



## Labour Force, February 2020

### Key Facts

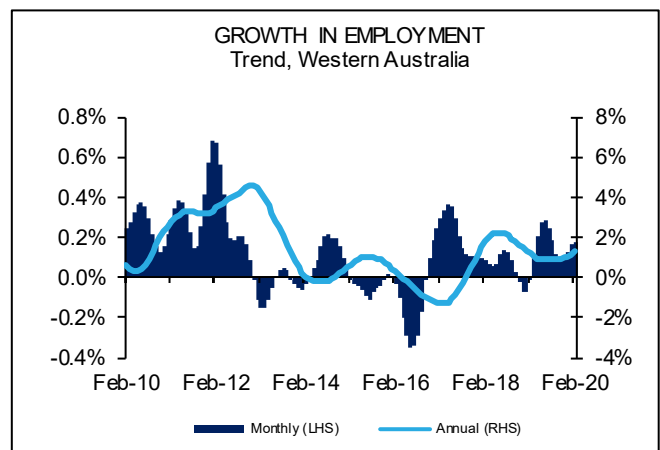
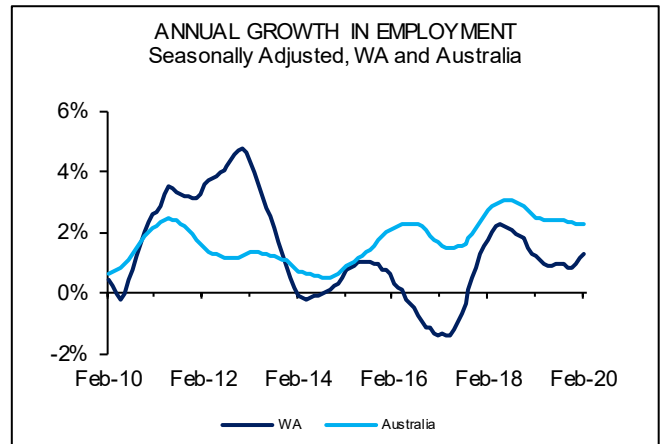
#### Employment

##### Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 0.8% to 1,375,529 during February.
- Full-time employment rose by 5,668 persons during the month while part-time employment rose by 5,254 persons.
- Employment rose by 1.3% in annual average terms and grew by 0.5% over the three months to February 2020. Full-time employment contributed 0.6 percentage points to annual growth, while part-time employment contributed 0.7 percentage points.
- In less volatile trend terms, employment increased by 0.2% between January and February, and rose by 1.3% in annual average terms.

##### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted employment rose by 0.2% to 13,015,121 during February.
- Full-time employment rose by 6,697 persons while part-time rose by 20,017 persons during the month.
- Employment grew by 2.2% in annual average terms and increased by 0.5% in the three months ending in February. 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 February, the largest increase in seasonally adjusted employment by State was 3.1% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 0.9% in Tasmania.
- Australia's trend employment rose by 0.2% between January and February, and grew by 2.3% in annual average terms.



#### GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT BY STATE February 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	4,139	2.5%	0.3%	0.0%	4,138	2.4%	0.1%	0.1%
Victoria	3,441	3.1%	0.5%	-0.3%	3,448	3.1%	0.5%	0.1%
Queensland	2,569	2.1%	0.3%	0.6%	2,566	2.0%	0.7%	0.3%
South Australia	850	1.1%	-0.4%	0.3%	849	1.0%	-0.2%	0.0%
Western Australia	1,376	1.3%	0.5%	0.8%	1,369	1.3%	0.4%	0.2%
Tasmania	260	0.9%	2.1%	1.6%	259	0.8%	2.0%	0.5%
Northern Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	133	-3.3%	0.9%	0.2%
Australian Capital Territory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	237	2.1%	0.6%	0.3%
Australia	13,015	2.2%	0.5%	0.2%	13,010	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 decreased to 5.2% during February 2020, down from a rate of 5.7% in January.
- The unemployment rate averaged 5.8% over the year to February 2020, which is lower than the 6.3% average unemployment rate recorded over the year to February 2019.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4% in February 2020, and averaged 5.7% over the 12 months to February.

### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.1% during February 2020, down from a rate of 5.3% in January. The unemployment rate averaged 5.2% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 5.2% over the 12 months to February 2019.
- The highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by State was 5.8% in South Australia. The lowest was 4.6% in New South Wales.
- The national trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.1% between January and February 2020, and averaged 5.2% over the past 12 months.

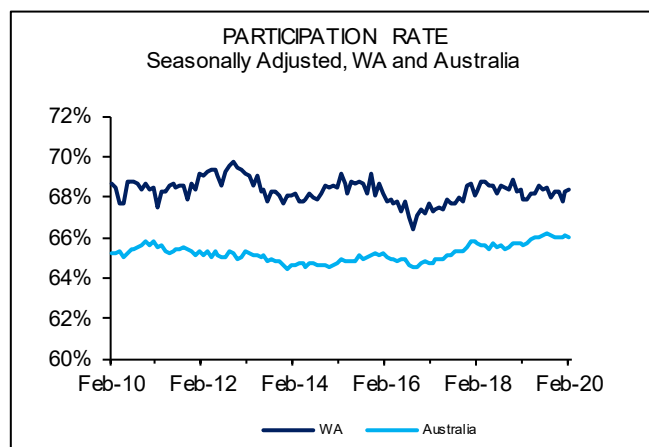
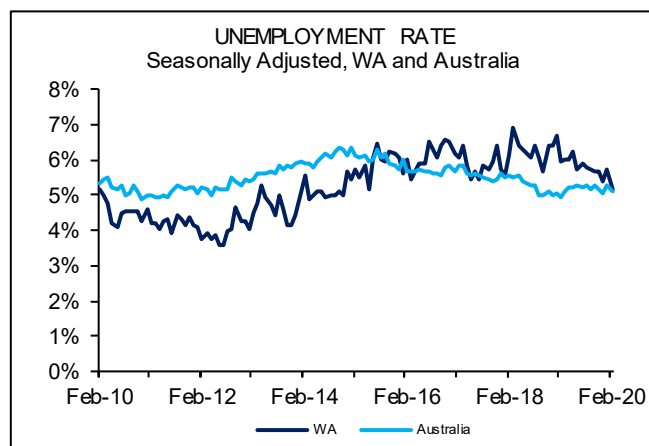
## Participation Rate

### Western Australia

- The seasonally adjusted participation rate in Western Australia increased to 68.4% in February 2020, up from a rate of 68.3% in January.
- The participation rate averaged 68.2% over the year to February 2020, which is lower than the 68.5% average participation rate recorded over the year to February 2019.
- The trend participation rate was unchanged at 68.2% between January and February 2020, and averaged 68.2% over the year.

### Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate fell to 66.0% during February 2020, down from a rate of 66.1% in January. The participation rate averaged 66.0% over the year, which compares to an average rate of 65.6% over the 12 months to February 2019.
- The highest seasonally adjusted participation rate by State was 68.4% in Western Australia. The lowest was 61.7% in Tasmania.
- The national trend participation rate was unchanged at 66.0% between January and February 2020, and averaged 66.0% over the year.



### UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES February 2020

	Unemployment Rate		Participation Rate	
	Seas. Adj.	Trend	Seas. Adj.	Trend
NSW	4.6%	4.5%	65.4%	65.3%
Vic	5.3%	5.2%	66.4%	66.5%
Qld	5.6%	5.7%	65.8%	65.9%
SA	5.8%	5.8%	62.3%	62.3%
WA	5.2%	5.4%	68.4%	68.2%
Tas	5.0%	5.5%	61.7%	61.7%
NT	n/a	5.5%	n/a	75.4%
ACT	n/a	2.9%	n/a	71.1%
Aus	5.1%	5.1%	66.0%	66.0%