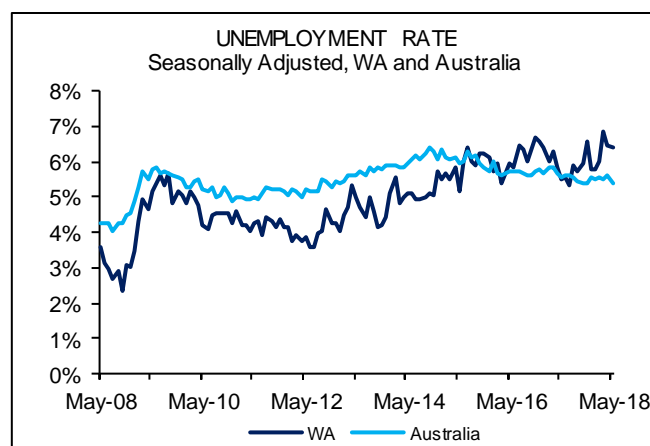
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.6% in May 2018, down from a rate of 68.8% in April.
- The participation rate averaged 68.2% over the year to May 2018, which is higher than the 67.3% average participation rate recorded over the year to May 2017.
- The trend participation rate increased from 68.5% to 68.6% between April and May 2018, and averaged 68.3% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 65.5% during May 2018, down from a rate of 65.6% in April. The participation rate averaged 65.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to May 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.6% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.2% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.5% between April and May 2018, and averaged 65.4% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES May 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.9%	4.9%	64.8%	64.8%
Vic	5.1%	5.1%	65.6%	65.4%
Qld	6.2%	6.2%	65.7%	65.8%
SA	5.6%	5.7%	62.8%	62.9%
WA	6.4%	6.4%	68.6%	68.6%
Tas	6.6%	6.3%	61.2%	61.4%
NT	n/a	4.0%	n/a	76.4%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	70.5%
Aus	5.4%	5.5%	65.5%	65.5%



Labour Force, June 2018

Key Facts

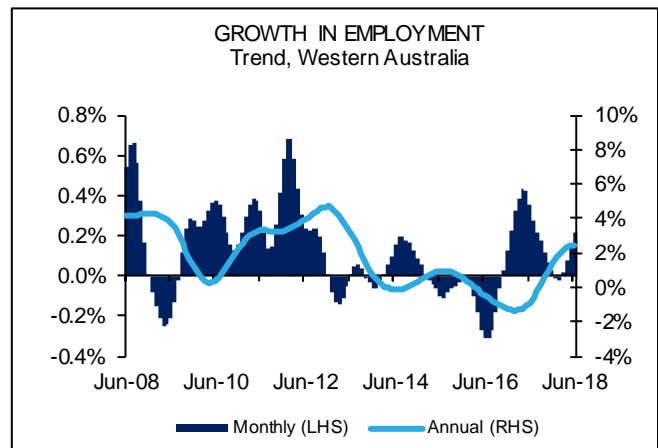
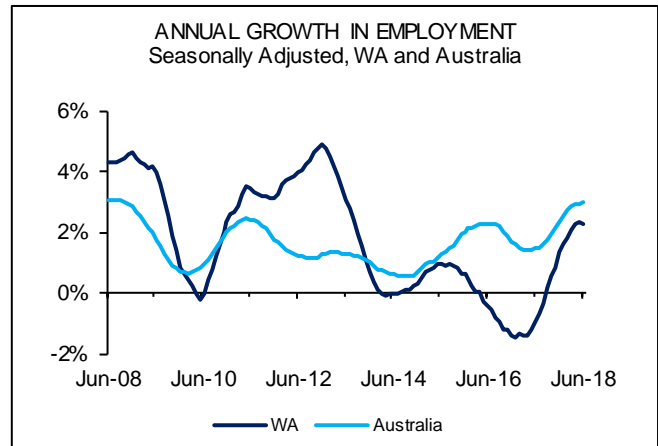
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.2% to 1,342,682 during June.
- Full-time employment declined by 6,897 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 9,806 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.3% in annual average terms and by 0.5% over the three months to June 2018. Full-time employment contributed 1.2 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 1.0 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between May and June, and rose by 2.4% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.4% to 12,573,570 during June.
- Full-time employment rose by 41,239 persons while part-time fell by 4,957 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 3.0% in annual average terms and increased by 0.4% in the three months ending in June. Full-time employment contributed 2.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to June, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 4.1% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.1% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between May and June, and grew by 3.0% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE June 2018

	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	4,022	3.1%	1.1%	0.7%	4,013	3.1%	0.9%	0.3%
Victoria	3,268	2.7%	0.5%	-0.2%	3,272	2.7%	0.4%	0.2%
Queensland	2,487	4.1%	-0.1%	0.6%	2,482	4.0%	0.2%	0.2%
South Australia	843	2.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	844	1.9%	0.6%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,343	2.3%	0.5%	0.2%	1,343	2.4%	0.3%	0.2%
Tasmania	250	2.9%	-0.1%	0.9%	250	3.2%	0.4%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	140	-1.1%	1.3%	0.5%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	230	3.7%	-0.4%	0.2%
Australia	12,574	3.0%	0.4%	0.4%	12,563	3.0%	0.5%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 6.1% during June 2018, down from a rate of 6.3% in May.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.1% over the year to June 2018, which is lower than the 6.2% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to June 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased to 6.2% in June 2018 from 6.3% in May, and averaged 6.0% over the 12 months to June.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% in June. The unemployment rate averaged 5.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to June 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.1% in Western Australia. The lowest was 4.7% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% between May and June 2018, and averaged 5.5% over the past 12 months.

