



Labour Force, January 2020

Key Facts

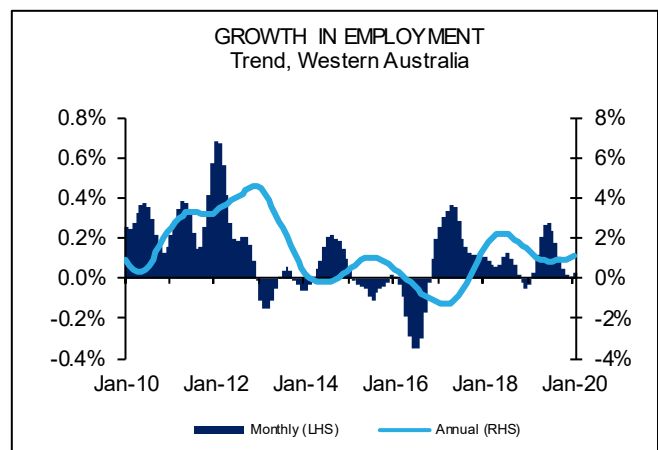
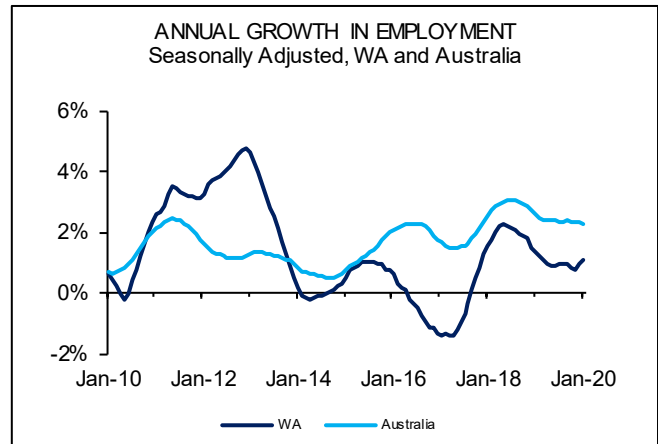
Employment

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.5% to 1,361,744 during January.
- Full-time employment rose by 1,456 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 5,238 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.1% in annual average terms and grew by 0.1% over the three months to January 2020. Full-time employment contributed 0.7 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 0.4 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment was unchanged between December and January, and rose by 1.1% in annual average terms.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.1% to 12,995,437 during January.
- Full-time employment rose by 46,219 persons while part-time fell by 32,687 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.3% in annual average terms and increased by 0.4% in the three months ending in January. Full-time employment contributed 1.6 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 0.6% in Tasmania.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between December and January, and grew by 2.3% in annual average terms.



GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE January 2020

	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	4,142	2.7%	-0.1%	0.0%	4,141	2.6%	0.1%	0.1%
Victoria	3,454	3.3%	0.8%	0.1%	3,455	3.3%	0.8%	0.2%
Queensland	2,555	1.9%	0.5%	0.1%	2,558	1.9%	0.6%	0.2%
South Australia	847	1.1%	-0.5%	0.1%	848	1.1%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Western Australia	1,362	1.1%	0.1%	0.5%	1,361	1.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Tasmania	256	0.6%	1.9%	0.1%	256	0.3%	1.7%	0.4%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	133	-3.8%	1.4%	0.2%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	235	1.6%	0.3%	0.0%
Australia	12,995	2.3%	0.4%	0.1%	12,997	2.3%	0.4%	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 5.8% during January 2020, up from a rate of 5.4% in December.
- The unemployment rate averaged 5.8% over the year to January 2020, which is lower than the 6.3% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to January 2019.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.7% in January 2020, and averaged 5.9% over the 12 months to January.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.3% during January 2020, up from a rate of 5.1% in December. The unemployment rate averaged 5.2% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.3% over the 12 months to January 2019.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 6.3% in Queensland. The lowest was 4.5% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.2% between December and January 2020, and averaged 5.2% over the past 12 months.

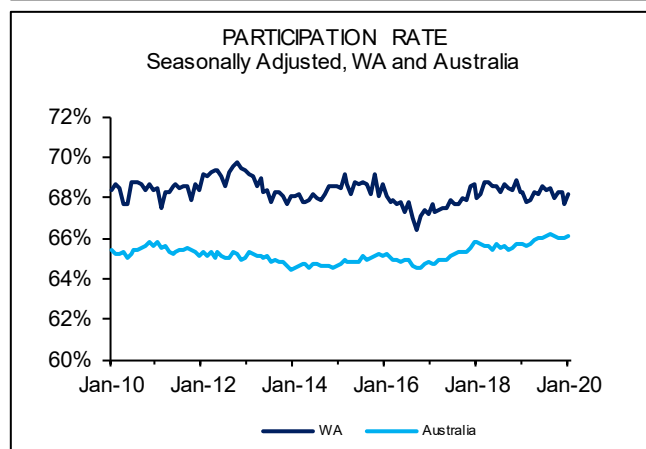
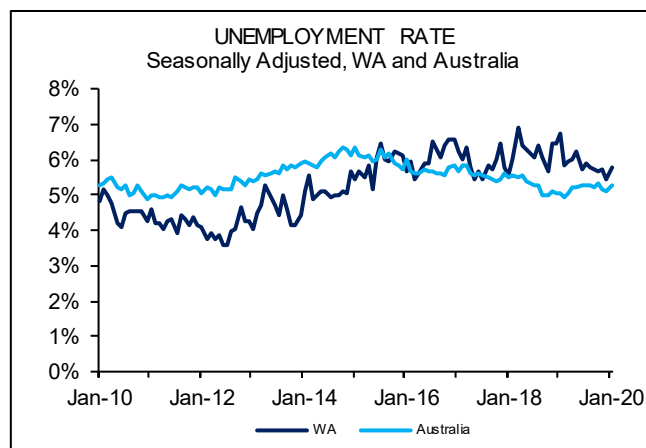
Participation Rate

Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.2% in January 2020, up from a rate of 67.7% in December.
- The participation rate averaged 68.2% over the year to January 2020, which is lower than the 68.5% average participation rate recorded over the year to January 2019.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.1% between December and January 2020, and averaged 68.2% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate rose to 66.1% during January 2020, up from a rate of 66.0% in December. The participation rate averaged 66.0% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.6% over the 12 months to January 2019.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.2% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.3% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 66.0% between December and January 2020, and averaged 66.0% over the year.



UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES January 2020

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.5%	4.5%	65.4%	65.4%
Vic	5.4%	5.0%	66.9%	66.7%
Qld	6.3%	6.1%	66.0%	66.0%
SA	5.7%	5.9%	62.1%	62.4%
WA	5.8%	5.7%	68.2%	68.1%
Tas	5.9%	5.8%	61.3%	61.2%
NT	n/a	5.3%	n/a	75.1%
ACT	n/a	3.0%	n/a	70.6%
Aus	5.3%	5.2%	66.1%	66.0%