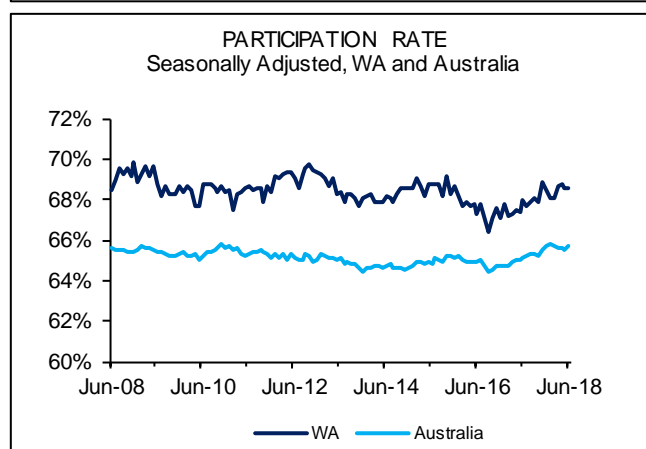
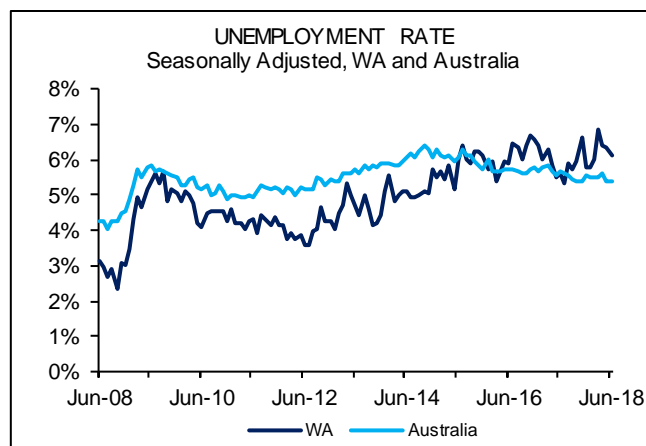
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia eased to 68.5% in June 2018, from 68.6% in May.
- The participation rate averaged 68.3% over the year to June 2018, which is higher than the 67.3% average participation rate recorded over the year to June 2017.
- The trend participation rate rose to 68.6% between May and June 2018, and averaged 68.3% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.7% during June 2018, up from a rate of 65.5% in May. The participation rate averaged 65.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to June 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.5% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.2% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.6% between May and June 2018, and averaged 65.5% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES June 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.7%	4.8%	65.1%	65.0%
Vic	5.6%	5.3%	65.7%	65.4%
Qld	5.9%	6.1%	65.8%	65.8%
SA	5.4%	5.6%	62.6%	62.8%
WA	6.1%	6.2%	68.5%	68.6%
Tas	5.8%	6.0%	61.2%	61.4%
NT	n/a	4.1%	n/a	76.9%
ACT	n/a	3.5%	n/a	71.0%
Aus	5.4%	5.4%	65.7%	65.6%



Labour Force, July 2018

Key Facts

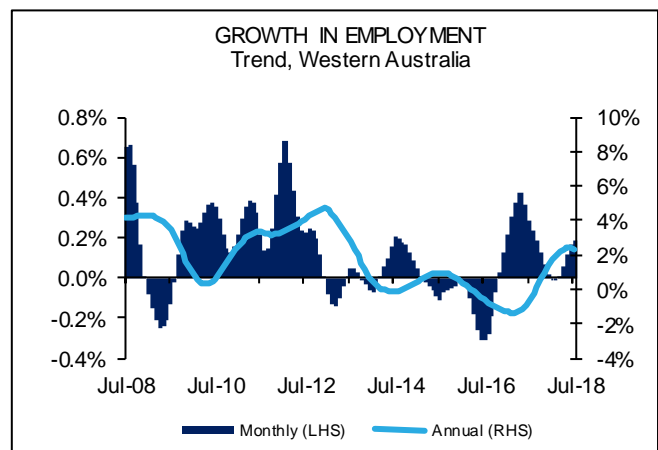
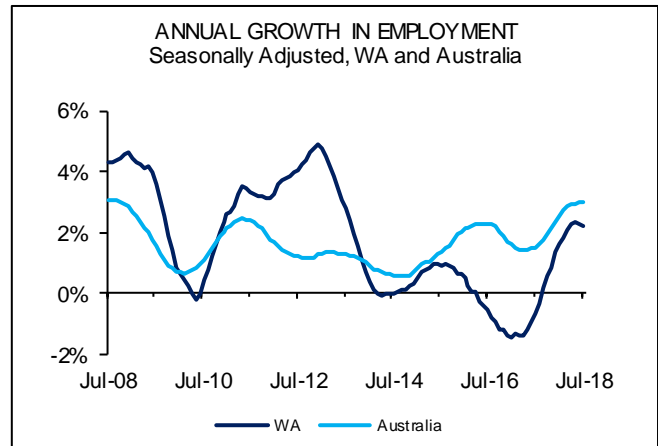
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 0.2% to 1,339,974 during July.
- Full-time employment rose by 12,676 persons during the month while part-time employment declined by 15,684 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.2% in annual average terms and grew by 0.4% over the three months to July 2018. Full-time employment contributed 1 percentage point to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 1.2 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between June and July, and rose by 2.3% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged at 12,575,163 during July.
- Full-time employment rose by 19,301 persons while part-time fell by 23,189 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 3.0% in annual average terms and increased by 0.5% in the three months ending in July. Full-time employment contributed 2.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to July, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 4.0% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.1% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between June and July, and grew by 2.9% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE July 2018

	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	3,994	3.2%	0.7%	-0.7%	4,006	3.2%	0.6%	0.2%
Victoria	3,297	2.7%	0.9%	0.9%	3,293	2.7%	0.8%	0.3%
Queensland	2,484	4.0%	0.3%	-0.1%	2,484	3.9%	0.2%	0.2%
South Australia	845	2.1%	0.4%	0.2%	844	2.0%	0.4%	0.1%
Western Australia	1,340	2.2%	0.4%	-0.2%	1,344	2.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Tasmania	250	2.6%	0.5%	0.0%	250	2.8%	0.3%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	141	-0.8%	1.3%	0.4%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	229	3.5%	-0.3%	0.3%
Australia	12,575	3.0%	0.5%	0.0%	12,582	2.9%	0.5%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 6.0% during July 2018, down from a rate of 6.1% in June.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.1% over the year to July 2018.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased from 6.2% to 6.1% between June and July 2018, and averaged 6.0% over the 12 months to July.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.3% during July 2018, down from a rate of 5.4% in June. The unemployment rate averaged 5.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to July 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.4% in Tasmania. The lowest was 4.9% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% between June and July 2018, and averaged 5.5% over the past 12 months.

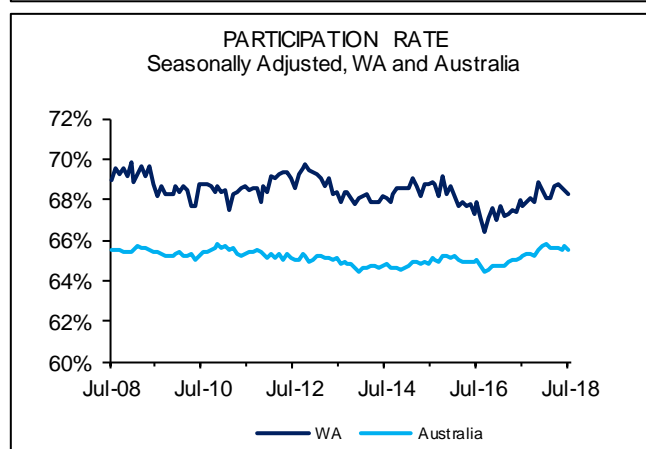
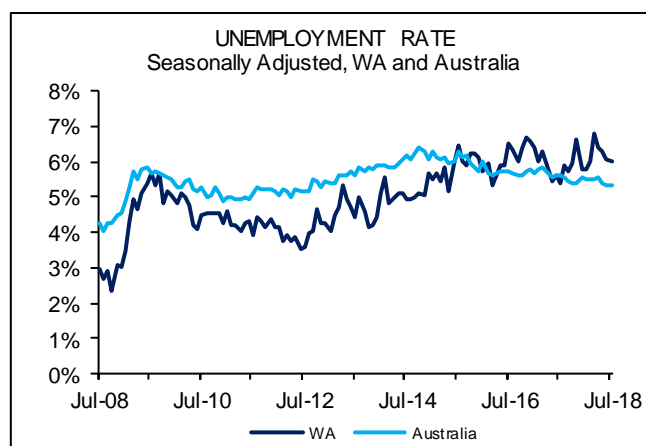
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.2% in July 2018, down from a rate of 68.5% in June.
- The participation rate averaged 68.3% over the year to July 2018, which is higher than the 67.3% average participation rate recorded over the year to July 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.5% between June and July 2018, and averaged 68.4% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 65.5% during July 2018, down from a rate of 65.7% in June. The participation rate averaged 65.5% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.8% over the 12 months to July 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.2% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.6% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.5% between June and July 2018, and averaged 65.5% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES July 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.9%	4.9%	64.7%	64.9%
Vic	5.0%	5.1%	65.7%	65.6%
Qld	6.1%	6.1%	65.8%	65.7%
SA	5.7%	5.6%	62.9%	62.8%
WA	6.0%	6.1%	68.2%	68.5%
Tas	6.4%	6.2%	61.6%	61.5%
NT	n/a	4.0%	n/a	77.2%
ACT	n/a	3.6%	n/a	70.6%
Aus	5.3%	5.4%	65.5%	65.5%



Labour Force, August 2018

Key Facts

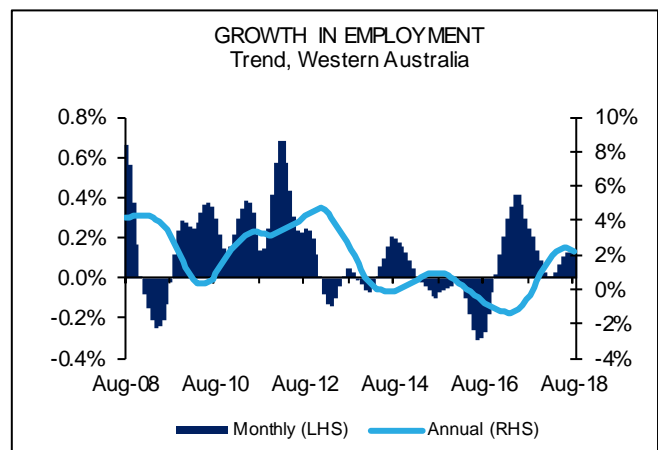
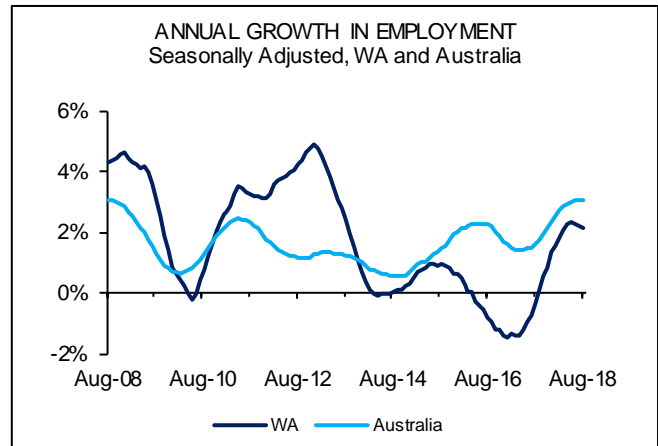
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.3% to 1,345,037 during August.
- Full-time employment rose by 828 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 3,401 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.2% in annual average terms and grew by 0.3% over the three months to August 2018. Full-time employment contributed 0.9 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 1.3 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between July and August, and rose by 2.2% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,631,284 during August.
- Full-time employment rose by 33,750 persons while part-time rose by 10,250 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.7% in the three months ending in August. Full-time employment contributed 2.2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.8 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to August, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.9% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.1% in South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between July and August, and grew by 3.0% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE August 2018

	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	4,040	3.4%	0.9%	1.1%	4,033	3.4%	0.9%	0.2%
Victoria	3,297	2.7%	0.7%	0.0%	3,301	2.7%	0.8%	0.2%
Queensland	2,499	3.9%	0.7%	0.5%	2,497	3.8%	0.5%	0.3%
South Australia	836	2.1%	-0.1%	-1.0%	842	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,345	2.2%	0.3%	0.3%	1,345	2.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Tasmania	250	2.4%	0.7%	-0.1%	250	2.7%	0.3%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	140	-0.5%	0.6%	-0.1%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	228	3.4%	-0.3%	0.0%
Australia	12,631	3.0%	0.7%	0.3%	12,621	3.0%	0.6%	0.2%

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Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia increased to 6.4% during August 2018, up from a rate of 6.0% in July.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to August 2018, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to August 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.2% in August 2018, and averaged 6.1% over the 12 months to August.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.3%. The unemployment rate averaged 5.4% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to August 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.4% in Western Australia. The lowest was 4.7% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate decreased to 5.3% during August 2018, from 5.4% in July, and averaged 5.4% over the past 12 months.

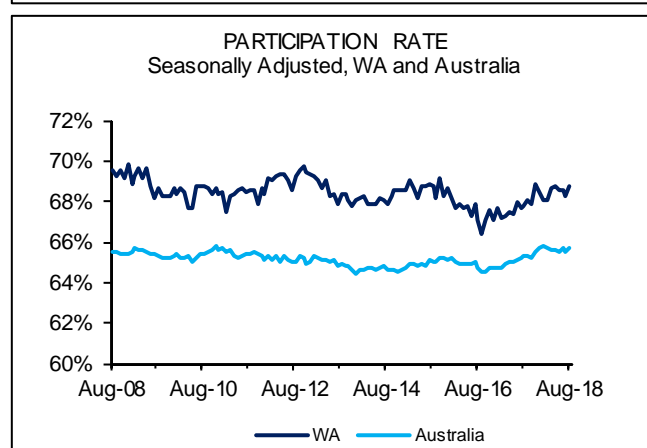
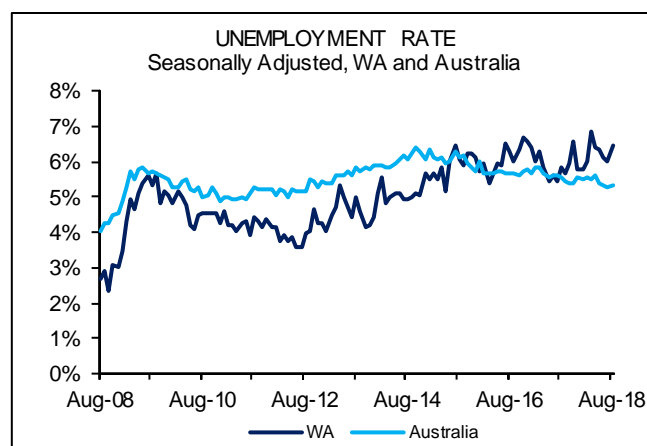
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.8% in August 2018, up from a rate of 68.3% in July.
- The participation rate averaged 68.4% over the year to August 2018, which is higher than the 67.4% average participation rate recorded over the year to August 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.5% between July and August 2018, and averaged 68.4% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.7% during August 2018, up from a rate of 65.6% in July. The participation rate averaged 65.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.9% over the 12 months to August 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.8% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.1% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.6% between July and August 2018, and averaged 65.5% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES August 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.7%	4.8%	65.2%	65.2%
Vic	4.8%	4.9%	65.4%	65.6%
Qld	6.4%	6.3%	66.2%	66.0%
SA	5.7%	5.7%	62.2%	62.5%
WA	6.4%	6.2%	68.8%	68.5%
Tas	5.8%	6.0%	61.1%	61.3%
NT	n/a	4.0%	n/a	76.7%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	70.4%
Aus	5.3%	5.3%	65.7%	65.6%



Labour Force, September 2018

Key Facts

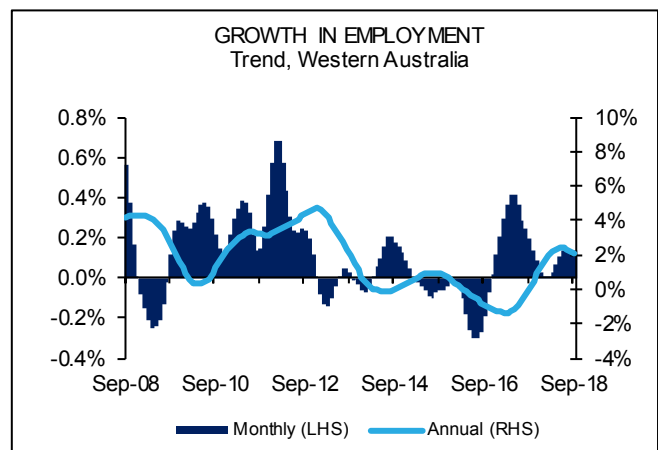
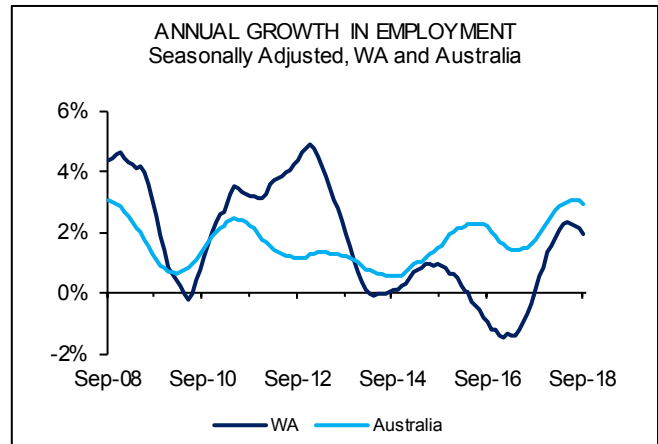
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.2% to 1,348,562 during September.
- Full-time employment rose by 6,895 persons during the month while part-time employment fell by 3,816 persons.
- Employment rose by 2.0% in annual average terms and grew by 0.2% over the three months to September 2018. Full-time employment contributed 0.6 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 1.3 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.1% between August and September, and rose by 2.1% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged at 12,636,308 during September.
- Full-time employment rose by 20,294 persons while part-time fell by 14,698 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.9% in annual average terms and increased by 0.6% in the three months ending in September. Full-time employment contributed 2.1 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 Queensland. The smallest increase was 2.0% in Western Australia and South Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between August and September, and grew by 2.9% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE September 2018

	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	4,044	3.5%	0.6%	0.1%	4,041	3.5%	0.8%	0.2%
Victoria	3,319	2.6%	1.2%	0.6%	3,312	2.6%	0.9%	0.2%
Queensland	2,485	3.6%	0.5%	-0.5%	2,490	3.5%	0.3%	0.1%
South Australia	836	2.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	839	2.0%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Western Australia	1,349	2.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1,348	2.1%	0.4%	0.1%
Tasmania	248	2.1%	0.4%	-0.6%	249	2.3%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137	-0.6%	-0.7%	-0.5%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	229	3.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Australia	12,636	2.9%	0.6%	0.0%	12,641	2.9%	0.6%	0.2%

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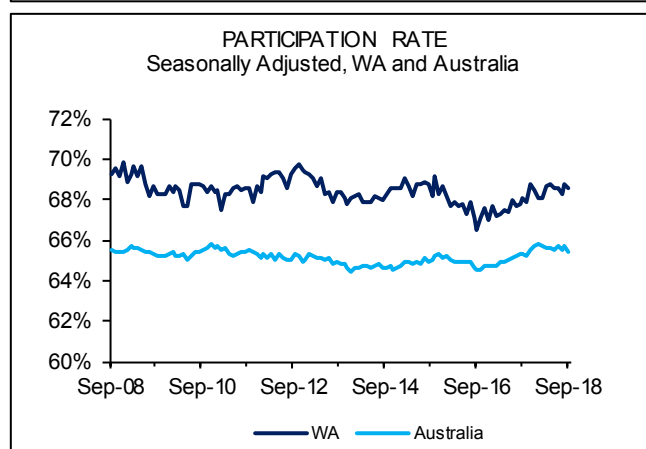
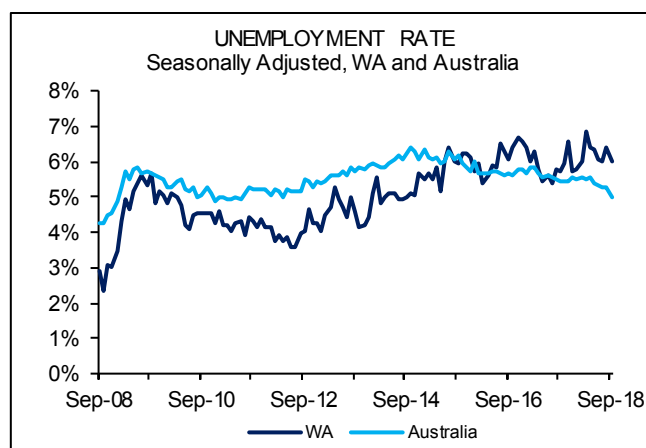
Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 6.0% during September 2018, down from a rate of 6.4% in August.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to September 2018, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to September 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.1% in September 2018, and averaged 6.1% over the 12 months to September.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.0% during September 2018, down from a rate of 5.3% in August. The unemployment rate averaged 5.4% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.7% over the 12 months to September 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.0% in Western Australia and Queensland. The lowest was 4.4% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.2% between August and September 2018, and averaged 5.4% over the past 12 months.



Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.6% in September 2018, down from a rate of 68.7% in August.
- The participation rate averaged 68.5% over the year to September 2018, which is higher than the 67.5% average participation rate recorded over the year to September 2017.
- The trend participation rate decreased to 68.5% in September 2018, from 68.6% in August, and averaged 68.4% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 65.4% during September 2018, down from a rate of 65.7% in August. The participation rate averaged 65.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 64.9% over the 12 months to September 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.6% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.6% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.6% between August and September 2018, and averaged 65.6% over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES September 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.4%	4.5%	65.0%	65.1%
Vic	4.5%	4.7%	65.6%	65.6%
Qld	6.0%	6.1%	65.5%	65.8%
SA	5.5%	5.6%	62.0%	62.3%
WA	6.0%	6.1%	68.6%	68.5%
Tas	5.8%	5.9%	60.6%	60.9%
NT	n/a	4.1%	n/a	75.3%
ACT	n/a	3.6%	n/a	70.6%
Aus	5.0%	5.2%	65.4%	65.6%



Labour Force, October 2018

Key Facts

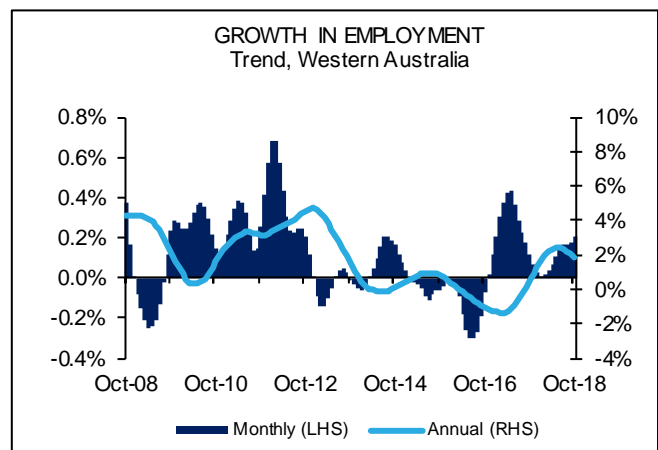
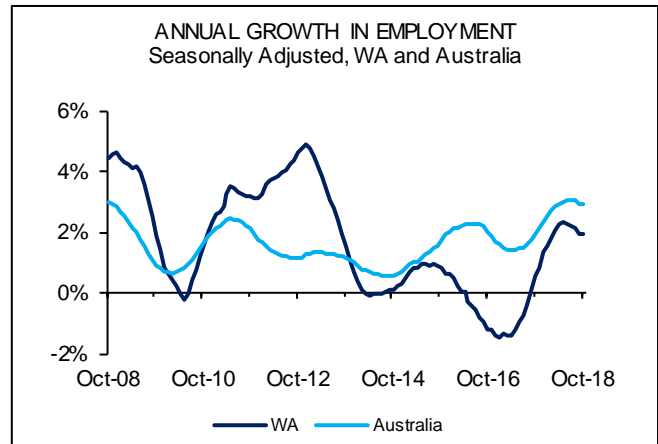
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.2% to 1,352,257 during October.
- Full-time employment rose by 10,741 persons during the month while part-time employment fell by 7,657 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.9% in annual average terms and grew by 0.5% over the three months to October 2018. Full-time employment contributed 0.7 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 1.2 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between September and October, and rose by 1.9% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,671,542 during October.
- Full-time employment rose by 24,643 persons while part-time fell by 16,813 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.9% in annual average terms and increased by 0.6% in the three months ending in October. Full-time employment contributed 2.1 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 3.6% in New South Wales. The smallest increase was 1.9% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between September and October, and grew by 2.8% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE October 2018

	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	4,061	3.6%	1.1%	0.4%	4,054	3.6%	0.8%	0.3%
Victoria	3,316	2.6%	0.9%	-0.1%	3,317	2.6%	0.8%	0.2%
Queensland	2,480	3.2%	0.2%	-0.1%	2,486	3.2%	0.2%	0.0%
South Australia	844	2.0%	-0.7%	0.9%	842	2.0%	-0.1%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,352	1.9%	0.5%	0.2%	1,351	1.9%	0.5%	0.2%
Tasmania	251	2.0%	0.2%	0.9%	250	2.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	136	-0.6%	-1.5%	-0.6%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	227	2.6%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Australia	12,672	2.9%	0.6%	0.3%	12,666	2.8%	0.6%	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 5.7% during October 2018, down from a rate of 6.0% in September.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to October 2018, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to October 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased to 5.9% in October 2018, down from a rate of 6% in September, and averaged 6.1% over the 12 months to October.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5% in October 2018. The unemployment rate averaged 5.4% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.6% over the 12 months to October 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.3% in Queensland. The lowest was 4.4% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate decreased from 5.2% to 5.1% between September and October 2018, and averaged 5.4% over the past 12 months.

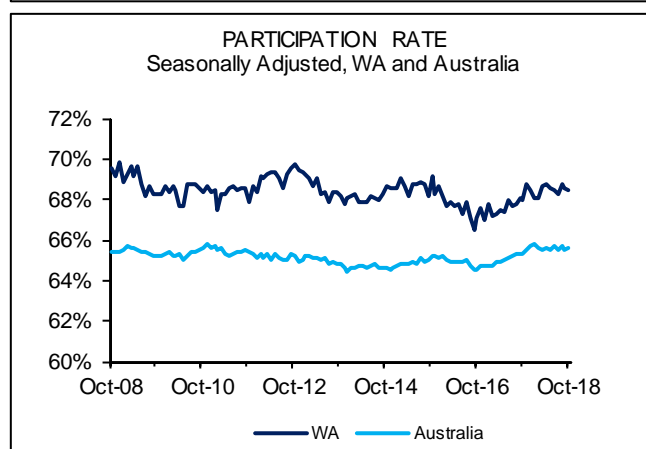
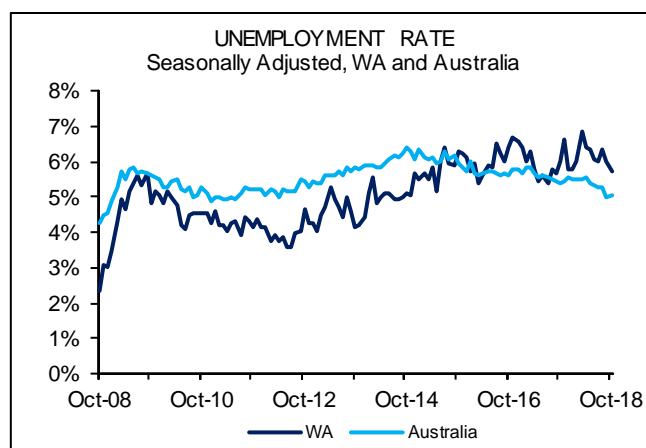
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.5% in October 2018, down from a rate of 68.6% in September.
- The participation rate averaged 68.5% over the year to October 2018, which is higher than the 67.6% average participation rate recorded over the year to October 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.5% between September and October 2018, and averaged 68.4% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.6% during October 2018, up from a rate of 65.5% in September. The participation rate averaged 65.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to October 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.5% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.9% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.6% between September and October 2018, and averaged 65.6% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES October 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.4%	4.6%	65.2%	65.2%
Vic	4.5%	4.5%	65.4%	65.5%
Qld	6.3%	6.2%	65.5%	65.6%
SA	5.4%	5.5%	62.5%	62.3%
WA	5.7%	5.9%	68.5%	68.5%
Tas	5.3%	5.6%	60.9%	60.8%
NT	n/a	4.6%	n/a	74.7%
ACT	n/a	3.7%	n/a	70.1%
Aus	5.0%	5.1%	65.6%	65.6%



Labour Force, November 2018

Key Facts

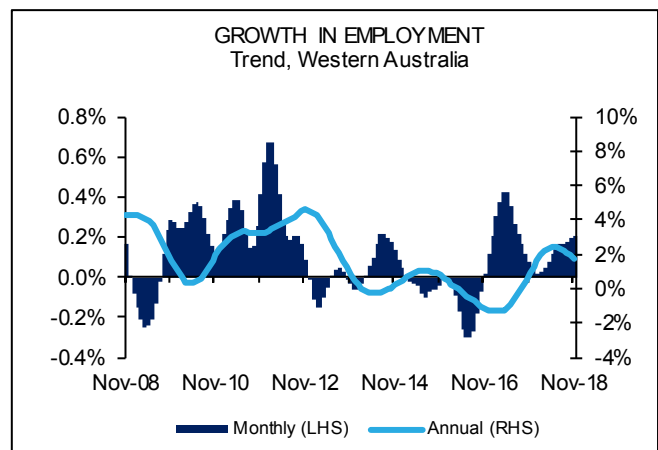
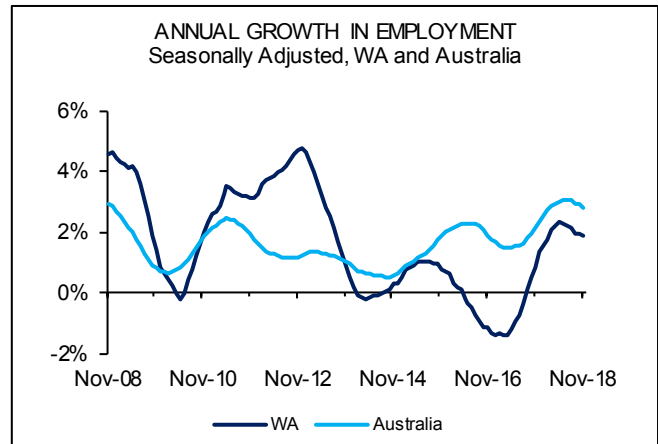
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.1% to 1,351,818 during November.
- Full-time employment rose by 4,008 persons during the month while part-time employment fell by 2,373 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.8% in annual average terms and grew by 0.6% over the three months to November 2018. Part-time employment contributed 1.0 percentage point to annual growth, while full-time employment contributed 0.8 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between October and November, and rose by 1.8% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.3% to 12,694,257 during November.
- Full-time employment fell by 6,410 persons while part-time rose by 43,422 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.8% in annual average terms and increased by 0.6% in the three months ending in November. Full-time employment contributed 2 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.9 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to November, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.6% in New South Wales. The smallest increase was 1.8% in Tasmania.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between October and November, and grew by 2.8% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE November 2018

	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	4,048	3.6%	0.8%	-0.3%	4,055	3.5%	0.7%	0.2%
Victoria	3,347	2.6%	1.2%	0.9%	3,339	2.6%	1.1%	0.3%
Queensland	2,498	3.0%	-0.1%	0.9%	2,491	2.9%	0.3%	0.1%
South Australia	843	2.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	844	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,352	1.8%	0.6%	0.1%	1,352	1.8%	0.5%	0.2%
Tasmania	248	1.8%	-0.3%	-1.0%	250	1.9%	-0.2%	0.0%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	134	-1.2%	-2.0%	-0.3%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	228	2.3%	0.1%	0.0%
Australia	12,694	2.8%	0.6%	0.3%	12,695	2.8%	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 6.5% during November 2018, up from a rate of 5.7% in October.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.1% over the year to November 2018, which is higher than the 6.0% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to November 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 6.2% to 6.3% between October and November 2018, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to November.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.1% during November 2018, up from a rate of 5.0% in October. The unemployment rate averaged 5.3% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.6% over the 12 months to November 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.5% in Western Australia. The lowest was 4.4% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate fell to 5.1% in November 2018 from 5.2% in October, and averaged 5.4% over the past 12 months.

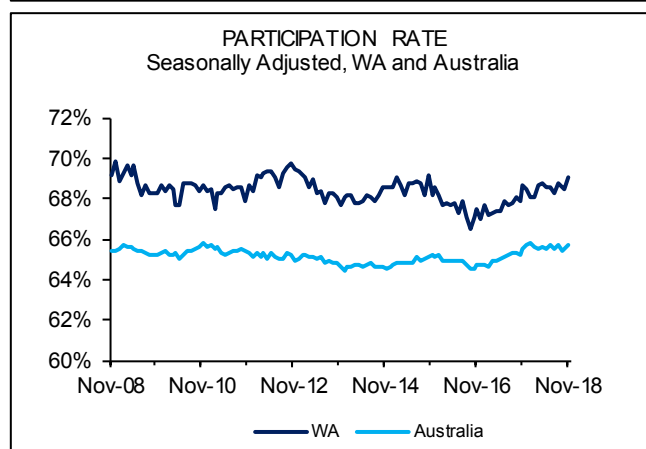
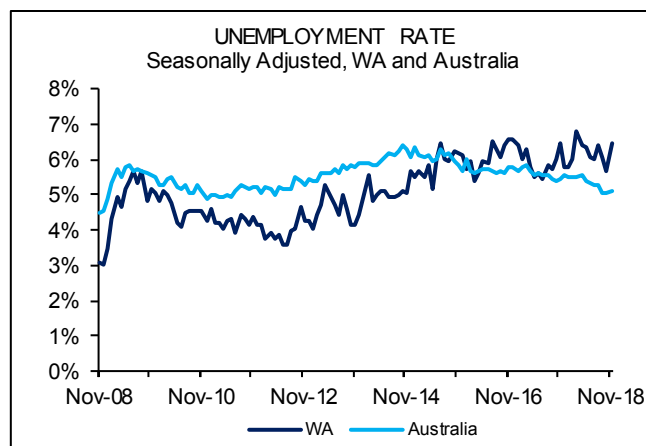
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 69.1% in November 2018, up from a rate of 68.5% in October.
- The participation rate averaged 68.5% over the year to November 2018, which is higher than the 67.7% average participation rate recorded over the year to November 2017.
- The trend participation rate increased from 68.8% to 68.9% between October and November 2018, and averaged 68.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 65.7% during November 2018, up from a rate of 65.5% in October. The participation rate averaged 65.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.0% over the 12 months to November 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 69.1% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.4% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate increased from 65.6% to 65.7% between October and November 2018, and averaged 65.6% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES November 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.4%	4.4%	64.9%	64.9%
Vic	4.6%	4.6%	66.0%	65.8%
Qld	6.4%	6.3%	66.0%	65.7%
SA	5.3%	5.6%	62.3%	62.4%
WA	6.5%	6.3%	69.1%	68.9%
Tas	5.8%	5.8%	60.4%	60.6%
NT	n/a	5.0%	n/a	74.0%
ACT	n/a	3.4%	n/a	70.0%
Aus	5.1%	5.1%	65.7%	65.7%



Labour Force, December 2018

Key Facts

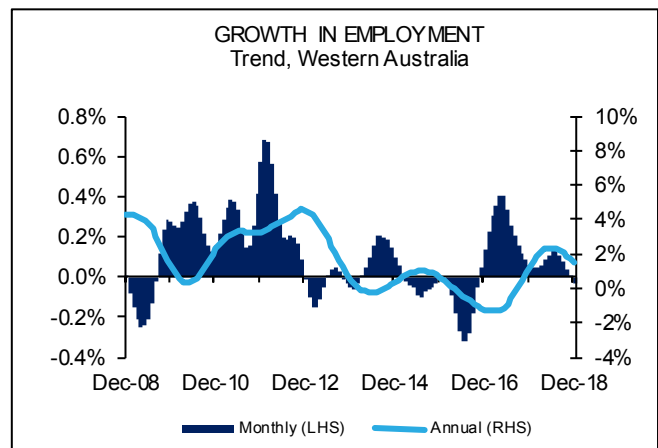
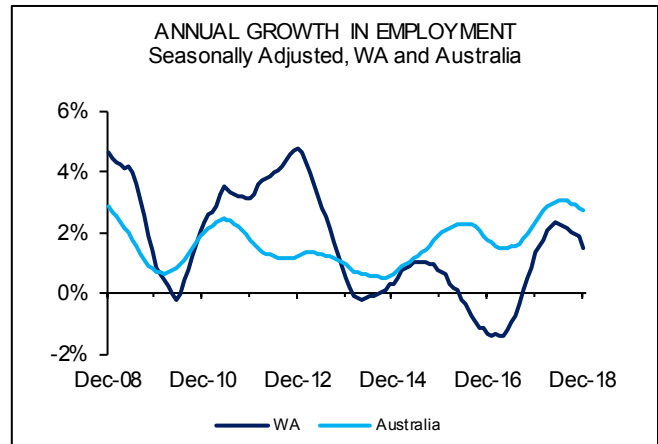
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia decreased by 1.1% to 1,334,392 during December.
- Full-time employment fell by 18,736 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 3,425 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.5% in annual average terms and grew by 0.2% over the three months to December 2018. Full-time employment contributed 0.7 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 0.8 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment was unchanged between November and December, and rose by 1.5% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.2% to 12,714,056 during December.
- Full-time employment fell by 3,046 persons while part-time rose by 24,643 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.7% in annual average terms and increased by 0.6% in the three months ending in December. Full-time employment contributed 1.8 percentage points to annual growth, whilst part-time employment made a 0.9 percentage point contribution.
- Over the year to December, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.5% in New South Wales. The smallest increase was 1.4% in Tasmania.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between November and December, and grew by 2.7% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE December 2018

	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	4,050	3.5%	0.7%	0.1%	4,054	3.5%	0.5%	0.2%
Victoria	3,359	2.7%	1.1%	0.3%	3,354	2.7%	1.1%	0.4%
Queensland	2,512	2.8%	0.4%	0.5%	2,503	2.7%	0.5%	0.2%
South Australia	844	2.1%	0.5%	0.1%	843	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,334	1.5%	0.2%	-1.1%	1,344	1.5%	0.1%	0.0%
Tasmania	246	1.4%	-0.4%	-0.7%	248	1.5%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	134	-1.3%	-1.4%	0.1%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	226	1.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Australia	12,714	2.7%	0.6%	0.2%	12,712	2.7%	0.7%	0.2%

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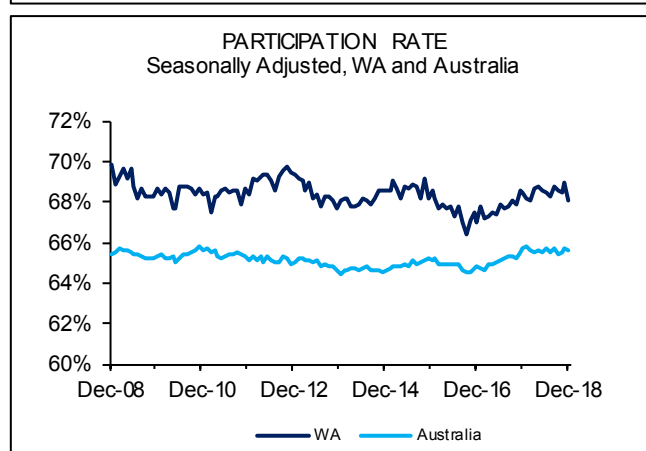
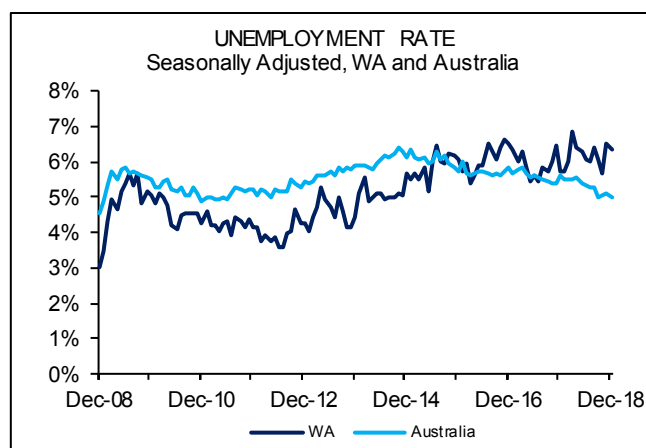
Unemployment Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased to 6.3% during December 2018, down from a rate of 6.5% in November.
- The unemployment rate averaged 6.2% over the year to December 2018, which is higher than the 5.9% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to December 2017.
- The trend unemployment rate increased from 6.3% to 6.4% between November and December 2018, and averaged 6.2% over the 12 months to December.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.0% during December 2018, down from a rate of 5.1% in November. The unemployment rate averaged 5.3% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.6% over the 12 months to December 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.3% in Western Australia. The lowest was 4.2% in Victoria.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0% between November and December 2018, and averaged 5.3% over the past 12 months.



Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia decreased to 68.0% in December 2018, down from a rate of 69.0% in November.
- The participation rate averaged 68.5% over the year to December 2018, which is higher than the 67.8% average participation rate recorded over the year to December 2017.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.6% between November and December 2018, and averaged 68.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate decreased to 65.6% in December 2018, down from a rate of 65.7% in November. The participation rate averaged 65.6% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.1% over the 12 months to December 2017.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.0% in Western Australia. The lowest was 60.0% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 65.6% between November and December 2018, and averaged 65.6% over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES December 2018

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.3%	4.3%	64.9%	64.8%
Vic	4.2%	4.4%	65.8%	65.8%
Qld	6.1%	6.2%	66.1%	65.9%
SA	5.9%	5.8%	62.7%	62.6%
WA	6.3%	6.4%	68.0%	68.6%
Tas	5.9%	5.8%	60.0%	60.2%
NT	n/a	5.0%	n/a	74.3%
ACT	n/a	3.6%	n/a	69.4%
Aus	5.0%	5.0%	65.6%	65.6%